



Afghanistan and Pakistan Programs

INL's Afghanistan and Pakistan Office (AP) supports the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's and Government of Pakistan's efforts to reduce crime, combat drug production, and consumption and strengthen their institutions. Our law enforcement, rule of law and counternarcotics programs enhance the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's and Government of Pakistan's accountability and improve their institutions' leadership, sustainability, and capacity to address the dual challenges of battling insurgent forces and providing efficient services and access to justice to their people.

Law Enforcement: INL provides training, equipment, and infrastructure support to Pakistani civilian law enforcement forces to help combat violent extremism and maintain law and order. Our assistance helps strengthen Pakistan's control of its borders and ungoverned spaces through an aviation program and the construction of over 200 border outposts, as well as nearly 1,000 kilometers of roads.

Counternarcotics: Programs strengthen the capacity of Afghanistan and Pakistan to combat the drug trade by building sustainable interdiction capabilities; supporting eradication efforts; funding drug demand reduction programs to address the burgeoning Afghan and Pakistani markets for opiates and the related growing public health crisis; and funding public awareness activities, including youth drug education and life skills programs. We have supported over 150 locally-led development projects to reduce poppy cultivation in Afghanistan.

Corrections: AP programs provide training for corrections officers; infrastructure assistance; support for a nationwide classification and case management system; institutional capacity building; and rehabilitation of inmates. Our assistance has trained and equipped over 7,000 Afghan corrections officers.

Rule of Law: INL programs promote rule of law by increasing investigatory, advocacy, and judicial capabilities; developing more capable and independent justice institutions; improving legal education; and increasing citizens' awareness of their legal rights and access to justice. We promote the legal rights of vulnerable populations by providing free legal service to women and children, training female judges, and providing protective services for domestic abuse victims. INL partners with the Afghanistan government to build its capacity to prosecute and securely incarcerate insurgents. In FY 2012 alone, our assistance has provided nationwide training to 4,440 judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and police investigators and has supported 23 Afghan law professors in obtaining graduate degrees in U.S. law schools.