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Case Study

VIP Security - Afghanistan

Overview

A high level team of over 40 Ambassadors, government ministers and VIP from the Organisation for Cooperation & Security in Europe (OSCE) visited Afghanistan to observe Presidential Elections. The VIP travelled to the majority of provinces to verify the elections, often in the face of local opposition.

The Challenge

The Consultant was required to provide project management services to support this project with security advice, armed close protection for the Ambassador, logistics, communications and all in-country support whilst the remainder of the group divided into teams and deployed across all provinces.

The Process

A detailed training programme was developed to support the mission. This included security briefings, familiarisation with communications and local knowledge. The Consultant also put together a comprehensive plan of movements, as well as leading a dozen expatriates who were required to accompany the teams to the provinces.

Various procedures were also developed and implemented to support the operations. These included;

- Communications schedules so that at any time of the mission the consultant could verify the location and intended movements of each team (over 15 teams) as well as a nightly safety check in at the end of daily operations.
- Direction and policy (including ROE) for the 5 man armed close protection team dedicated to accompany the Ambassador at all times during his time in Afghanistan
- Financial reporting to provide transparency for all equipment purchased to support the mission

The Consultant was also required to provide ongoing risk assessments to several tasks of the teams, and conduct ad hoc tasking to hire interpreters, find extra accommodation and meet all OSCE needs.

The Result

The OSCE team was able to meet all planned objectives. Several last minute changes were easily handled and the Ambassador and his team were able to meet all delegates and attend all meetings in accordance with their requirements.



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Our consultant was approached by three different companies in 2005 to manage a larger OSCE project for the Parliamentary elections.