AFGHANISTAN at national level (excluding Uruzgan)

Reconstruction
Total expenditure since 2006: €114.35 million

Humanitarian aid
Total expenditure since 2006: €11.4 million

URUZGAN

Reconstruction
Total pledged since 2006: over €95 million

CIMIC (civil-military cooperation): €2.3 million (from 1 April 2006 to 31 July 2008) + Cash for Work €368,000

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1 Last updated on 28 October 2008.
2 Total amounts include expenditure on both completed projects/programmes and those in progress, as well as pledges.
AFGHANISTAN AT NATIONAL LEVEL
(excluding Uruzgan)
Expenditure since 2006

Reconstruction
• €75 million to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). This multi-donor fund, managed by the World Bank, helps to cover the Afghan central government’s running costs, as well as fund national reconstruction programmes. For 2010 to 2013 the Netherlands has again pledged an annual contribution of €25 million (€100 million in total).
• €20 million to the Law and Order Trust Fund. The fund pays Afghan police salaries. For 2008 to 2011 the Netherlands has again pledged an annual contribution of €10 million (€40 million in total).
• €3 million to the legal sector. In 2007, Dutch development aid in the legal and human rights sectors targeted cooperation with NGOs and UNDP. The focus was on transitional justice, detention, women’s rights and justice system reforms (the latter partly in connection with new EU activities).
• €250,000 to fund a European Union police mission (EUPOL), including seconding financial and logistical experts to help rebuild the Afghan police force.
• €1 million to various politically opportune projects, especially those aimed at democratisation (specifically, for example, projects supporting civil society, and capacity building of parliament and political parties).
• €5.7 million to good governance and human rights projects. €1.2 million to the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission to help rebuild public administration and the rule of law and improve human rights; €2.7 million to the Asia Foundation; and €1 million to UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women.
• €6.5 million for mine-clearance projects.
• €2.9 million for cultural projects.

Humanitarian aid
• €3.5 million to the UN’s World Food Programme (WFP) for food aid and to compensate for increased prices, e.g. in remote regions, for victims of natural disasters, for internally displaced persons and other vulnerable population groups.
• €3 million to the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR in order to support the voluntary return of Afghan refugees from Pakistan, Iran and other host countries to Afghanistan, and their care and initial reintegration in Afghanistan.
• €500,000 to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for humanitarian aid with regard to health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education and child protection.
• €2 million, via the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), to fund mine clearance and awareness programmes.
• €1.4 million, via the HALO Trust, to fund mine clearance and disposal of unexploded ordnance (UXO).
• €1 million to the International Red Cross (IRCR) for humanitarian aid in Afghanistan.
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Reconstruction programmes in progress since 2006

Education (€10,643,930 pledged)

![Photo: Hans Stakelbeek/FMAX](image)

- **The Education Quality Improvement Programme (EQUIP)**
  
  Afghan Ministry of Education  
  Contribution (1st phase): €2,430,000  
  Results so far:
  
  - One EQUIP team (five staff members) is stationed in Tarin Kowt. They have mobilised village councils in 77 villages, each of which has established a school management committee for their neighbourhood. A total of 77 schools are to be built.
  
  - Of the 77 schools planned as part of the EQUIP programme (2008), 68 are currently under construction.
  
  - Five schools in Tarin Kowt and ten in Khas Uruzgan, financed by the Netherlands through UNICEF, have now been completed and are in use.
  
  - About 43,000 children (including 4,150 girls) are currently enrolled in primary schools. An additional 7,000 young people (including 250 girls) attend secondary school or higher education (source: ministry of education, 2008). Although the figures are substantially better than several months ago, there are still not enough children at school.
  
  - There are currently 1,481 men teachers and 45 women teachers working in Uruzgan.

  - Under an in-principle agreement signed by the Afghan Minister of Education, teachers will undergo accelerated training courses in India and qualified teachers will be recruited for Uruzgan.

