Afghanistan lies in the heart of Asia. Having for centuries been a crossroads of peoples, goods, and ideas, the nation is rich in culture and history. However, due to more than 30 years of conflict and choice that began in 1979, people’s lives have been devastated.

**Past**

- **Foundation of Afghanistan as a “modern” state**
- **Japanese-Afghan diplomatic relations established**
- **Japanese assistance extended in the fields of agriculture and water-supply**

Afghanistan took its first steps toward modernization in the 1950s, with the introduction of the new constitution and the establishment of the University of Kabul. This was a time of hope and progress, but conflict and war soon followed, leading to a devastating civil war.

**Soviet Withdrawal**

After the withdrawal of the Soviet military, several major events sparked efforts to bring about a better future for the people of Afghanistan. The restoration of peace and security was the first step. The next was to rebuild the nation’s infrastructure, including transportation networks.

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**Present**

Bettering lives in a highly-inclusive and crucial sector

**Future**

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**Necesities for a successful society**

- Health services and facilities, including hospitals and clinics, providing healthcare.
- Education and training programs, preparing Afghan citizens to be globally competitive.
- Water and sanitation services, ensuring access to clean water.

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- **Under-five mortality rate at birth (years)**
- **Life expectancy**
- **Adult literacy rate, both sexes**
- **Net primary enrollment completion rate (%)**
- **Net secondary enrollment completion rate (%)**
- **Net tertiary enrollment completion rate (%)**
- **Electricity (%)**
- **People without safe water (%)**
- **United Nations**
  - **Population without access to health services (%)**

**Agriculture and Rural Development Program**

Due to industrialization and the return of refugees, the livelihood of Afghan farmers has improved, still, the development of the Kabul metropolitan area.

**Kabul Metropolitan Area Development Program**

- **Kabul International Airport**
- **Afghanistan wheat: cross-cultural cultivation**

**Kabul – extreme traffic congestion**

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- **Gateways to prosperity**

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