

# ISAF StratCom Strategy



## Ends

## **Objectives:**

- •Build and strengthen public confidence in Afghan institutions.
- •Improve commitment and responsive-ness of GIRoA to Afghan public
- Maintain and strengthen public support of contributing nations' domestic audiences for the mission.
- •Undermine support for the insurgency (and other threats to stability).
- •Encourage acceptance and cooperation across the Afghan neighborhood for the mission.

### **Target Audiences:**

- Afghan population
- •GIRoA
- •TCN / Major donor domestic audiences and organizations
- Insurgents (and others who threaten stability)
- Afghan neighbourhood

# Ways

### **Effects** (& Supporting Effects):

- StratCom lead: Effect 3 ISAF Maintains Afghan Public Acceptance. Supporting Effects:
  - Domestic audiences understand importance of winning & consequences of failure.
  - Domestic audiences are aware of progress, challenges, shortfalls in requirements.
  - Afghan neighborhood acceptance / support improves.
- StratCom supports: all other Effects

## **Principles:**

- Be First with the Truth
- · Focused and proactive targeting
- Unity of voice
- Ensure actions match words
- · Counter dis-info and correct mis-info
- · Be culturally appropriate
- Build AFG capacity, competence, credibility

#### Functions:

• Coordination, Themes & Messages, Dissemination, Assessment / LL, AFG C3

## Means

#### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

#### (ISAF StratCom Operators)

- COM, DCOM
- COS, DCOS Ops
- Other Flag Officers, Commanders
- ISAF Spokesperson
- SAG, Info Coord Branch (ICB), Info Ops (IO) Branch, Public Affairs (PA) Branch
- CJPOTF

#### (Others)

- CJ2, CJ3, CJ5, CJ9, POLAD, DEVAD
- NATO SCR, NATO Spokesperson

#### **Battle Rhythm Events:**

• SEG, WGs / Boards / VTCs: ICB, IO Branch, PA Branch, CJPOTF

Battle Drills: ICRT, EIOWG

#### Tools:

- StratCom Effects Matrix
- KLE, Media activities
- GIRoA Media Center, Min Spokesmen, Ulema Council / Min Hadj & Rel Affairs
- Psy Ops media (TV, Radio, Print)
- Other external coordination
- Media Ops Center ?? Email / SMS??

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