EQUIP (funded and implemented through a Dutch NGO)
Contribution: €5,365,250
Current activities:
- Construction of 30 schools.
- Provision of furniture for 60 schools.
- Construction of 100 perimeter walls, including 70 for other EQUIP schools.
- Construction of four teacher-resource centres.
- Scholarship programmes to train new teachers for Uruzgan and neighbouring provinces. This autumn, 120 participants will take English lessons in Kabul and then move on to India this winter for their training.

• Protection of Children Living in an Uncertain, Unpredictable Environment
  Implemented by an aid agency (NGO)
  Contribution (pilot phase): €157,185
  Results so far:
  - Activities within the framework of DCU-1.
  - 200 teaching packs have been distributed to 15 schools in the Tarin Kowt district and five schools in the Chora district.
  - Minor improvements have been made to seven schools in Tarin Kowt, two in Chora and two in Deh Rawood.
  - Child protection groups have been set up and representatives trained at monthly meetings.
  - 34 radio programmes have been produced by pupils from seven schools and broadcast in Tarin Kowt (each programme twice a week).

• Quality Primary Education Project (QPEP)
  Implemented by an aid agency (NGO)
  Contribution (1st phase, 2.5 years): €1,491,495
  Total amount pledged (4.5 years): €2,691,495
  Results so far:
  - The decision confirming the contribution was signed on 12 November 2007. Implementation began in the new school year (as of 22 March 2008).

Health services (€2,557,438 pledged)

• Basic Health Service Packages
  Implemented by the Afghan Ministry of Public Health together with an Afghan NGO
  Contribution (pilot phase): €118,048
  Contribution over 2 years: €2,302,827
  Results so far:
  - An outpatient clinic, operating theatre and cholera ward have been set up at Tarin Kowt hospital.
  - An ambulance has been provided for the Chora comprehensive health centre.
  - A basic health centre has been set up at Deh Rawood.
  - A new sub-health centre has been built, and is now operational, in Khas Uruzgan.
  - Dressings and medicines have been purchased.
  - 153 community health workers have received training and support.
o Services have been set up in comprehensive health centres and 12 basic health centres.
o Eight women are being trained as midwives. Six of them received their diplomas in June 2008.
o Three young men from Uruzgan are training to become nurses.
o Local midwives are being trained in district nursing in Tarin Kowt so that they can visit pregnant women who are confined to their qala (= compound) for the delivery and postnatal period.
o The women’s wing of the hospital in Tarin Kowt is providing greater access to health care for women.

• **Psychosocial care**
  Implemented by an NGO
  Contribution: €192,118
  Results so far:
  o A provincial healthcare team has attended the NGO’s training institute to study psychosocial care and teaching methods
  o Three two-week courses in basic psychosocial care have been organised for nurses and midwives. Teaching materials have been provided.
  o Psychotropic medicines have been distributed to health centres in the province.
  o A psychosocial care monitoring system is being developed.
  o Three three-day courses in basic psychosocial care have been held for community health workers.
  o Four three-day basic psychosocial care courses have been held for members of the centres’ health committees.

• **Health information campaigns for village health workers and religious leaders**
  Implemented by an NGO
  Contribution: €46,244
  Results so far:
  o A total of 119 village community workers and 45 religious leaders in Uruzgan are being trained to implement health and hygiene information programmes.
  o The first course, for 45 participants, began on 19 June 2008.

**Rural development and infrastructure (€66,861,723 pledged)**

• **Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD)**
  Contribution: 1st phase: €1,730,400
  2nd phase: €4,050,000
  Results so far:
  o 110 projects have been developed. On 12 June 2008, Ehsan Zia, the Minister for Rural Rehabilitation and Development signed 67 contracts for Uruzgan.
o 25 projects have recently been put out to tender, 20 have been completed and 50 are currently being implemented.

Due to the security situation, work on a number of contracts could not be started. The work will be contracted out again by the MRRD at a later date. Projects in progress include:
- Reconstruction of the road from Tarin Kowt to Garmaab, and of roads and canals in Deh Rawood.
- Reconstruction of roads from Tarin Kowt to Sarkhum and Tarin Kowt to Bolagh and work on irrigation channels in Thurkh, Jawnaw and Jaghan in Deh Rawood district are now complete.

