NDIA – 20th Annual SO-LIC Symposium and Exhibition

Panel #4 - Persistent Conflict and the Human Dimension

-Private Sector Efforts to Relieve the Burden on SOF Forces -



Private Sector Opportunities

- To Relieve Burden on SOF -

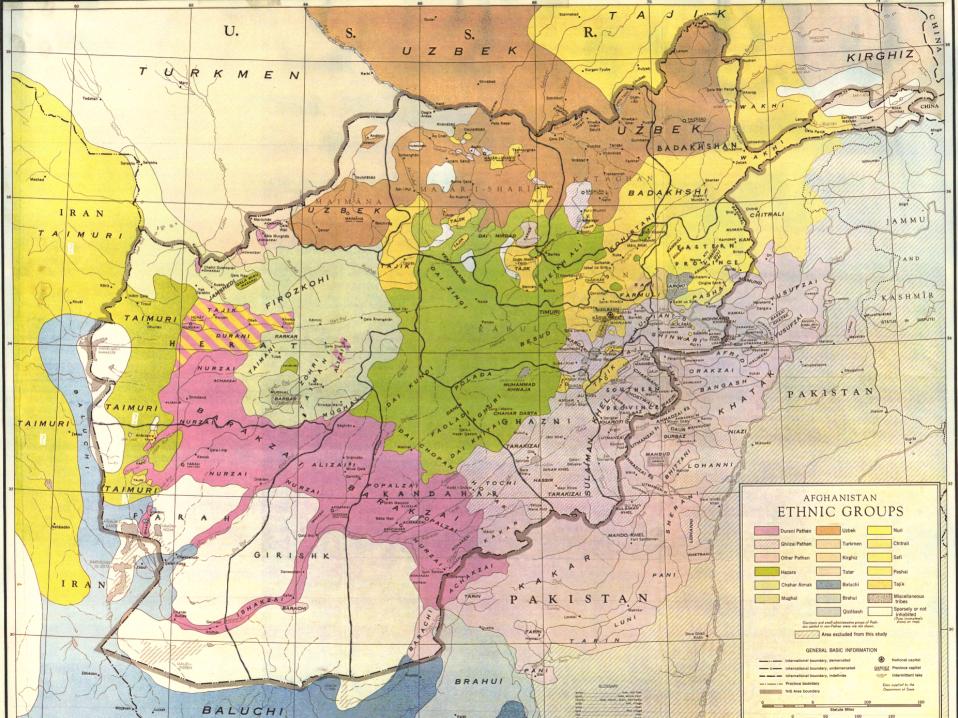
- How do Industry and the NGO community believe they can assist SOF with the challenges of high OPTEMPO?
 - Untapped resources to accomplish tasks
 - Relieve SOF of tasks to conduct appropriate 'military' duties [SOF Support]
 - What are these tasks?
 - What are cost considerations?



Growing Challenges

- Numerical increase of 'failing/recovering' states & regions . . .
 - Challenges are increasingly complex
 - Demand effective achievable solutions
 - Planning, preparation, execution, sustainment,
 End State realization
 - National and COCOM level objectives
 - Non-symmetrical warfare environment.





Industry and NGOs Resources

- Present and Available -
- A deep reservoir of subject matter experts [SME] exists and are available
 - Industry human and material resources in technology, sociology, economy, health, disaster preparedness, multinational
 - Mission compatible NGO structures have long term task orientation and invaluable area knowledge
 - Deployable and sustainable beyond historical personnel and unit rotations
 - Cadre of former SOF personnel with key SME skills.



Support Augmentation

- SME enhancements and augmentations into SOF organizations—US and Coalition
 - Individual SMEs and scalable organizations to fit
 SOF support planning, sustainment, coordination
 - Structure individuals and teams to provide sustainment to compensate personnel/unit rotation realities
 - SME and team capacity focus on path to End State

'Work yourself out of a job'!



How to Support?

- Optimal and agile support resource structure[s] to enable, enhance and sustain SOF support
 - Embed SMEs & scalable teams to perform SOF support tasks
 - US, Coalition, International Organizations and other NGO coordination and implementation
 - Foreign internal defense, civil affairs, information operations, humanitarian assistance, high-impact economic development, healthcare, food and water
 - Site/mobility security augmentation.



Augmentation Opportunities

- SOF support opportunities include:
 - SMEs with discreet knowledge, skills and abilities [KSAs] to build and implement USG Interagency and Coalition coordination within irregular/ad-hoc architecture to meet *concurrent* host nation/regional imperatives
 - Training/mentoring and project implementation in security, rule-of-law, mitigate criminal activities, economic development projects, public health, food production, water, transportation, telecommunications and energy.

Augmentation Opportunities

- Continued -

- SOF support opportunities include:
 - Use of small teams to execute focused supporting tasks to expand and enhance high impact tasks in *agile* response capacity in previous task categories
 - Teams to address emergent needs concurrent with recurring dynamics of security and stability factors
 - Fully resourced [SOF support] groups capable of integration into host nation/regional governance and management structure as advisors/mentors to enhance path to ownership of a civil, stable society.



Planning and Procurement

- Careful scripting of RFP/RFQ/POs that detail SOF support needs and requirements—enabled by:
 - Interagency/International Organizations' [as may be required]
 MOA/MOU/TORs that enable and enhance the SME/team fit and function into respective SOF and SOF support organizational structure
 - Include essentials of life/environment support, security, safety, transportation, period of performance, scope of work
 - Total transparency and accountability in procurement process
 - Utilization of Professional Services Contracts/Industry contracting structures and performance measures that meet the stated requirements.



Procurement Considerations

- Comparative industry/NGO procurement costs are scenario dependent and are measured against the operating costs of deploying active/reserve units/ individuals—capacity and sustainment tradeoffs exist
 - Sustainment: industry/NGOs provide costs packages containing labor, travel, material, admin, extended/open ended time on station, emergent needs
 - Site specific: security, life/environmental support, transportation
 - Project specific support materials/outfitting
 - Flexible team composition
 - Considerations of total operating costs over time.



Summary

- Industry and NGOs including former SOF personnel are in a unique position and have a clear opportunity to assist SOF in meeting high OPTEMPO challenges.
- Resources individuals and groups can be scaled to fit specific roles and functions that do *not* specifically require uniformed personnel
- Added benefits accrue because of viability of SMEs and NGOs to remain on site for extended periods to enable sustainment and facilitate transition to the Host Nation/Regional *End State*.



Questions

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