



Education

Changing lives through education



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When a woman is educated, her opportunities increase and she can better support her family and community.

Afghanistan has one of the lowest levels of education in the world, especially among women. In the past five years, however, school enrolment has increased.

Today more than six million children are going to school, one third of them girls, compared to 700,000 students in 2001, all of whom were boys.

What Canada is doing

Providing basic services such as education is one of Canada's priorities. In 2008, Canada committed to building, expanding, and repairing 50 schools in Kandahar province as part of our signature project on education. Canada has committed to train 3,000 teachers by 2011, and will help the Afghan Ministry of Education deliver education services to its people.

In addition to the signature project, Canada is the lead donor to Afghanistan's largest national education program: the Education Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP). EQUIP supports the Afghan Ministry of Education by providing school grants for improved quality of education, education infrastructure, and teacher training.

"I want to become educated so I can help in the development of my country."

– Saida, who lives in Kandahar province