**Air transport to Uruzgan**
Implemented by PACTEC
Opening up of the province of Uruzgan, especially for the benefit of relief agencies, since commercial transport to the province is practically non-existent.
Contribution: €259,000 (Phase 1: €13,868)
Results so far:
- Two flights a week between Kabu-Tarin Kowt-Kandahar for relief agency and embassy staff and civil servants who can prove that they are engaged in development or aid work. Flights are usually fairly full.

**Purchase and distribution of fruit trees, seed and fertilisers**
Implemented by two Afghan NGOs
Contribution: €1,029,589 and €169,072
Results:
- 25,000 fruit trees were planted in 2006/2007.
- 55,580 fruit trees were planted in 2007/2008.
- In 2006/2007 seed and fertiliser were distributed to 2000 families in Tarin Kowt.
- In June 2008 seed and fertiliser for the coming season were distributed to 1400 farmers and their families in Tarin Kowt and Deh Rawood.
- Three fruit tree nurseries have been established, in Tarin Kowt, Deh Rawood and Khas Uruzgan.
- 5000 ornamental trees have been planted by the roadside in Tarin Kowt, some of which did not survive the dry period at the start of 2008.

Implemented by FAO
Contribution: €3,900,000 (= $US5,000,000)
Main objective: food security. Also, better cereal production and farming methods, an alternative to poppy-growing and a contribution to stability.

**Production infrastructure**
Implemented by various Afghan NGOs
Contribution: €1,617,521
Results:
- rural access roads
- suspension bridges and fixed bridges (one suspension bridge has been completed and is now in use)
- canals
• **Production infrastructure**
  Implemented by a Dutch NGO
  Contribution: €251,937
  Results:
  - irrigation systems
  - temporary work programmes (Cash for Work)

• **Community activities**
  Implemented by five Afghan NGOs
  Contribution: €1,119,104
  Results so far:
  - Community activities have been implemented in over 500 villages in six districts, managed by the villages themselves. They include work on:
    - wells for clean water
    - irrigation channels
    - lighting
    - village roads
    - bridges
    - and river bank maintenance.
  - Most of the activities have now been completed.
  - Organising cottage industry production activities with two women’s groups.
  - Implementing technical studies in two districts and developing plans to improve irrigation systems.
  - An estimated 60% of the population are reached by projects of this kind.

• **Helping 800 vulnerable families (internally displaced persons) and digging 40 wells for water supplies in an area which only recently became accessible for Afghan NGOs.**
  Implemented by an Afghan NGO
  Contribution: €357,681
  Results so far:
  - All activities have been completed and the final report has been received.

• **Public-private partnership: introducing saffron**
  Implemented by the Dutch company GSE together with provincial authorities and two Afghan NGOs
  Contribution (1st phase): €850,000
  (2nd phase): €1,400,000
  Results:
  - 126 farmers in Tarin Kowt and Deh Rawood have planted saffron.
  - The harvest is expected at the end of November 2008.
  - 150 additional farmers have been selected and given 100 tonnes of seed. There are 6 drying machines for communal use.
  - 100,000 fruit trees have been bought and distributed. They provide a livelihood for 10,000 households and marketable produce for 500-600 entrepreneurs.
o Vegetable seeds have been distributed to 20,000 families with the assistance of local NGOs.

o 8,000 laying hen chicks have been distributed to more than 500 families, focusing on single women and vulnerable families.

o Farmers have received training.

• Economic development, infrastructure and institutional development

  Implemented by the German organisation GTZ
  Contribution €34,000,000
  First instalment: €2,000,000

Results so far:

  o The GTZ office and staff are fully operational.
  o Provincial government staff are receiving continuous training in basic management skills.
  o The first 12 and last 5 kilometres of the provincial road from Tarin Kowt to Chora have been inspected and detailed maps of the road have been obtained. Construction is expected to start at the end of 2008.
  o GTZ is holding village meetings with communities along the route between Chora and Tarin Kowt in order to involve them in implementing the road construction project and ensuring security. The aim is to ensure the project is sustainable.
  o Small-scale carpentry and furniture-making workshops in Tarin Kowt have been trained in order to produce orders locally for GTZ, DCU and UNAMA.
  o A team has been set up comprising six foreign experts and two Afghans, including an expert in rural development, whose task is to examine alternative opportunities for economic development with the local population.
  o Project coordination: an expert responsible for planning, data collection and monitoring is visiting all local development organisations and programmes and asking for information about their activities. This information is then collected in a database to avoid duplication and to enable monitoring to take place.

