

EOFY

NEWSLETTER

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**MAHBOBA'S
PROMISE**

An Australian Aid Organisation

Mahboba's Letter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your incomparable support this past financial year. As we continue to grow as an organisation, we are faced with challenges at every corner. The situation in Afghanistan is a nightmare. The country is undoubtedly a danger zone, with poverty so vast that it is sometimes difficult to see an end. But then I remember how much we have achieved in this year alone. The progress made is a sentiment to what is to come; a brighter future for all.



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This year we have witnessed the creation of two new Hope Houses, constant permaculture success, funding and planning for a second confectionery shop, three young women receive university scholarships, a critical water well built and two effective emergency appeals, just to name a few. This positive progress is impossible without you and your dedication to Afghanistan. Afghanistan has a long road ahead, but it has also come so far, and this momentum is of gratitude to you.

THREE YOUNG WOMEN RECEIVE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

It is with great delight we recognize three young women who have recently received full scholarships to university in Kabul, with thanks to our partner LBW Trust. The young women were selected based on their outstanding academic achievement and work ethic, and are now completing their tertiary studies.



This initiative has opened up many opportunities for these young women, including future employment, economic mobility and most importantly, role models for future generations of girls in Afghanistan.

WATER WELL ABDARA

Last year we were thankful for the funds raised to build a well in the region of Saighan, an area struggling from drought. Unfortunately, despite many efforts, Taliban presence in the area prevented us from doing any work. This is a common, yet dangerous barrier we face everyday in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, we had to compromise.

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Villagers in Abdara used to travel 30 minutes to the river everyday to source their water. Often, this river water consisted of potent run-off, making it dangerous to consume. We made the decision to utilize the funds raised for the Saighan water well to instead build a 200 meter deep well in Abdara Village. While we do hope to reach Saighan in the future, we do believe this decision will make a drastic impact on the health and livelihoods of Abdara residents. Thanks to the support of a selection of generous donors, this new well reaches 15,000 people in Abdara; the impact is immense!

FIVE WAYS TO HELP THIS EOFY

01

GIVE A GENERAL DONATION!

General donations during the EOFY are funds that are allocated to individuals, communities or projects most in need. In some cases, these funds will be used for emergency relief.

02

RICE BAGS FOR WIDOWS

Continuing on from Ramadan, we want to deliver hundreds more rice bags to widows in Afghanistan. Providing essential food is an effective way to ensure their income is invested into other things, such as their children's education.

03

WIDOW'S HOME PROJECT

There are many widows and their children that live in potent conditions in Afghanistan. Gulshan and her six children live in a house that does not have a toilet. When people lack basic toilet facilities, diseases spread and waterways become polluted fast.

04

HELP BUILD TIYAYEE SCHOOL

Tiyayee is in one of the most remote places in all of Afghanistan. Located in the deepest corner of Badakhshan Province, this village doesnt even have a school. In the next financial year, we plan to build one for the 30+ children that live in the village.

05

FINISHING TOUCHES TO BADAKHSHAN HOPE HOUSE

Our Badakhshan Hope House is in the final stages of construction. We are doing some final fundraising to purchase essential interior items, such as beds, kitchen appliances, desks and learning materials.

Visit www.mahbobaspromise.org/eofy2019/ to learn more.

NEW KABUL HOPE HOUSE

A couple of months ago, we were gifted a brand new orphanage in Kabul from a generous donor of ours. The intent for the new building is to transform it into a Hope House and school, using it as a model for quality education. We have a number of donors who have already been generous enough to fund this project and get the work underway. We look forward to updating you on this venture over the next financial year.



BADAKHSHAN

85%

COMPLETE

BADAKHSHAN HOPE HOUSE

The exterior construction of Badakhshan Hope House is completed and the interior building is in the final stages. With 85% of work complete, the Hope House still needs to be fitted with furniture, bunk beds, kitchen facilities, flooring, and more. We are assigning a portion of funds from this year's End of Financial Year Appeal to the finishing stages of this project, so the orphans can move into their new home.

SCHOOL KITS, RICE AND NEW CLOTHING

360
SCHOOL KITS
RAISED!

We have run several appeals over the past year. A few were aimed at delivering necessities to the orphans and widows in our care. We received an overwhelming response from these appeals, which allowed us to purchase new school kits, clothing and shoes for all of the orphans at our Hope Houses and children of widows.

We also ran a rice appeal during the month of Ramadan. This allowed us to deliver over 200 bags of rice to widows and their families. Each bag of rice is able to feed a family of 10, twice a day, for a month!



**Thank you to all donors who gave
generously to these appeals!**

CONFECTIONERY 2.0

After a successful one-month long crowdfunding campaign, we were able to raise \$35,000 to build our second confectionery shop in Panjshir Valley! The original social enterprise in Kabul has continued to improve over the years, becoming 100% self-sufficient last year. Not only this, it is now assisting with the operational costs of Kabul Hope House. We aim to implement this same system through our new confectionery shop. Planning is currently underway and we can't wait to update you on the project in the near future.



35K
RAISED IN ONE
MONTH

**A MASSIVE THANK YOU
TO ALL THOSE THAT
HELPED SPREAD THE
WORD AND DONATED,
YOU ARE THE REASON
WE REACHED OUR
GOAL!**

Let's continue to path the way towards a brighter future for Afghanistan.

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