

SHELTER-REPORT

November 2021



Humanitarian disaster *in Afghanistan*

The number of hungry people in the country is growing day by day. There are shocking reports of children starving to death and families starting to sell their children to avoid starvation.

Dear Friends and partners of Shelter Now,

Winter is just around the corner. This makes our quick help even more urgent. Especially for Afghanistan, but also again for the deaf in a neighboring country of Afghanistan.

In Kurdistan, we are starting winter relief projects among the Yezidis and the returned Christians in Nineveh.



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What moves us!



Afghanistan - Most of our projects are interrupted, but:

The WFP project in Herat continues!

Shelter Now has been working as a partner of the UN World Food Program (WFP) for more than 30 years. This means that the WFP provides the food and we take care of the distribution.

In the past, we built bakeries in refugee camps that used flour from the WFP to bake bread for families. Over the years, the way of working has been more and more refined or adapted to local conditions.

In Herat, Shelter Now has been distributing food to IDPs and other vulnerable families for three years. Even after the Taliban took over, this project continues. Albeit under more difficult conditions. Our project managers Ewald and Gudrun Göttler report: *The school dentist project is on hold for now, as some of the schools are currently closed and the*

curriculum has been reorganized. We had to withdraw our colleagues from the university clinic for safety reasons.

Instead, the treatment in the mother-and-child clinic in Herat continues, even if the way to work becomes a daily challenge for our staff. The new dental clinic in the countryside, 40 km west of Herat, was completed in the past months despite fighting in the neighborhood and is now waiting for approval to open by the new government.

Food support for needy families in partnership with WFP also continues. When our colleagues, despite very large difficulties can complete the planned distribution operations by the end of the year, 353 948 people will have enough to eat for three months.

As a further sign of hope, in the coming days a sea container from the Belgian North Sea coast will be making its way to Herat, filled with dental equipment in good condition by Dr. Marc Jeannin, a dentist from Gent. We would like to pay special tribute to our local staff who, despite increasing dangers and new problems arising every day, continued to work tirelessly on behalf of their suffering fellow citizens; for this they deserve our recognition and thanks. Personally, we hope that we will be able to directly support our colleagues on the ground again by February at the latest.

¹<https://de.wfp.org/pressemitteilungen/haelfte-der-afghanischen-bevoelkerung-von-akutem-hunger-bedroht-waehrend>

Light at the end of the tunnel...

... we can see in Afghanistan. As I write these these lines, I hear

- that our center for the deaf in Kabul has reopened, also for the girls and women,
- that the new government in Kabul has officially asked, even urged, Shelter Now to continue our projects,
- that a large-scale well project will be continued.

The immense need in the country also makes our cooperation urgently necessary. Hunger in the country is now assuming threatening proportions. According to a study by the UN World Food Program, **"more than half of Afghanistan's population - a record 22.8 million people - ... will not have enough to eat as of November."** ¹

We have run winter programs every year so far. Please help us do so again now.

Winter Relief - Our partners distribute heating materials and winter clothing

Deaf people in Central Asia...

..are particularly disadvantaged in general. Due to the pandemic they got into additional hardship, sometimes even existential. In a neighboring country of Afghanistan, we were able to save many families from starvation and financed heating material and winter clothing for them last



Food distributions to internally displaced persons - archive images from 2019/20 title: food distribution Herat 2021



The treatment in the mother-and-child-clinic continues!.



The center for the deaf has reopened.



A deaf person is happy about warm winter clothes

winter. They reacted with amazement, sometimes stunned, they had not expected anyone to help them just like that. Unfortunately, their situation is still as threatening as it was a year ago. As deaf people they have no possibility to find a job and they are afraid of the coming winter. We are planning a new winter aid. If you want to participate: the project number is 9001.



Rehabilitation work in "Zhian" - therapy center for IS-traumatized girls and women

- The successful rehabilitation work in the "Zhian" therapy center for IS traumatized girls and women.
- The school lessons for Esiden children in Sulaymania and other projects

But here, too, winter is coming. Many refugees are still living in tents without a floor and the simplest of shelters. They need winter clothes, blankets, carpets, small electric heaters, food, also for babies.

On behalf of the children, women and men to whom we can give hope with your support, we thank you very much and wish you a contemplative pre-Christmas period, a Merry Christmas and a peaceful year 2022.

Your Udo Stolte with the Shelter Team

What's on in Kurdistan?

All programs continue here. We appreciate your support for:

- The Montessori Children's Center for IS orphans.

Your donation moves us

Support one of our projects

How much money?
Project

Project Nr.
Who do I help?

What do I donate for

70 €

Winterrelief
Afghanistan
6000

A family in Afghanistan

50 kg flour
5l Oil
2kg beans
10 kg rice

95 €

Winterrelief
or the deaf in Central Asia
9001

A deaf person

Heating material
clothes
medicine
food

28 €

Winterrelief
Kurdistan
8010

A yezidi familie

Two blankets and
a carpet



Distribution of heaters in Kurdistan

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