



*Feedback Report
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making a difference



Afghan Poverty Relief

UK Registered Charity No. 1103876

Thank You

We are a small charity trying to make a difference to the life of a poor child, a poor woman and a poor man in Afghanistan and though we are small now we have big ambitions and big hopes.

We truly thank our (past and present) supporters for helping us to have an impact on the poor communities in Afghanistan. May Allah (SWT) bless and reward all our donors for supporting us.

Inshallah, with the grace of Almighty Allah we will continue to work for the poor of Afghanistan.

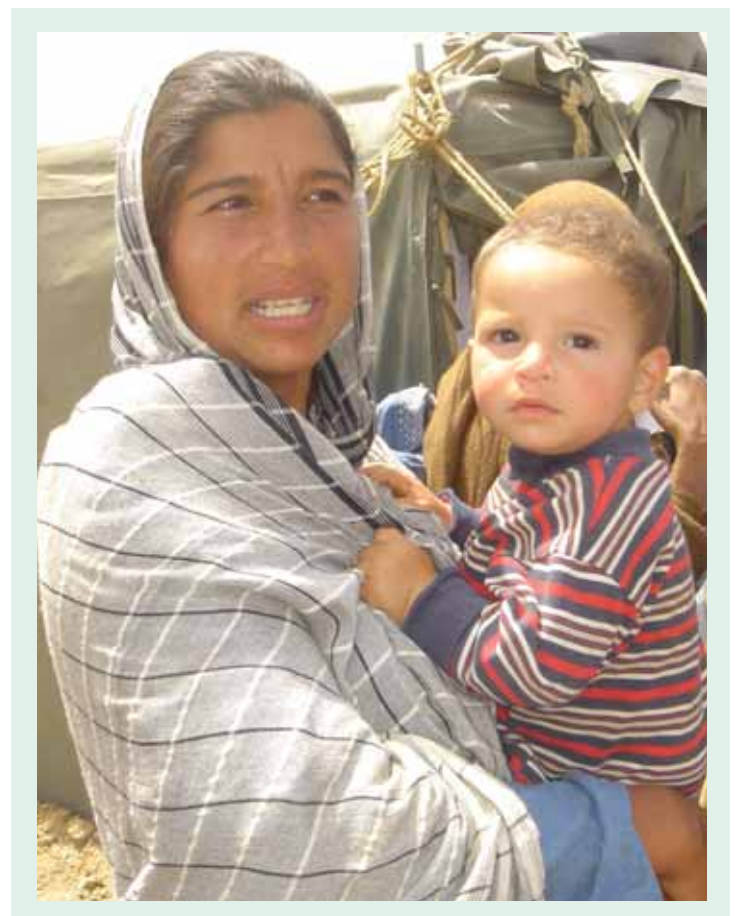


About Afghanistan

Afghanistan is located in South-Central Asia and surrounded by Pakistan to the south and east, Iran to the west, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan to the north. It is a landlocked and mountainous country suffering from extreme weathers; very cold winters and very hot summers. The main languages are Dari and Pashto and it has an estimated population of 32 million and an average life expectancy of 44 years.

Afghanistan remains one of the poorest countries in the world and remains dependent on foreign aid and support. Years of civil wars has left the country's infrastructure and social amenities in ruins. This means that 87% of the population do not have access to clean and safe water and less than 2% have access to health care.

The result of this is a high rate of infant and maternal mortality where 1 in 5 children die before their fifth birthday and a maternal mortality ratio of 1,600 deaths per 100,000 live births. This is one of the highest figures in the world; hence the need to help these people cannot be over emphasized.



KEY FACTS

- Men and women only live to 44 years old
- 87% of the population don't have access to safe water
- 1 in 5 children die before they are 5 years old
- Over 1 Million orphans need our help



Afghan Poverty Relief is a UK Registered charity and we are registered as an NGO in Afghanistan. We have been established for the past four years, working hard to make a difference to the lives of the poor of Afghanistan. We provide the relief of poverty, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and the preservation and protection of good health in urban and rural communities within Afghanistan.

Our ultimate goal is simple which is to build a sustainable and strong Afghanistan where all the basic needs of life; water, food, education, health and shelter are available to all sections of the society. It is a simple but a hard goal to achieve which can only be realised by passion, determination and being responsive to the needs of the Afghani communities.

We believe we can make a difference in the short term and have a long-term impact by working in close partnership with our donors and listening to the communities where we work.

What we do

Afghan Poverty Relief aims to offer the gift of hope by assisting these poor people to secure a better future for themselves through the provision of basic necessities of life.

