

Winterization Program: Warmth is Life



In Afghanistan, winter does not simply arrive, it strikes. The cold seeps through fragile walls, freezing both air and hope inside. For thousands of families already struggling to survive, the season can be merciless. But last winter, something extraordinary happened.

Because of people like you, warmth found its way back into their homes.

Zainab, a widow in Kabul, lives with her five children in a small, unheated room. Her two sons polish shoes on the streets to earn a few coins. “Last year,” she said softly, “we spent nights shivering. My children cried from the cold. This year, we could finally sleep without fear.”

The blankets, coal, and food she received were not just supplies, they were a lifeline. They meant her children could wake up to a warm morning, go to school with energy, and believe that someone cared.

Behind every family we reach, there is a story like Zainab’s, stories of quiet courage and survival. Mothers who light a small stove and whisper prayers of gratitude. Children who laugh again because their hands are no longer frozen.

In 2025, we reached hundreds of families with warmth and dignity, ensuring that no child goes to sleep cold or hungry. Yet, thousands more still endure freezing nights, waiting for a spark of hope.

Keeping families warm is everyone’s business. Governments can set the mandate, but communities and civil society bring compassion, agility, and trust, household by household, child by child. Together, we can build resilient, community-led solutions that protect children from the cold and preserve their right to learn and live in dignity.

Let’s move forward, co-designing policies, investing in local initiatives, and treating safety, warmth, and nutrition as shared human priorities.

Because when the world grows cold, warm hearts make all the difference.

Donate today, and help us keep Afghanistan’s children warm this winter.