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Ghazni Nomad Project

Despite security challenges in the south of Afghanistan, ASET Ghazni is moving forward with plans to train Community Health Workers in cooperation with the local Ministry of Health for the nomads who frequent Ghazni environs. Training should start for a pilot project to train 6 Community Health Workers in the neglected Afghan nomads known as Kuchis. Each summer Ghazni province is the home for more than 100,000 nomads and some stay year round. Health, sanitation and education standards are the lowest among all people in

Afghanistan. Dr Matthias and Daniela Koerner are heading up this project and doing consulting and with the Ministry of Health Hospital as well. Rob Antonucci is assisting getting new equipment for the Eye Hospital in Ghazni that he helped start a few years ago and heading up the overall team in



Wind power generation gets turning



John Montonati is researching a new initiative to generate electricity through wind, in steady supply in Ghazni province. Plans are to start the first experimental units in April. The aim is to train local workmen to build them with locally available parts to meet the electrical needs of small communities in the province by multiplying the market venues.

Literacy Course

One of our literacy courses is now hosted by a family of refugees returning from Iran. The course, sponsored by ASET meets daily in their home, with their daughter now leading the class that meets in her neighbourhood. In this and other literature courses, they are able through books such as Jane Eyre, discuss, amongst other things, themes such as forgiveness, love, shame and honour.

A Hard Winter in Afghanistan

All of Afghanistan has suffered an amazingly hard winter with Ghazni seeing -30 C temperatures in January! The team has been assisting with many families in Ghazni survive by providing some winter distribution of food stuffs and firewood.



Some families live in tents in conditions you can't nearly imagine. Many people have to decide if they want to have a warm room for some hours or to have a meal to satisfy their hunger.



Suit Making Project

The suit making project is now well underway. On the programme, we have 25 vulnerable women; widows, refugee returnees, daughters of widows and women with very old husbands/fathers who are too old to work. The aim of this project is to make a self sustaining, Afghan owned and operated small



London Marathon

Anna Guthrie will be running the London Marathon on April 13th 2008 on behalf of ASET. It is hoped that through sponsorship this will raise over £10,000 to help keep all the above projects running for another year. If you would like to sponsor Anna you can do so on via PayPal on the ASET website: www.aset-uk.org . Or send a cheque to the address shown below. This fundraising event is in place of the ASET dinner this year, so how about donating the amount you would usually spend on your ticket?



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