

COUNTERNARCOTICS

Global War On Terror (GWOT)/Regional War on Terror (RWOT)

Drug Interdiction and Counterdrug Activities Budget Activity 04, Administrative and Service-Wide Activities

Detail by Subactivity Group

I. Description of Operations Financed:

The production and trafficking of narcotics in Afghanistan is a devastating threat to the stability of both Afghanistan and the surrounding region. Afghanistan cannot hope to develop into a properly functioning democracy, with a stable government operating under the rule of law, if the drug trade dominates its economy. To combat the drug trade, the U.S. government, working with allied governments, developed a five-pillared counternarcotics strategy addressing (1) alternative livelihoods, (2) elimination and eradication, (3) interdiction, (4) law enforcement and justice reform, and (5) public information.

The Department of Defense (DoD) role is to provide military assistance under the interdiction, law enforcement and justice reform, and public information counternarcotics pillars with a focus on building the Afghan government's capacity to combat the drug trade and to coordinate those efforts with the United Kingdom, as lead nation.

- **Military Actions:** In Afghanistan, U.S. troops are authorized to conduct military operations against drug trafficking targets when those military operations support our stability mission in Afghanistan. Additionally, U.S. military forces support Afghan interdiction operations which are focused on building government or Afghan counternarcotics capabilities. U.S. military support includes air mobility (Apache, Blackhawk, and MI-8 helicopters).
- **Public Information Support:** Reliable public information supportive of President Karzai's anti-drug policy is a critical element of the interagency drug plan. As part of the United States' integrated interagency counternarcotics strategy, DoD is helping the Afghans establish a public affairs capacity that both reaches out to the Afghan citizens but also seeks to coordinate and integrate the Government of Afghan officials' messaging on counterdrug targets.

- **Support to Law Enforcement Capacity Building:**

- DoD is also assisting in the development of Afghan law enforcement capacity, including border security forces and the highway police. Working closely with the Department of State, the DoD assists in providing the Afghan border police with specialized training, equipment and facilities. Because Border Police operate in an often hostile environment where heavily armed traffickers or militants are found, they often need equipment beyond the requirements of normal policemen (equipment such as vests and cold/wet weather gear). Current efforts have focused on the border of Pakistan, as a significant amount of the narcotics cross that border. This, of course, is also the general area of DoD counterterrorism and counterinsurgent operations. DoD is also improving the borders with Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, where narcotics flow.
- DoD is providing a communications system for the Border Police that will link them with the existing National Police communications system—procured through Department of State funds—that will extend from the command to the tactical level. Training on the use of the radios and some instruction on minor repair will also be included with the delivery of the equipment. Finally, small unit and tactical training will enable the Border Police forces to operate as an effective team against potential foes.

- **Support to Interdiction Efforts:**

- Expanding Afghan interdiction capabilities so that its operations can result in criminal prosecutions is vital to a successful program. In support of law enforcement, DoD funds the ongoing training and equipping of a specialized National Interdiction Unit (NIU), an element of the Afghan Counternarcotics Policy. This unit currently consists of approximately one hundred trained officers who work closely with our sister agency, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and their Foreign Advisory Support Teams (FAST) in Afghanistan. The Department trains the FAST teams and provides them with transportation in country. DoD also provides the DEA FAST with extensive support, including bases of operation both here and in Afghanistan.
- DoD offers some support to the United Kingdom (UK) trained Afghan interdiction force, the Afghan Special Narcotics Police (ASNF) by providing close air security support and some equipment, including night vision goggles. In addition, DoD is financing the refurbishment of an additional MI-8 helicopter to complement the UK refurbished MI-8s used by this force.

- To improve the flow of information between intelligence and law enforcement organizations, the Defense Department is establishing counter-narcoterrorism Intelligence Fusion Centers (IFCs) within Combined Forces Coalition—Afghanistan (CFC–A) and the Afghan Ministry of Interior. Thus far, intelligence packages developed, at least in part, by the CFC–A cell have been used in several successful Afghan interdiction operations, including those of the ASNF. The cell is working closely with other USG agencies, such as DoS and DEA, as well as our UK partners. The Afghan Intelligence Fusion Center will not only house counternarcotics information in support of interdictions and prosecutions, but will support police operations against insurgent and other illicit activities. This database will be the first step in reconstructing Afghanistan's criminal justice records, which were destroyed by the last two decades of war. In Fiscal Year 2008, we will continue to support this effort and expand its capability.

Resources are required for training, equipment, intelligence, infrastructure, and information operations related to the campaign against narcotics trafficking and narcotics-related terrorist activities in Afghanistan and the Central Asia area.

FY 2007	FY 2008
<u>Title IX/Supplemental</u>	<u>GWOT Request</u>
359,115	257,618

Note: The table does not reflect an additional 27.693 in baseline FY2008 Drug Interdiction and Counterdrug Activities funding.

II. Financial Summary (\$ in Thousands):

A. Subactivity Group – Afghanistan/Central Asia Counternarcotics Efforts

1. 3.3 Other Supplies and Equipment	287,875	207,618
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Narrative Justification: With additional funding, the Defense Department can conduct the following activities in support of the Embassy Counternarcotics Implementation Plan.

- Counternarcotics Interdiction Support. Includes support for DEA, National Interdiction Unit (NIU) within the Counternarcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNPA) by providing training, equipment, and facilities; air mobility for the NIU/CNPA.
- Intelligence Fusion Centers, providing tactical and strategic intelligence.
- Border Police. Includes tactical unit training and providing communications system for Border Police.
- Regional Support. Improve regional capabilities against Afghan narcotics trade.

Impact if not funded: Maintaining stability in Afghanistan is a critical responsibility of the U.S. Central Command Commander's theater security cooperation strategy and is a key component of the Commander's war on terror efforts in Central Asia. There is also great risk to all USG progress in Afghanistan if the narcotics problem is not addressed effectively, and this includes regional efforts to stop narcotics trafficking. For nations outside of USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility, growth of the drug trade will further inhibit the government's ability in these GWOT countries to gain control of ungoverned spaces and their borders and will enable terrorist groups to increase a major funding source.

B. Subactivity Group – Intelligence and Technology Efforts

1. 3.3 Other Supplies and Equipment **71,240** **50,000**

Narrative Justification: Includes purchase, training and maintenance of non-intrusive inspection systems for use by partner nations, and strategic and tactical intelligence efforts within the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility, primarily in Afghanistan. Reflects a number of classified and unclassified programs providing intelligence, technology and imagery support to US forces performing CN efforts.

Impact if not funded: Intelligence and surveillance efforts for support to counternarcotics efforts will be reduced. Further details are classified and provided through separate submission.

Funding Totals **359,115** **257,618**

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