We do this by:

- Providing clean and safe water through the construction of water wells
- Building orphanages, that provide a safe and stable environment for orphaned children
- Providing emergency aid to refugees; food, shelter, and water
- Providing educational and vocational learning facilities
- Providing medical aid

We believe that with the assistance of our supporters, we can make a difference and continue to have an impact.



"Giving hope to an orphan"



"Whoever fulfils the need of his Muslim brother, Allah will fulfil his need. Whoever relieves a Muslim from difficulty, Allah will remove one of his difficulties on the Day of Judgement".

Holy Prophet (SAWW)



Where we work

In the past four years we have worked in the following areas trying to alleviate the suffering of these communities:

- Mazar-e-Sharif
- Herat
- Kabul
- Jaghoori
- Ghazni
- Kandahar
- Jalalabad
- Yawkalang

Our approach

The process of identifying where and who are recipients of our fundraising effort is guided by many factors and these criteria are not static nor do we operate on tick box criteria as our goals are solely about improving the lives of the poor people. The overriding criteria being basic need - how can we improve the current situation but also establish hope for the future.

Our guiding criteria are:

- Orphans
- Providing clean water
- Ability to earn/No income
- Extent of disability
- No education
- Widows
- Number of women
- Size and age of children in family

In terms of water wells, we identify the area where a hand water pump will immediately bring clean and safe water through guidance from the government's water engineer, where there has been drought for some time and in areas where other international NGO's are unable to operate for whatever reason.



Making a difference in 2007

Our priorities continue to be long term water provision, emergency food and water, providing support for orphans and widows. We are passionate about what we do and base our work on the very core of Islam which emphasises the importance of humanitarian work.



Hazrat Mohammad (SAWW) Orphanage

"By means of water, we give life to everything"



Providing clean and safe water

Water which is one of the basic essentials of life is in very short supply in Afghanistan and this is mainly a backdrop of the years of civil war, the geography, and the drought that continues to plague the country making it difficult for the poor people to have access to clean and safe water. With 87% of the population without access to clean water, we take the provision of this basic necessity as a cornerstone of our work.

In 2007, we installed 64 hand water pumps in various areas of Kabul. This has lessened the suffering of the people in no small way especially for the women and children who had to walk very long distances in order to get clean water. These wells have provided water to serve about 12,000 families - each water well provides clean and safe water for 300 families for approximately 20 years.

We are also in the process of installing a water network, in Nawabad, Ghazni. Work began on this project in November 2007 and is scheduled to be completed by mid 2008. Once completed, this network would provide over 7,000 households with clean water. With an average household being about 20-30 people, that means that over a 140,000 people will have access to clean and safe water for their lifetime and for future generations.

"And give to the orphans their property and do not substitute worthless things for their good ones and do not devour their property as an addition to your own property; this is surely a great crime".

Holy Prophet (SAWW)



Orphan and widow support

With over 1 million orphans in Afghanistan, any help towards improving their lives and their families, can only help the future of Afghanistan. We are presently supporting 2,000 orphans from local orphanages in Mazar-e-Shariff, Kabul, Walayat, Kunduz and Ghazni and the sponsors have been able to provide support for schooling, clothing and general support for both girls and boys.

We have recognised that to have a long-term impact in Afghanistan, supporting orphans needs to be an expanding part of our activities. So, in May 2007 we started building our own orphanage and completed it in November of the same year.

This orphanage houses 200 orphans ranging from 5 years old to 16 years old. This environment provides the children with the stable and secure environment they need. We feed, clothe, educate and house these children setting them on the right foundation to make a future for themselves.



Every person is required to know the fundamentals of their faith, with The Prophet (PBUH) saying "Seeking essential knowledge is compulsory upon every muslim"

In a country where 54% of children of primary school age are out of school, it becomes imperative to provide these children with an environment where they can get at least the basic form of education.

We also presently support 472 widowed families by providing them with food and income generating facilities like carpeting making machines. By these they are able to earn an income to sustain themselves and supplement whatever aid they receive hence giving them a source of livelihood and hope for their future.

Emergency aid

The large numbers of refugees returning to Afghanistan puts a tremendous amount of stress on the government. In 2007, over 360,000 refugees were deported from Iran and Pakistan to a country whose infrastructure is unable to cope with these volumes. This number continues to rise as more and more Afghans are being forcibly repatriated daily from neighbouring countries. This influx of refugees has sparked food, housing, and job shortages in the country leaving a large number of the refugees and indeed the population despondent. These refugees most of whom are homeless; are vulnerable and exposed to all kinds of hazards and will continue to require relief assistance including shelter (tents), food, water and health care.

