

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



**MAHBOBA'S  
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# MAHBOBA'S MESSAGE

As another year passes, I am proud that Mahboba's Promise continues to be a leading organisation in providing care and compassion to vulnerable women and children in Afghanistan. I am working on new ways to raise the quality of education for the children to make sure they can reach their full potential and break the poverty cycle.

According to the United Nations, Afghanistan is among the most dangerous countries in the world to be an infant or child. More children die in conflict as a result of malnutrition, disease, and lack of health care than from bullets or bombs. It is important to note that the precarious situation in Afghanistan continues and millions of women and children continue to live through this endless cycle of poverty and instability. Now more than ever, we need your support in helping save those most vulnerable in Afghanistan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your incomparable support this past year. Supporters of Mahboba's Promise have assisted us in achieving all we have set out to achieve this year. I hope you will be with us as we continue our mission to make Afghanistan a safer and more peaceful country for all. Wishing you all the best this holiday season and a Happy New Year ahead.



# BADAKHSHAN

## HOPE HOUSE UPDATE

The orphans of Badakhshan Hope House are thriving! Five orphans who recently turned of school age were enrolled into the government school near the Hope House. Additionally, this past winter, the children's rooms were equipped with heating to keep warm, along with new winter clothing.

The construction of the new building has been completed. It did take longer than predicted. Additional funding was raised to help us complete it. Travel to Badakhshan has also been a logistical challenge due to security concerns. Our manager in Afghanistan, Sidiq Rawi took serious personal risks in order to get to the construction site.

We have named the new orphanage the **Al-Rahman** Hope House and the children are expected to move in as soon as it warms up in spring. The building is very cold now. We would like to thank all of our supporters who have donated towards this project and helped us in building a new Hope House for the orphans in Badakhshan.



# CROWDFUNDING SUCCESS

## BADAKHSHAN REFUGEES

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Earlier this year over 300 families from the Kuran and Munjan districts of Afghanistan were forced to escape their homes to flee Taliban brutality. Many were critically injured, with some losing their lives. Those that escaped are now living within a camp, in a remote region of Panjshir Province.

Through our crowdfunding campaign we have been able to provide these vulnerable refugee families with the food, clothing and clean drinking water they desperately need. Over 85 donors have given more than \$37,000 to our emergency refugee appeal. This has allowed us to take immediate action, providing the essentials to the suffering men, women and children. Thank you to all of our donors for your generosity and continuous support in helping those most in need.

THANK  
YOU



# ANNUAL REPORT



Over the past twenty-two years, Mahboba's Promise has adhered to the values of compassion and integrity to empower women and children to make a lasting difference in their own lives. This past financial year has been no different, with a handful of young women from orphaned backgrounds graduating from Law and Political Science degrees, with another three receiving full scholarships to study at Kabul's leading universities.

Read the full 2018/2019 annual report at:

<https://mahbobaspromise.org/annual-reports/>



# WARMTH FOR THOSE IN NEED

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With temperatures dropping below -15 degrees Celsius, millions of Afghans are left to survive the winter without adequate warming supplies.

This year our winter appeal has raised over \$23,000, providing hundreds of vulnerable orphans and widows with the warmth they desperately needed this Afghan winter. Funds raised have provided warming packages such as winter clothing, blankets, food and bags of coal to families in need.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS!**

**WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE  
WARMTH TO HUNDREDS OF VULNERABLE FAMILIES  
WITHOUT YOU.**

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# SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

Last month we had solar panels installed at our Kabul Hope House! Solar energy is proving to be one of the most reliable, cheapest and cleanest electricity sources in Afghanistan, due to rampant blackouts and foreign suppliers.

It is our goal to fit all of our Hope Houses in Afghanistan with solar panel systems. Not only is this initiative environmentally sustainable, but it allows more of our Afghanistan projects to achieve self-sufficiency for years to come.

Thank you to all of our incredible donors who have helped us in achieving our solar panel goals!



# CHANGE LIVES TODAY

HELP US CONTINUE CHANGING THE LIVES OF THOSE  
LESS FORTUNATE IN AFGHANISTAN.

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