



ASET NEWS

AFGHAN SUPPORT EDUCATION TRAINING JULY 08

LATEST NEWS:

Dan Browne will be back in the UK soon and is speaking at:

New Wine on 5th and 7th Aug.

Trinity Chelt on 24th Aug.

St Michaels, Southfields on 31st Aug.

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Clinic Completed

We have now officially inaugurated the clinic we built in Dawlatabad. This clinic will serve as a surgical & x-ray wing for the district hospital at Dawlatabad.



The Completed Clinic



Inauguration Speech



Clinic Now Open!

Kindergarten Graduation

On March 5th, 45 of our older students graduated. Students took turns to read stories, perform poetry and plays, tell jokes, and show off their maths and writing skills to the parents. Each student was awarded a certificate and a school bag with their file of work inside, and a new notebook and pencil to begin school with. The mothers were amazed by the progress the children have made, and some parents who weren't going to send their children to school have now been persuaded to do so! Children that would have had a very hard time at school, are now prepared with the skills and knowledge they need for a successful and enjoyable education. In many of these poor families they will be the first to go to school and become literate, and they are paving the way for their younger siblings.



Literacy Course

The running of these courses over the next few months will mean 200 women in neighbourhoods around Mazar-e-Sharif will have the chance to learn to read and write in Dari for the first time. Several of the women have shared how to be illiterate is to always feel blind, having to rely on others for even basic information such as reading signs and medicine bottles. Now they are gaining confidence and skills that will help them to improve their lives, and the lives of their families.



Wind Turbine



After months of preparation the ASET Ghazni workshop is ready and work has begun on the first turbine. The aim is to train Afghan craftsmen to build them from scratch, using locally sourced materials. The aim will then be to provide these for schools and clinics and eventually to individual homes. Most of these buildings outside the city are without electricity and it is hoped that the newly lit schools may lead to night classes in literacy and skills training.

Suit Making Project

This has now been completed and has achieved its main objectives. We have improved the tailoring skills of all students, many translating these skills into income generating work at home. Three fully independent and financially successful Afghan women owned and operated small businesses have also been launched, employing workers from outside the immediate family. We have also provided business skills training to over 100 women, 20 of whom submitted valid business plans, currently under review by the MicroCredit Bank.

Suit Making Class Graduates



New Office in Dawlatabad

We have opened a new office and house in Dawlatabad. It is the market town in a district of about 85,000 people about 80 km north-west of Mazar e Sharif. There are currently no foreign workers living there so we are glad to be moving there to start a new work. In an area that has been severely hit by drought, there is a lot of need especially for education and training and just about anything that will improve the standard of living.

We will open a Computer and English teaching centre and continue to develop the training of school teachers throughout the district, whilst also looking for other ways to help.



Outside New Office in Dawlatabad

Ghazni Nomad Project

This pilot project has involved the training of 10 men from Kuchi nomad families as Community Health Workers. These Kuchi people are seen and treated here like homeless people in Europe: dirty, lost, unteachable, and dangerous, but this is not the truth. The students are highly motivated and the second phase of the project has seen the introduction of a new course called BLISS (Birth Life Saving Skills) initially for mothers, but now adapted to men. Much fun has been had using role plays to learn about both antenatal and prenatal care. Following this training one of the students has much more appreciation for his 2 women. The third phase has begun and is currently focusing on treatment of children.



BLISS Training

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