In summer 2007, we provided and continue to provide emergency shelter, blankets, food aid and healthcare to about 1,232 refugees in Barakeeb, Walayat and Kandahar. We have provided food aid in the form of rice, oil, flour, blankets, meat and water also to these displaced families helping them cope with the hardship they face on a daily basis.



Madressah support

In the past year we have supported and continue to support 12 madressahs in various areas of Ghazni totalling 1,100 students and 150 teachers. The students live and reside in the madressahs and thus they receive a complete grounding in their faith by undertaking general Islamic studies and critically Hifz. We also presently support 4 madressahs in Ghazni, Kabul, Jaghoori and Mazar-e-Shariff with a total number of 1,495 students.





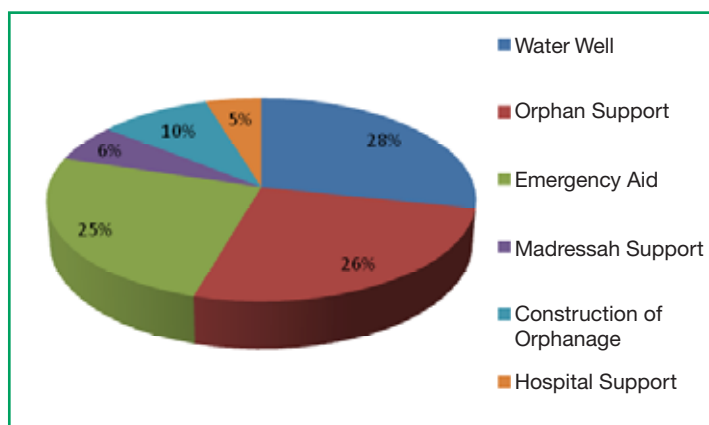
“These shall be rewarded with forgiveness from their Lord and with gardens watered by running streams, where they shall dwell forever. Blessed is the reward of those who do good works.”

How has the money been spent

We have spent the money we raised on the following:

- Water Wells
- Emergency food aid
- Orphanage construction
- Madressah support
- Hospital support

The funds raised have been utilised fairly proportionately with 28% of income being spent on building hand water pumps; 26% on orphan support; 25% on providing emergency food aid, 9.4% on orphanage construction; 6% on madressah support and 4.7% on finishing the construction of the hospital.



- Water – hand pumps/networks
- Constructing orphanages
- Construction of schools
- Vocational training (Computer training centre and carpet making centres)
- Income generation projects for widows

We will continue to focus on the provision of clean and safe water; supporting the lives of orphans and giving them a future; relieving immediate distress by providing flour, oil, sugar and water for those families who cannot afford to buy these things.

Our ambition is to raise funds for infrastructure projects – water networks, schools, training centres, health services and income generating activities so that we can secure a better future for the poor families of Afghanistan as the need for infrastructure is so huge, whatever we can do to help the current and future generations we will strive to do so.

We believe that every contribution gives rise to hope and can make a difference in the lives of the poor child, poor woman, poor family and poor community.

Though the country continues to be ravaged by drought, infrastructure that remains devastated and a dependency on aid, we believe that we can make a difference so that current and future generations are not blighted by war, poverty and can live a life of dignity.

Continuing to make a difference

With the infrastructure still in ruins, continued conflict, returning refugees, landmines and natural disasters (drought and landslides); the coping capacities of both the government and the community has severely diminished. Therefore the need for relief and humanitarian assistance still remains. We will continue to focus on the following areas:

How your donations help

By sponsoring a child for £300 per year that is £25 p/m (\$600 per year that is \$50 p/m) you are helping to provide them with clothes, accommodation, food and education.

By sponsoring a widowed family for £70 p/m (\$140) you are supporting about 5-7 people in a family with food and accommodation.

By giving £600 (\$1,200) you are supporting the community to have clean and safe water by supplying them with a water pump so that 200-300 families can have drinking water for the next 20 years.

Not a penny of your donation is spent on administration, salaries or fundraising as we take it out from the Gift Aid.

How does it work

For every pound you give we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donations go further. This means that £10 can be turned into £12.80 just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid.

*Less than 30%
over the age of 15
can read and write*

*Over 50% of
primary age children
do not go to school*

*Less than 50%
survive on less than
\$1 per day*

*Upto 300 families
have safe water
from 1 hand pump*



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Donation methods

By Post:

You can make donations by post to:
Afghan Poverty Relief, Unit 100, 99-103 Lomond Grove, London SE5 7HN.

On Line:

Secure on line donations are possible 24/7 via
www.afghanpovertyrelief.org.uk

Regular Giving:

Set up a standing order with Afghan Poverty Relief

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