Afghan Civilian Assistance Program (ACAP)

OVERVIEW
The Afghan Civilian Assistance Program (ACAP), assists Afghan families and communities who have suffered losses as a result of international military operations against the Taliban and other insurgent groups. Coalition forces, NATO, and the Afghan National Army have intensified their operations against insurgents and the Taliban. This increased level of military activity has resulted in a higher number of civilian families and communities suffering losses. ACAP ensures that those who have suffered losses are provided with appropriate assistance, regardless if the loss was incurred due to international forces targeting anti-government elements or due to anti-government elements targeting international forces. ACAP is a “no blame” project: there is no focus on the why or how of specific incidents. ACAP is only concerned with finding the best ways to assist those who suffered losses and provide them with helpful goods to restore their lives after a traumatic event. The project is available nationwide, although most civilian losses are suffered in the south, east, and south-eastern regions of Afghanistan. ACAP is not a compensation or condolence-payment project: its activities complement victim condolence payments and stabilization projects. Assistance is delivered within six weeks after ACAP learns of an incident.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES
- Distribute standard kit containing items for the home, children’s education, and tailoring supplies
- Distribute livelihood support kit from one of the following beneficiaries’ choices: grocery, rural livelihoods, haberdashery
- Liaise with and involve a variety of GIRoA, national and international stakeholders to promote awareness and further assistance to affected communities

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- Organized distribution of customized assistance to more than 7,400 families
- Delivered items for the start-ups of more than 5,600 small family businesses
- Rebuilt more than 1,750 homes totalling more than $4.5 million
- Completed four small community projects totalling over $700,000
- Completed 25 shelter projects in totalling more than $4.5 million
- Documented 1,200 incidents involving harmed civilians
- Operated for more than four years to deliver assistance to beneficiaries in remote and extreme risk areas
- Provided worth more than $7 million of assistance specifically directed at women
- Created a significant positive impact on the Afghan economy by using Afghan vendors for kits and other forms of assistance