

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)

Campaign Plan Summary (Unclassified)

At the request of a small group of think-tankers who recently visited Afghanistan, General David McKiernan's headquarters (ISAF) agreed to release an unclassified version of the ISAF Campaign Plan specifically for posting on *Small Wars Journal*.

MISSION

ISAF conducts operations in partnership with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) and in coordination with Operation Enduring Freedom, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the international community in order to assist GIROA to defeat the insurgency, establish a secure environment, extend viable governance, and promote development throughout Afghanistan.

LINES OF OPERATION

- Security
- Governance
- Reconstruction and Development

COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED APPROACH

- Comprehensive: Working concurrently across all three lines of operation.
- Integrated: Operating in a coordinated manner with GIROA and the international community.

KEY PLANNING FACTORS

- Counterinsurgency campaign.
- Shape, in order to clear in order to hold and build.
- Prioritize the areas to clear and hold.
- Establish and maintain freedom of movement.
- Apply greater effort on the narcotics-insurgency nexus.
- Identify and engage key Afghan community leaders.
- Interdict and disrupt insurgent movement to and from sanctuaries in the border region.
- Build Afghan capability, capacity, and credibility.