



## **ISAF Support to the Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Program (APRP)**

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### **Definitions**

- **Reintegration:** the process by which insurgents (individual fighters and groups) stop fighting and peacefully rejoin their communities.
- **Reconciliation:** the insurgent movement as a whole reaches agreement with the Afghan government to bring the insurgency to an end.

### **Reintegration Principles**

- Reintegration is the process by which insurgents stop fighting and peacefully rejoin their communities with honor and dignity as full citizens of Afghanistan.
- Former insurgents accepted into the reintegration program sign a declaration that they will renounce violence, respect the Afghanistan Constitution and sever all ties with the insurgency.

### **Numbers**

- After one year of operation, the APRP has formally enrolled nearly 2,418 reintegrees.

### **The Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Program (APRP)**

- The program involves the entire community in the process of reintegrating a former insurgent. This includes mediation by tribal and religious leaders to address grievances, resolve differences and deliver long term solutions.
- The reintegration process is supported by ISAF and the International Community through the provision of funding, personnel and logistics.

### **Why Reintegration Works**

- Research has found that a large proportion of insurgents are not ideologically driven, but joined the fight for reasons that include personal financial problems, local grievances or because the Taliban forced them to take part.
- Many of these reasons for joining the insurgency are no longer relevant and fighters are aware that if they do not leave the battlefield, it is only a matter of time before they are captured or killed by Afghan or Coalition forces.

### **Reintegration is not:**

- “Surrender” or “Laying down of arms.” Reintegrees are allowed to maintain a registered personal weapon for security as is common for people in Afghanistan
- Providing jobs or money to insurgents to stop fighting. Reintegrees are paid a readjustment stipend for a period of three months to help them to find local employment or start their own small businesses.
- Ceding territory to insurgents. The Afghan government is the sovereign authority in Afghanistan.