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# CANADA'S SIGNATURE PROJECTS IN KANDAHAR

AS CANADA TRANSFORMS ITS ENGAGEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN, RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF KANDAHAR PROVINCE. THERE ARE THREE SIGNATURE PROJECTS PROMINENT AMONG CANADIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE.



## Dahla Dam and Irrigation System



**Key facts:**

- Dahla Dam is the largest dam in Kandahar province.
- It has suffered excessive damage and reduced capacity from years of neglect and war.
- 80% of the population of Kandahar province lives along the dam's irrigation system.

**Project scope:**

- Canada is investing as much as \$50 million until 2011 in rehabilitating the Dahla Dam and its irrigation system.
- The main project-implementation phase of the Dahla Dam rehabilitation was launched in January 2009.

**Results:**

- The implementation phase of the Dahla Dam and irrigation system project has begun. A manufacturer for the gates and weirs of the irrigation canals was identified.
- To date, 355 jobs have been created to support the Dahla Dam project.



## Polio Eradication



**Key facts:**

- Southern Afghanistan, including Kandahar province, has one of the highest rates of polio in Afghanistan.
- The border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan is a particularly vulnerable area, making the eradication of polio in Afghanistan more challenging.

**Project scope:**

- Canada is investing as much as \$60 million until 2011 toward the elimination of polio in Afghanistan, making us the largest international donor toward the eradication of polio.

**Results:**

- In 2009 some 380,000 children in Kandahar province were vaccinated against polio in a July campaign. And in September, another 880,000 children were vaccinated in 19 districts across the southern and western provinces.



## Education



**Key facts:**

- Half of children in Afghanistan do not have access to schools.
- In Kandahar province, only 26% of men and 5% of women can read and write.

**Project scope:**

- Canada is investing as much as \$12 million to help build capacity in the Ministry of Education to deliver quality educational services.

**Results:**

- 7 schools were completed this quarter, for a total of 12 to date, and 21 more are under construction.
- 44 master teachers were trained this quarter, bringing the total to 144 thus far.

