



# International Rescue Committee in Afghanistan

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## Overview



The **INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)** is one of the largest and longest-standing Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working in Afghanistan. We began working with Afghan refugee communities in Pakistan in 1980, and started implementing programs inside Afghanistan in 1988. Over the years, we have earned the trust of local people through our commitment to the region, which is rooted in the belief that we must support local communities to achieve gender equitable, sustainable development and reduce dependency on international assistance.

IRC's programs in Afghanistan work to achieve long-term, self-sustaining solutions for our communities and are grounded in the organization's guiding principles to protect people and promote human rights, involve the local people in the work we do, teach people the skills necessary to continue work on their own, partner with communities and other organizations to achieve common goals, and address the range of problems that typically need to be solved in the communities we serve.

We implement our programs from six offices in Kabul, Herat, Nangarhar, Paktya, Logar, and Khost. Of our roughly 650 current employees in Afghanistan, 99% are Afghan nationals.

## Programs

**Environmental Health and Engineering:** The IRC is helping return refugees to build shelters, and is providing return communities with water and improved sanitation by drilling wells, constructing irrigation systems, and conducting hygiene awareness training.

**Governance:** The IRC is laying the foundation for community-level governance by helping communities identify, plan, and manage their own development projects.

**Education:** The IRC bolsters the education system by enrolling students in community based schools, integrating students into government run schools, and training teachers.

**Child Protection:** The IRC integrates children with hearing and visual impairments into the formal school system, and conducts community health initiatives and children's rights public awareness campaigns.

**Vocational Education & Training:** The IRC helps men and women obtain job skills and get work through center-based and apprenticeship training.

**HIV:** The IRC is supporting projects that seek to determine the prevalence of and identify behaviors associated with blood-borne diseases such as HIV among high-risk groups, and interventions to reduce risky behavior and transmission of infection.

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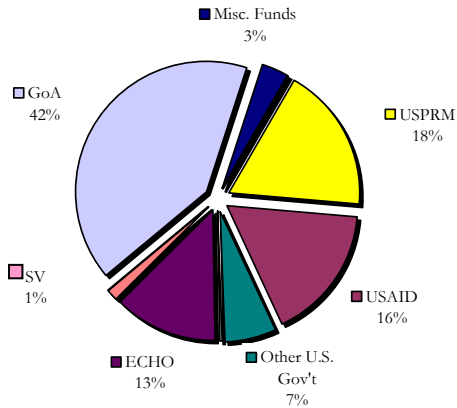
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## Donor Funding Projection 2007

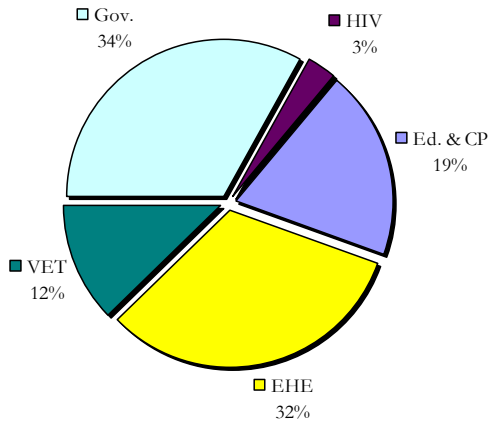


In Fiscal Year 2006, IRC Afghanistan implemented programs with a total budget of almost US\$ 11 million. In 2007, programming is expected to continue at a similar level.

Funding for our work is currently provided by the Government of Afghanistan through the National Solidarity Program, National Skills Development and Market Linkages Program and National Area Based Development Program; U.S. Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM); United States Agency for International Development (USAID); other U.S. Government grants; the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO); Stichting Vluchteling (SV); and several private foundations.

## Program Budgets 2007

2007 Programs: Size by Budget



IRC Afghanistan’s estimated program budgets for 2007 are:

- **Governance:** \$2,690,000
- **Environmental Health & Engineering:** \$2,610,000
- **Education & Child Protection:** \$1,575,000
- **Vocational Education & Training:** \$990,000
- **HIV:** \$245,000

## Funding History 2004-2007

