

The NATO Civil-Military Fusion Centre

The Civil-Military Fusion Centre (CFC) is a knowledge management institution established by NATO in 2008. Its mandate is to facilitate the sharing of information between civilian and military actors – including IOs/NGOs, donor agencies, military forces and others – working on complex crises in order to enhance their situational awareness. The CFC has, since day one, focused upon Afghanistan. However, we have also introduced teams on Anti-Piracy, Libya and the broader Mediterranean Basin. The CFC's staff is comprised of knowledge managers (KMs) who have experience in IOs/NGOs, academia/think tanks and the military. KMs in each team focus upon the following sectors: Economic Development, Governance & Rule of Law, Humanitarian Affairs, Infrastructure, Security & Force Protection and Socio-Cultural Development. In addition, we have a Forward Liaison Officer based at HQ ISAF.

CFC Products: The CFC produces a wide range of materials, including the following:

- ❖ **Web Portal:** The CFC's web portal, CimicWeb, is available at: <https://www.cimicweb.org>. Inside of the site, account-holders (see instructions for gaining an account below) can access a document library, daily updates on various sectors of activity in Afghanistan and other materials. All visitors to CimicWeb also have access to the Afghanistan Provincial Indicators (API) resource, which consolidates more than 200 governance, security and development indicators for each of Afghanistan's 34 provinces.
- ❖ **Newsletters:** The CFC's Teams produce a weekly newsletter, which includes updates on recent events in each of the sectors noted above. These allow readers to get a quick snapshot of recent events in each of these sectors from the preceding week. The newsletters also seek to identify lesser-known recent events as well as recent research which may be relevant to civilian and military stakeholders.
- ❖ **Thematic Reports:** CFC personnel produce sector-specific reports on a monthly basis. Recent reports have concerned micro-electric power in rural communities, problems facing evaluation among NATO Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs), air quality and the emergence of a body of empirical evidence concerning aid and counterinsurgency. These range from 5-8 pages and are highly accessible.
- ❖ **Requests for Information:** The CFC offers a helpdesk-like feature where account-holders may submit requests for information (RFIs) on a number of topics. Simple RFIs may be answered in as few as two days while more involved queries may require two to three weeks.

BECOME A CFC ACCOUNT-HOLDER

You are strongly encouraged to request a CimicWeb account. Only account-holders are sent CFC publications directly to their e-mail in-boxes, and only individuals with accounts are able to submit specifically-tailored RFIs. In order to obtain an account, go to <https://www.cimicweb.org>, and click on "Request an Account" (on the right side of the page). When the pop-up screen appears, fill out the required information on the account request page. You may list your "sponsor" as: CDR Joergen Jessen (joergen.jessen@cimicweb.org) or LT Robin Barnett (robin.barnett@cimicweb.org). Once you submit the account request, it normally takes about two working days to establish your account, at which point you should receive an email from the CFC's IT support team with your log-in information.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. My colleagues and I look forward to working with you.

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