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Problem Definition

- assessing the effectiveness of reconstruction and development efforts in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province

Objectives

- to provide the commander of the 5th Stryker Brigade with a metric to evaluate the success of the first six months of his brigade operations in the Kandahar province

Possible Data Sources

- brigade commander
- Afghanistan government
- ISAF-HQ
- AAG
- Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
- DEA
- Pakistan government
- Canadian forces (previously deployed to district)

Assumptions

- assume the worst
- assume area of operation includes Spin Boldak district and three other districts
- cannot cross into Pakistan
- assume road is a major road / highway
- assume we have access to EOD team
- assume sufficient resources available
- assume primary focus is highway
- assume road is just as vital to Taliban
- assume neighboring provinces inhabited by U.S. forces are safe zones
- assume Spin Boldak district is supportive of Taliban

Methodology

- Judging success
 - number of casualties (US, civilian, taliban)
 - completed projects
 - enemy traffic
 - Safety of zones
 - number of IEDs
 - flow of weapons, drugs
 - number of attacks
- Simulation
 - simulating enemy flow
 - finding data on attacks and casualties
- COA
 - tell commander to set up checkpoints
 - Increase security
- compare data with Canadians

Limitations

- finite manpower
- Taliban has safe zone, access to Pakistan, support
- must go through Afghan government, AMRRD
- limited by relation to Spin Boldak district