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Vellacott commends assistance for Afghanistan

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OTTAWA – Yesterday, Minister Verner announced that Canada’s New Government will contribute \$4.5 million to UNICEF and \$4 million to the World Food Program – further assisting vulnerable families in Afghanistan’s Kandahar Province.

Yesterday’s announcement is part of Canada’s total contribution of nearly \$1 billion over 10 years aimed at reconstruction, reducing poverty and strengthening Afghanistan’s governance – all key elements in stabilizing the country and the region.

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott says, “These contributions will improve the lives of tens of thousands of people living in Kandahar, primarily women and children, by providing food aid, improving health and nutrition, access to clean water and basic shelter.”

Vellacott summarized, “Canada is helping Afghan people rebuild their lives and their country, as we promised we would.”

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