Planned activities:

  o A rural development expert is currently examining alternative opportunities for economic development with the local population.
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of the district and provincial authorities.

- **Economic development**
  The Uruzgan Economic Development Fund (FEOU) was launched on 1 October 2008 for entrepreneurs wishing to set up projects in Uruzgan.
  Contribution: €11,000,000

- Supporting the **food security of 1,000 vulnerable families** by introducing alternative ways to make a living; institutional development of the Ministry for Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; coordination and technical support for agricultural projects
  Implemented by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
  Contribution: €2,840,865
  Results so far:
  - Office space has been made available at the Ministry of Agriculture in Tarin Kowt.
  - Accommodation has been organised in Tarin Kowt.
  - A team of experts regularly visits Uruzgan.
  - Villages have been selected to take part in the programme.
  - The Uruzgan Technical Working Group has been set up, and has met on four occasions.

- **Veterinary care**
  Implemented by Cordaid and local Afghan NGO
  Contribution: €18,554
  Results so far:
  - Drinking water in rural areas
  - Needs of local communities have been identified
  - Community activities
  - Veterinary services

- **Providing microcredits**
  Implemented by the Micro Finance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA) through the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU)
  Contribution (first instalment): €1,620,000
  Total contribution over three years is €6,318,000.
  Results so far:
  - The project was launched on 30 June at the new office in Tarin Kowt.
  - Over 90 microcredits have been granted. The cooperative now has 418 members.
  - IDEA specialists have been involved in the ILO training course ‘How to start your own business.’

**Conflict prevention and mediation** (**€1,603,948 pledged**) 
- Afghan NGO specialising in conflict studies, mediation and reconciliation
  Contribution: €115,590
  Results so far:
  - A branch set up in Tarin Kowt.
Conflict analyses conducted in a number of districts in Uruzgan. The first step taken towards a database of reconstruction activities in Uruzgan.

- **Regional programme for early warning and conflict prevention**
  Implemented by United Kingdom in partnership with the Netherlands and possibly Canada.
  Contribution: €1,488,358

  **Emergency aid for victims of flooding and hailstorms in Deh Rawood**
  *(€2,125,630 pledged)*

  - Implemented by the Afghan Red Crescent Society and Afghanistan National Construction Coordination (ANCC)
  - Contribution: €100,000
  - Results so far:
    - All victims have received emergency aid in the form of clothing, cooking utensils and blankets.
    - Emergency stocks of tents and medical supplies have been replenished.

  - **755 new homes for victims of flooding**
    Implemented by an Afghan NGO
    Contribution: €533,041
    Results so far:
    - The houses are at different stages of construction (the occupants are building them themselves).
    - Hard-wearing materials for doors, window frames and roofs, designed to offer more protection against rainstorms, have been bought and have already been distributed to some families.

  - **Delivery of materials for 550 homes damaged or destroyed in combat,** to facilitate the return of internal displaced persons (400 homes in Deh Rawood and 150 in Tarin Kowt)
    Implemented by an Afghan NGO
    Contribution: €1,095,640
    Results so far:
    - Materials have been delivered to the affected families identified by the village elders and a number of shelters have been built.

  - **Water supplies**
    Implemented by an Afghan NGO
    Contribution: €396,949
    Results:
    - 167 water wells have been sunk and fitted with manual pumps and are now in use.
Communication, information and awareness raising (€752,987 pledged)

• Setting up a radio network and devising programmes
  Implemented by Radio Nawa
  Contribution: €252,000
  Results so far:
  o FM relay stations with antennae have been set up and are in use in four districts.
  o Equipment for a fifth FM relay station is in Tarin Kowt pending transfer to the district (2/3 of the material has already been transferred).
  o A second channel is operating in Pashto (the local language).
  o Live broadcasts have been made from Tarin Kowt, with slots for the provincial governor, provincial directors, elected representatives and NGOs working in various sectors.
  o The radio is reaching many listeners in Uruzgan.

