

Serve Inconnect

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From the Executive Director

Dear All,

It's been quite a while communicating with you. We are in the last month of the first quarter of our financial year 2025. As you might have known we had so many challenges during the last year, and we worked towards overcoming those challenges in transforming the lives of the people with God's grace and mercy. We continued to bring hope in the lives of the people even during these challenging times.

We started this year with uncertainty as some of the donors have reduced their budget and some have informed that they will not be able to support us financially as was done in the last year. In these times of uncertainties, I thank God for the hope He has given us to move forward in transforming the lives of the people. We are also hopeful that you will continue to extend your prayer and financial support as individuals, churches and organizations in meeting our needs to bring changes in the lives of children, women, disabled and poor. Your prayers have given us the strength to face the challenges. Please support us generously. Even a small donation will make a big change in meeting our need.

I have given below the details of the work carried out from January – December 2024. I hope that the stories presented in this Newsletter and the targets we have achieved would encourage and motivate you to continue your support to us in creating an inclusive Afghan society that fosters equality, justice, peace and care for creation.

Regards,

Kennedy Dhanabalan
Executive Director

1. Income Generation programme (Livelihood)



During this year, we have already supported 869 individuals (640 men and 229 women headed households) by providing tools, raw materials and livestock to do small scale businesses in Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman and Kandahar Provinces. Among them 96 men were disabled, and 21 women were disabled. We also provided care for 2200 cattle in 20 villages through an animal husbandry programme.

Zabeena's husband worked as a stone breaker. After sustaining spinal injuries in his work, Zabeena became the primary provider for the family. Despite establishing a laundry service, financial hardship persisted to meet the family need and medical treatment for her husband.

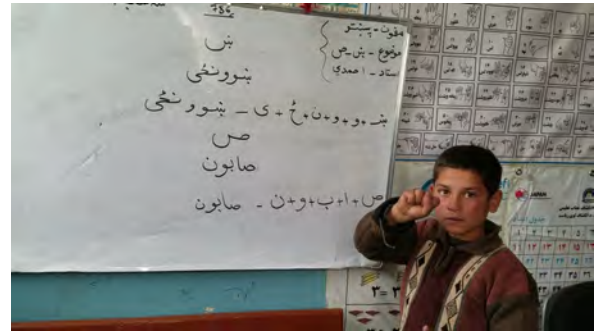
Serve Afghanistan helped her open a shop for women in her village as per wish as she fulfilled Serve Afghanistan's selection criteria to be a beneficiary under Income Generation Programme. This allowed her to stabilize her family's income. Her resilience and dedication transformed her family's future.

Zabeena says, "Since starting the small business from my home, our financial status has significantly improved. I have been able to meet the medical expenses for my husband who is doing better now. I have been able to share some of the shop goods with my older son who runs another shop in the village. I am deeply grateful for the assistance and support received. I am more confident to face the future".

2. Inclusive Education for children with disabilities

We are continuing with the Inclusive Education for Children with Hearing and Visual Impairment Projects in all three regions, Central Region (Kabul & Parwan Provinces), Eastern Region (Nangarhar & Laghman Provinces) and Kandahar Region. During this year, we are providing education support to 871 Children with disabilities (331 girls and 540 boys). Among them 412 Hearing Impaired, 276 Visually Impaired, 85 low vision, 78 physically impaired and 20 intellectually disabled. The children in pre-school are 225, in school are 603 and in university are 43. We also provide assistive devices and referral services for children with disabilities.

Ahmed (name changed) is a 9-year-old Hearing Impaired student. He lives with his father, mother, 2 brothers and 1 sister. He belongs to a poor family. He is a resident of the 3rd district of Kandahar City. The project provided him with educational materials. He was provided support for the past three years to learn sign language and to join regular school. He passed from grade 1 and got first position in his final exam. He is now in grade 2. He is a very talented student in the class, in every class, he is getting good marks in every subject. He is thankful for the support he has received. He wants to complete his school and then train to be a teacher to teach hearing impaired students like him.



3. Mother Tongue Literacy (Pashai) Programme

Even though we were short of funds for this programme, we continued to provide quality education for Pashai speaking children to excel in their education. The children are supported for 2 years under pre-schooling programme and for 3 years after-school programmes. This year 640 children (320 boys and 320 girls) are provided education. The number of children enrolled in preschool 320 (220 Boys and 100 girls) in 11 classes. The number of children enrolled in after school program (100 Boys and 220 girls) in 16 classes.



Abdul (name changed), son of Mr. Janat Gull is eight years old. He lives in Zargaran village of Shewa district. He belongs to the Pashai minority community. Abdul is an intelligent boy, but he did not understand Pashto language and so his father enrolled in the Pre-school programme. Now he is in 2nd year and in 2nd semester. He is now able to understand Pashto a little bit and he is doing well in his studies. He is getting good marks and familiar with the Pashto language lessons. After the completion of preschool, he will be able to join the government school and study in Pashto language. He said, He enjoys attending his class and likes his school friends and teachers.

4. Community Health programme

Through the three clinics located in Kakor (Kabul) Panjwayee (Kandahar) and Qandali (Laghman) we are catering to 6,592 families. During this period nearly 100 deliveries were conducted in our clinics. 2473 infants were followed up and their health has been monitored and vaccinations are done as per the protocol. 2742 pregnant and lactating mothers were followed up with medical checkup. Other medical assistance was provided to 28,885 people.

Hafiz (name changed) is a farmer. He and his wife live in Panwayee, Kandahar. Before the Clinic was established in July 2023, there were no health services in the area. Last year, they lost the baby when they were on their way to the regional hospital which was in a far location. On 14 July 2024, Hafiz brought his pregnant wife to the Project clinic for delivery. The clinic staff including the mid wife and female staff were able to provide their services and a healthy baby was delivered through normal delivery. The parents were very happy with the safe delivery. They thanked the clinic staff for their service and support.



5. Relief Programme

In 2024 we undertook two relief operations. We supported 210 families (100 in Nangarhar and 110 in Laghman Provinces) who were forced returnees from Pakistan. In Baghlan Province we supported 630 families affected by the flood.

The relief package consists of the following:

Relief assistance provided for each family who were forcefully returned in Nangarhar and Laghman Provinces		Relief assistance provided for each family who were affected by flood in Baghlan Province
Food Items	Wheat flour 100 kgs, rice 50 kg, Cooking Oil 10 litres, red beans, 14 kgs, Salt 4 kgs	
Hygiene Kit	8 Hand washing soap cakes (200 gm), 10 Laundry Soap (200gm), 4 Toothpaste (125 gm), 16 Toothbrushes	
Winterization Kit	2 blankets	
Cash Assistance	7,000 Afs	11,000 Afs



Mohd. Ali comes from Shaikhjalal, in Baghlan Province. He is disabled. Despite the hardships he faced, he persevered, finding small ways to support his family and maintain a modest existence. However, everything changed when the devastating flood swept through Shaikhjalal. One of his family members died and his house was completely destroyed. Serve Afghanistan provided him with cash assistance of 11,000 Afs. The aid helped him to meet the immediate food need and to buy other essentials which his family required. He believes that with the support of Serve Afghanistan and other organizations he will be able to rise to sustain his family in the future.

Our need for 2025

- To provide livelihood options for the poor, widows and disabled \$175,000.
- To provide education for Pashai speaking children \$48,000.
- Funds to support 2000 poor and needy families with food, hygiene kit and blankets which can help them to sustain the two months of winter period. The total cost is \$460,000. The cost per beneficiary family is \$240.

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