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AAE Mission is to unlock the potential of young marginalized Afghans through education as a means to prepare them to fully participate in the society.

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Success Story



AAE schools change lives. Siddiqa, a graduate from Khash District, offers a great example... As a child Siddiqa was eagerly interested in learning. Given her zeal for education she managed to successfully finish school up to grade ten. But like many other girls in Afghanistan, an early arranged marriage prevented Siddiqa from further pursuing her education.

For Siddiqa, married life was mired in poverty shattering her dreams of pursuing her education. Not having finished high school, Siddiqa's many attempts to find a job for alleviating her family from extreme poverty failed. Therefore, with her husband's consent, Siddiqa joined the AAE school in Daynow village.

After graduation, Siddiqa was hired by an NGO with a salary of 17,000 Afs, equal to \$340 a month. Not only has she been able to help her family escape extreme poverty, she plans to run in the next parliamentary elections to represent her community at the national level.

Graduation Ceremony in Kabul



Aid Afghanistan for Education (AAE) held a ceremony on June 6, 2012 in the Ministry of Women's Affairs to celebrate the graduation of 96 students from its three schools in Kabul. This event was attended by Dr. Husn Banu Ghazanfar, Afghan Minister of Women Affairs, Members of Parliament, dignitaries from civil society organizations and representatives of the international donor agencies.

Graduation Ceremony in Badakhshan



44 students graduated in the Khash district of Badakhshan on July 9, 2012. This was AAE's first graduation in Daynow village. Hassina Sherjan, President and Founder of AAE, traveled to Badakhshan to attend the event. The event was also attended by local officials including the District Governor of Khash. In his speech, Governor Hashim Noorzai praised AAE efforts in bringing education to his district. He also emphasized the need for further expansion of AAE activities in the area. Khash District is one of the 29 districts of Badakhshan Province. It is home to approximately 48,000 residents, making it the third most populous district of the province.

AAE Activities

Our focus is to provide primary and secondary education for marginalized Afghans, who were deprived of education during the years of war or do not have access to formal education.

AAE operates in nine provinces providing education for over 3000 female and 104 male students. Since 2007, 832 students have successfully graduated from 12th grade and received their high school diplomas from the Ministry of Education.

Aid Afghanistan for Education (AAE) is dedicated to empowering women and rehabilitating the education system in Afghanistan. Our focus is accelerated learning and vocational training. AAE was founded in 1996 by Hassina Sherjan, an Afghan woman who left Afghanistan as a refugee in 1979. She returned to Afghanistan for the first time in 1999 and established underground classes for girls. After the defeat of the Taliban, she came back to Afghanistan to participate in the reconstruction of the country.

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