Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR52200590

City: Baba Saheb

District: Arghandab

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS6-608

Unit: ATS-6

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** Afghans believe ISAF, specifically Americans, have done nothing positive for the ARGHANDAB economy, schools, healthcare, or even security in the past 13 years.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Non-Supportive-ISAF.

**3. DETAILS:** On 19 Feb 13, while in Baba Saheb, ASC ATS6-600 overheard two Pashtun males talking about poverty in Arghandab Province.

The 50-year-old man stated, “It has been 13 years that the richest country in the world has been in Kandahar Province and in Arghandab District, yet the people of Arghandab live in dire poverty. There were two schools for boys during the Taliban regime, and now there are still 2 schools for boys without chairs and school supplies and books. Nothing has changed.”

The 53-year-old man stated, “Americans say they give us security, but that is an illusion. Taliban will come back when the Americans leave. There are 72 villages in Arghandab District with only one health clinic. There is one private doctor in the whole district; he is not even a certified doctor. People are wondering what Americans even did for the people of Arghandab.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men say ISAF, specifically Americans, have done nothing to benefit the economy of ARGHANDAB in the long term as there is no long-term economic sustainability. One man says ISAF has done nothing in the way of education, healthcare, economy, or security in ARGHANDAB. Past reporting shows a belief that ISAF contributed to a sustainable economy in ARGHANDAB is non-existent.