

# SHELTER-REPORT

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Dear friends and partners of *Shelter Now*,

Repeatedly I am asked, "Are you even able to work in Afghanistan now?"  
Another statement I hear just as often: "Now 'we' have committed ourselves  
to Afghanistan for 20 years - for nothing!"

I will try to give answers to this.

Therefore, please read the report!

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What moves us!

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### Can we still work in Afghanistan at all?

A month before I write these lines, there was a terrible and inhuman attack on two Kabul schools. We reported about it in [the press](#) and also on [our website](#). At least 148 people - most of them innocent children and teenagers - were killed, others injured

**In general, the situation in Afghanistan is devastating:**

- More than half of the population is starving.
- Human rights - especially for women and girls are being increasingly curtailed
- Terrorist attacks have increased.

**So: Can we work in the country? And what is the point of our continuation to be involved there?**

In the last Shelter Report, I briefly described how

a very influential man, who has nothing whatsoever to do with the Taliban, interceded on our behalf with the new rulers and ensured that the current government urgently asked us to continue our projects. In the meantime, we have completed some projects, resumed others, and some we have never interrupted.

**Examples:**

- In "Chaman Babrakh Camp" we distributed food to 850 internally displaced families (almost 6,000 people).
- In Kabul's "Dasht-e-Barchi" district, 500 totally impoverished families (about 3,500 people) received food. The Afghan national [television reported](#) about it.

<sup>1</sup> Unicef: "Our experts estimate that one in two children under the age of five will be acutely malnourished this year. Hundreds of thousands of girls and boys could die if they don't get help quickly."

<https://www.unicef.de/informieren/projekte/asien-4300/afghanistan-19424/krise-in-afghanistan/246828>



Distributions in Faizabad





*This was left from Afghan children hungry for education in Kabul's "Dasht-e-Barchi" district*

- The attack on the schools was later in this very neighborhood. The school administration asked us to help the families of the victims. This is happening at the moment. We are supporting all affected families with food and medical aid.
- We have distributed food to two other large groups of internally displaced families, with others to follow in the coming weeks.
- In partnership with the WFP (UN World Food Program), we are distributing food to 470,000 impoverished people in Herat until mid-year, after which the program will continue.
- The deaf project continues - also for hearing-impaired women.
- Dental projects will be continued, a new dental clinic will start in the near future.
- The education project for young orphans continues, as does the women's center, our elementary school is moving into a new building, new WASH projects (drinking water and sanitation facilities, plus hygiene facilities) are being planned.

These examples show not only that we can continue to work in the country, but also how necessary and meaningful our work there is.

**The question: "What is the point of our involvement in Afghanistan?" has thus been answered.**

#### To sum up:

**We first give the people the most necessary things they need during this time: Food, health and education! And thus at the same time: hope in the midst of complete despair. And: It is a humanitarian mandate: human lives are saved.**

So it is worth donating. The money arrives. Not via the government, but from you via our office to the field offices in Kabul, Herat and Faizabad, where they are used in the projects.



*Distributions of food packages among Panjshiri*





The deliverers of sewing machines enjoy the beautiful landscape of Kurdistan during a well-deserved picnic.



## In IRAQ

...we continue to work mainly among Yezidis who were persecuted by the IS. Many of these particularly traumatized women and children experience healing and have a lot of fun in our two facilities, the Montessori Children's Center and the Rehab Center for Young Women. 18 of these women have already successfully completed their sewing course and nine more have started a new course. (Thank you for the top-quality sewing machines!) and 25 young women have now been trained as hairdressers and make-up artists.

We also support returning Christians in Nineveh with food, schooling and medical aid. In Erbil, we are launching a pilot project in the coming weeks. Drinking water is becoming increasingly scarce there from year to year. Now a deep well is to be

constructed. We are working with a local partner organization that is implementing the project and are currently applying for partial funding from the Ministry of Development in Berlin.

**So we will carry on with our work! And we thank you all for your interest and many of you for your impressive commitment to our work.**

**Yours Udo Stolte with the Shelter Team**

## Your donation moves us

### Support one of our projects

How much money?

Project

Project no.

Whom do I help?

What do I donate for:

**95 €**

**Food aid  
Afghanistan  
6000**

A refugee family

A food package

**50 €**

**Montessori  
Children's Center  
8011**

Orphans in  
Northern Iraq

one month  
Education,  
Therapie

**110 €**

**Helping Hands  
Elementary School  
6201**

Children from  
Kabul

Contribution to  
the move

Training as a hairdresser in the rehabilitation center



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