



Correctional Service of Canada

Canada's current work in Afghanistan is in support of the Afghanistan Compact, which was agreed to in January 2006, by the Government of Afghanistan, the United Nations and 60 nations from all parts of the world. It provides a five-year framework for coordinating the work of the Afghan government and its international partners by outlining specific outcomes, as well as the benchmarks and timelines for their delivery.

The Compact also spells out the Afghan government's priorities for accelerating development, increasing security, tackling the drug trade and strengthening governance by identifying three critical and interdependent "pillars" of activity: security; governance, rule of law and human rights; and economic and social development. Canada's integrated approach addresses all three of these pillars, recognizing their interrelated and mutually reinforcing nature.

Building a foundation for the rule of law is an integral part of the Afghanistan reconstruction program, and Canada is contributing by participating in criminal justice sector reform. Corrections is one component of the reform, along with police and justice initiatives.

The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) contributes to international peace building and capacity building initiatives to strengthen security sectors and correctional systems along with its criminal justice system partners.

CSC's international and criminal reform initiatives are developed in collaboration with international and domestic governmental and non-governmental organizations. This includes the United Nations (UN) and, within Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Civilian Police (CIVPOL), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Department of National Defense (DND) and the Department of Justice.

Contributing to the establishment of a sound correctional system as part of a broader justice system that respects international standards of human rights and is responsive to the rule of law is vital for the development and stability of any society.

Correctional Service of Canada employees in Afghanistan

In 2003 the first Canadian Corrections Advisor was seconded to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan to advise authorities on the establishment of a safe, humane and progressive correctional system.

Please see the fact sheet entitled "United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the Correctional Service of Canada" for more information.

CSC deployed officers to the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) for the first time in 2007 to assist in the strengthening of the Afghan correctional system and facilities in Kandahar.

Please see the fact sheet entitled "Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team and the Correctional Service of Canada" for more information.

Want to Know More? Please visit our website at <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/international/afghanistan>.

