

Infrastructure Programs to Support Counter-Insurgency Efforts

USG Foreign Policy Goal

- Deny terrorists a safehaven

Counter-Insurgency Objectives

- Build Afghan capacity
- Increase public support for the Afghan Government
- Secure the population
- Reduce corruption

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- Provide essential public services - justice, education, health, infrastructure
- Create jobs

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- Engineered gravel roads
- Potable water
- Expand energy supplies
- Schools, clinics and District centers
- Energy and water utility reform

Benefits

- Employ thousands of Afghans
- Extensive capacity building
- Improved health
- Electricity supports job creation, education
- More accountable government services

Challenges

- Over 500 workers killed since 2003
- Security contracts – perverse incentives
- Unrealistic expectations – results in 12 months
- Process more important than the results
- Rapid turnover of staff – PRTs, USAID
- CERP funding limited for infrastructure

Next Steps

- Promote integrated development in priority Districts
- Ensure Afghan counterparts lead
- Measure progress by trends
- Focus on long-term, sustainable development