• Drama series about drugs (2 years)
  Implemented by Radio Nawa
  Contribution: €500,987
  Results so far:
  o Broadcasts began in October 2007.
  o The magazine produced by Saba Media Organisation contains a section on drugs.
  o Information material has been produced and is available in public spaces.

Institutional capacity development (€1,592,475 pledged to Uruzgan)

Support for the Afghan government at provincial and district level

• Supporting the creation of a directorate for strengthening local governance in Afghanistan
  Implemented by the Asia Foundation, in cooperation with the Independent Directorate for Local Governance (IDLG)
  Contribution: €2,669,819 at national level (including €700,731 support for the Governor of Uruzgan)
Results so far:

- 12 qualified advisers have been recruited for the province of Uruzgan, on the basis of a job description and selection procedure.
- Equipment, including an armoured vehicle, has been purchased for the governor of Uruzgan.
- Tribal jirga in Uruzgan are receiving support.
- The IDLG is operational, running costs are being paid and a work plan for the Subnational Governance Programme has been drawn up.
- Dutch funding goes to the IDLG’s Strategic Coordination Unit (SCU) and to the Subnational Governance Programme working group.
- Consultations on the Provincial Development Plans are being held.
- With the IDLG’s permission, the Asia Foundation has drawn up a manual for using a petty cash mechanism, specifically to provide effective assistance to the governors of the provinces of Uruzgan and Helmand.

- **Capacity building in local government**
  
  DCU II (Dutch Consortium Uruzgan II – a partnership of Dutch NGOs)
  
  Contribution: €593,040 (first phase)
  
  Results so far: the programme started recently and plans are currently being developed within the various sectors. The focus will be on increasing the opportunities for community development committees, holding shuras and enlarging the capacity of local NGOs.

- **Financial umbrella organisations of NGOs active in Afghanistan (ACBAR)**
  
  Contribution: €105,000

- **Developing a poverty profile for Uruzgan**
  
  Implemented by UNDP/ANDS
  
  Contribution: €193,704
  
  Results so far:
  
  - The field research has now been completed.
  - The report has been used for the ANDS and has been discussed with members of the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief (ACBAR), the umbrella organisation for NGOs.
  - This has contributed greatly to the Afghan Development Strategy (PRSP).

**In preparation**

There are plans to finance a national programme for strengthening the capacity of local governance, with a special focus on the province of Uruzgan. A proposal has been received and is being assessed by the embassy.

Total funding: €4,000,000 (over three years)
Security structure (€6,596,304 pledged)

- **Police infrastructure**
  Contribution: €2,035,000
  Objectives:
  - Construction of 11 police substations.
  - Construction of six police checkpoints.

- **Tarin Kowt prison**
  Contribution: €403,591
  Objectives:
  - Construction of a provincial prison in Tarin Kowt.

- **Police checkpoints**
  Contribution: €300,713
  Objectives:
  - Construction of 15 temporary police checkpoints.
  - Repair of 11 temporary police checkpoints.

- **Equipping Afghan National Security Forces**
  Contribution: €1,920,000
  Objectives:
  - Basic kit for ANA (Afghan National Army) and ANP (Afghan National Police).
• **Small-scale security project**  
  (led by the Dutch embassy in Kabul)  
  €500,000 (€300,000 ODA/ €200,000 non-ODA)

• **ANA Transportation Trust Fund**  
  Contribution: €200,000 in 2007/ €400,000 in 2008  
  Objectives:  
  o Contribution towards the costs of transporting ANA equipment to Afghanistan and purchase of material

• **Police training centre**  
  Contribution: €1,537,000  
  Objectives:  
  o Construction of a training centre for the Afghan police in Tarin Kowt.

**BAGHLAN**  
**Total pledged for reconstruction since 2006: €5 million**

• €2 million to projects in Baghlan (e.g. the national EQUIP programme, which aims to improve the quality of education).  
• €3 million to the Aga Khan Foundation, to set up and run a local chamber of commerce (funding to run to the end of 2008).