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## Rebuilding Afghanistan—an international effort



The commitment to help rebuild Afghanistan has brought together military and civilian forces from more than 40 countries.

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The NATO-led, UN-mandated International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) is a critical component of the international community's engagement in Afghanistan. Under the authority of the UN, the ISAF's main role is to assist the Afghan government in the establishment of a secure and stable environment, helping rebuild the country and govern it effectively. The ISAF now totals 43 countries, including contributions from Canada, NATO members, and other countries.

### The ISAF's mandate is threefold:

- assist the Afghan National Army in establishing a secure and stable environment.
- help strengthen the Afghan National Army by providing mentoring and equipment and by building capacity.
- coordinate the military components of the Provincial Reconstruction Teams, which help the Afghan government extend its authority and ability to govern, rebuild the nation, and provide services to its citizens.



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