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Today, Afghanistan represents one of the most poor, instable and insecure countries of the world. Recent studies categorize Afghanistan among the countries in the world that are regarded as failed states, failing states, collapsed states, weak states, fragile states, crisis states.

This study analyzes the processes of state-building in Afghanistan from the initial stages the country emerged as a political entity to the current situation. Major focus is concentrated on the role of the institutional capacity in the state- building process. As this study argues institutional capacity has always constituted one of the major challenges for state-building. Due to this problem, despite Afghanistan became independent, it never became a stable and functioning state. Today it characterizes a fragile state and institutional capacity is the major factor behind its fragility.