



## A short introduction to MMCC:

MMCC (Mobile Mini Circus for Children) is a Danish initiated, Copenhagen based, International Nonprofit NGO working mainly in Afghanistan with vulnerable children and youth. By social circus and physical arts pedagogy, we improve social skills, heal the traumas of the war and facilitate a sense of belonging to the society. Local ownership and participation are two key elements of our pedagogy. We have already touched the lives of more than 3,6 million children in Afghanistan since 2002.

## MISSION:

- To provide tools and methods, to create and facilitate opportunities for children and youth in developing social skills, a healthy identity, a sense of belonging to the society and in fulfilling their potential.
- To introduce, advocate for and promote environments and cultures that enable children and youth to grow to their full potential.
- To engage, share and collaborate with national and international communities and organizations, to expand, improve and enrich the methods of social circus pedagogy and its use around the world.

## VISION:

- A cheerful world where children and youth grow happily to their full potential.

## OUR PEDAGOGY:

MMCC takes children seriously. Therefore, our pedagogy relies on working with children for children. In our activities, we assume the role of facilitator, not teacher, trainer or lecturer. Our approach is participatory, where children take the lead and direct us to what is necessary for children. In this way we facilitate the discovery of potential and the development of social skills which create a sense of social belonging.

Our main characteristics of our pedagogy are as follow:

- Children's participation
- Facilitation
- Local ownership approach
- Sustainability approach
- Cost efficiency
- Impactful

## Objectives:

With a range of diffident activities we are utilizing the Social Circus (social physical art) pedagogy:

- 1- To bring the smile back to the children of Afghanistan
- 2- To educate children and increase their social skills so they could tolerate and understand each other better
- 3- To make collective trauma therapies for millions of children by performances & workshops
- 4- To make educational performances with themes such as Landmine Awareness, Hygiene, Drug Abuse, Malaria Prevention, Peace Education . . .
- 5- To introduce and promote a happy culture of peace, democracy and civil society in Afghanistan against the dominant culture of war and destruction
- 6- To help girls to have a better life in Afghanistan

### **Main Activities of MMCC:**

#### 1- Educational Entertainment Shows:

Girls and boys are trained to perform artistic educational shows to teach other children mainly in their schools in big numbers with different themes such as Landmine Awareness, Peace Education, Drug Abuse, Hygiene etc.

#### 2- Joyful Circus Shows:

The shows are very effective in bringing so much of fun and happiness to the people who have been suffering the war for 38 years. However it is not just for sake of fun but a collective therapy of the children who have lost the hope and have no reference to peace and joy.

#### 3- Social Circus workshops:

A simple social game with the children of war in orphanages, refugee camps etc. who have lost their childhood has a magical therapeutic effect. These organized games develop children individually and increase their social skills to transform from social losers to very positive leaders of their communities.

#### 4- Girls Networks:

Capacity building girls and connecting them together across the country with different activities to increase their self-confidence and social skills and awareness.

#### 5- Establishing Funtainers:

Funtainers are shipping containers modified as small culture houses for children and put in different places such as refugee camps and orphan ages and schools for children. Funtainers have all the equipment and tools plus mobilizers and trainers, with a comprehensive system of activities with weekly schedules to keep generating and inspiring joyful dynamic cultural activities

#### 6- National Events:

National Circus Festival, National Children Assembly, National Juggling Championship, Celebrating all the National and International events such as peace day and children day etc. These celebrations and national events are instrumental in highlighting and improving children's position in the very conservative Afghan society.

### **Accounting:**

All our accountings are monitored by our Danish top management, and audited by international authorized audit firms every year (additional to the audits by some of our different sponsors such as EU, and UNHCR projects). As many of our donors such as UN agencies and EU have very high accounting requirements, their projects are conditioned to their examination and accreditation of our accounting systems prior to submission of any project which keeps up our accounting standards.

### **Sponsors & Partners:**

In the last 16 years MMCC has been supported and partnered with many national and international NGOs and governments to implement different educational and psychosocial projects for children of Afghanistan. Some of the sponsors and partners during this time are:

#### **NGOs:**

WeltHungerHilfe (WHH) – Save The Children – War Child (UK & Holland) – Solidarités INTERNATIONAL – InterSOS – ICRC – EMDH – Equal Access – Care International – ACTED – TroCaire

#### **UN Agencies:**

UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMACA, ILO, UNIFEM, UNODC

#### **Governments:**

Denmark, Germany, France, Finland, Canada,

MMCC has a protocol of cooperation with Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture of Afghanistan and works closely with all the relevant ministries and official authorities in Afghanistan.