



# Security

## Canada's mentoring role



Canadian personnel and Afghan officials meet in front of the repaired Sarpoza Prison in Kandahar City.

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Security in Afghanistan is key to establishing conditions for progress in each of the priority areas and signature projects.

### What Canada is doing

In southern Afghanistan, where the security environment is challenging, Canadian Forces personnel train the Afghan National Army (ANA) to become more capable and self-sufficient. Canadian Forces personnel and civilian police officers also train the Afghan National Police (ANP).

Mentoring and supporting the ANA is a key military task of NATO and the Canadian Forces. A well-led, well-trained, and well-equipped ANA is essential if the Afghan government is to assume responsibility for national and provincial security, and thus enable governance and development to progress.

Policing is a priority focus for Canada because a professional ANP is key to fostering stability and enhancing the rule of law in Afghanistan. A credible police service also enables Afghans to feel more safe and secure in their communities.

In addition, Canadian corrections officers train and mentor Afghan corrections personnel to reinforce security, and improve the working and living conditions for staff and prisoners. Progress has also been made in repairing and improving the infrastructure of corrections and training facilities.

Security fosters law and order, and effective governance, which in turn pave the way for economic development and reconstruction.

