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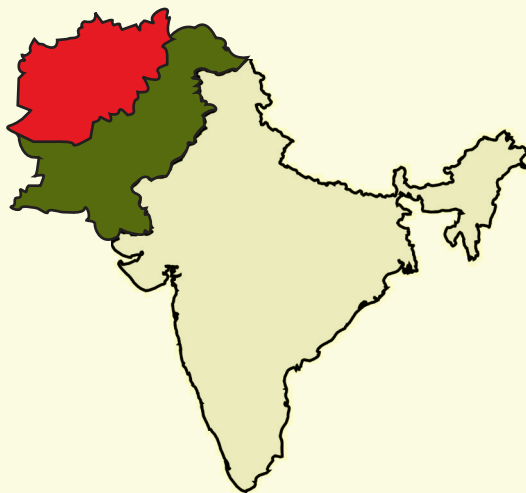
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- ❖ \$60 sends a girl to one of our literacy programs for a year
- ❖ \$150 gives a girl a high school scholarship for a year
- ❖ \$250 buys textbooks for 20 students in literacy programs
- ❖ \$500 sends 25 students to one of our elementary schools for a year
- ❖ \$1,500 runs one of our literacy programs for 25 students for a year

Together, we have the power to open doors to quality education!



Afghanistan ■
Pakistan ■

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Barakat is dedicated to
providing exemplary
basic education in
Afghanistan and
Pakistan that advances
literacy and increases
access to secondary
education, particularly
for girls and women.

Afghanistan



ABOUT BARAKAT

Barakat was founded by Chris Walter and Habibullah Karimi after they realized that the families that wove the authentic Turkmen rugs the two men sold abroad, were uneducated. The reasons were that the weavers couldn't afford school costs, schools were too distant, they didn't want their females going to school with males, for cultural reasons, and everyone in the family was needed for the labor-intensive weaving process.

In response, Chris and Habibullah opened a school in Pakistan in 1994, and subsequently added two more. They expanded into Afghanistan, opening two schools there. They then founded Barakat as a means to fund continuing education for these communities, which now includes other people in need in the regions where the schools are located.

Barakat believes that education is a fundamental human right, and continues its mission to provide schooling and literacy programs for marginalized, poor, and refugee communities, and especially for girls and women.

An educated population of women & children leads to:

- ❖ *Lower infant mortality rate and healthier children*
- ❖ *Improved economic growth and prosperity*
- ❖ *More peaceful and democratic societies*
- ❖ *An informed population and increased civic engagement*

BARAKAT SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

Barakat Afghanistan and Barakat Pakistan employ entirely native staff and teachers, who represent the student community. Barakat provides all programs and services FREE OF COST to students, including uniforms, stationery, text books, firewood, drinking water, and health services, and pays for all staff and teacher salaries.

Barakat Afghanistan Programs are located in northern Afghanistan. Programs include two co-ed schools: Mullah Kareem Nazar (grades 1-7), Besh Kapa Surkh (grades 1-8), and the following programs:

Literacy Programs are aimed at girls and women (ages 15-65) who are unable to attend traditional schools, for cultural reasons and for living too far away. Barakat offers Lower Level literacy courses that cover grades 1-3, and Higher Level literacy courses covering grades 4-9.

Secondary Education Courses target students from a wide range of schools and educational levels. Barakat evaluates the needs and interest levels of the students, as well as instructor availability for providing secondary level education in math, science, English, and computer skills.

The Human Rights Teacher Training Program provides training for both Barakat and government school teachers on topics related to human rights for children and women. Participants include community and religious leaders as well. During the course of a year, Barakat typically implements between 5-8 weeklong workshops.



Pakistan

Barakat Pakistan Schools are located in the city of Attock, in the northern region of Punjab, a city that is home to a large population of Afghan refugees. Barakat operates three schools there:

- ❖ *Ersari Elementary School: Nursery through grade 8*
- ❖ *Barakat Elementary School: Nursery through grade 8*
- ❖ *Barakat Primary School: Nursery through grade 3*

Each school offers evening classes to target working girls, who are less likely to have the opportunity to study during the workday. The girls take the same courses that are taught during the morning session.



Pakistan

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

The Scholarship Program offers high school and university scholarships in both countries: over the last few years, our focus has been on offering high school scholarships to exceptional female students in both countries - mainly for Barakat graduates, but also for other students in the communities.

Health Services Barakat schools have doctors and nurses to provide medical services to students, such as routine physical exams, vaccinations, and medications for seasonal illnesses.