



Aid Afghanistan For Education
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2025 Impact Report

Aid Afghanistan For Education (AAFE)



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER AND CEO

Dear friends, partners, and supporters,

In 2025, despite significant contractions in the international donor environment, AAFE continued to strengthen its programs, expand online learning opportunities for girls, and extend educational access to new regions of Afghanistan through trusted community partnerships.

Across Afghanistan, children continue to face extreme poverty, displacement, and limited access to education. For many, survival depends on working on the streets, scavenging through trash, selling plastic or pens, weaving carpets, or working in dried-fruit factories.

At Aid Afghanistan for Education (AAFE), we believe education is not a privilege – it is a lifeline. With your support, these children are now in classrooms, and girls who have been banned from education for the fifth year are attending our online classes.

Thank you for standing with us.

Hassina Sherjan



ABOUT AAFE

Aid Afghanistan For Education (AAFE) is a U.S.-registered non-profit organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty and generational illiteracy through education.

For more than 22 years, AAFE has empowered over 7,000 girls and women in Afghanistan through its Accelerated Education Program. Many graduates have gone on to earn scholarships, pursue higher education, and build successful careers, enabling them to support their families and contribute to their communities.

Among them is Parvin, who is currently pursuing her master's degree in Germany and has become a donor to AAFE, helping other girls access educational opportunities. Shabnam, another graduate, has built a successful career outside Afghanistan as a finance and administration specialist and volunteers her time to support AAFE's mission. Hamida, a graduate of the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF), is now working in the United States and supports both her immediate family and many others in Afghanistan.

Following the Taliban takeover and the closure of its Afghanistan office in 2021, the organization reshaped its work to respond to the country's changing realities by supporting street-working and out-of-school children through access to private schools, while also providing online English and computer classes for girls banned from formal education.



IMPACT SNAPSHOT 2025

45

CHILDREN SUPPORTED

70

STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED

30+

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED IN MARCH 2026

80+

STUDENTS IN ONLINE ENGLISH AND COMPUTER CLASSES

16

STUDENTS ADVANCED TO 4TH GRADE

24

STUDENTS ADVANCED TO 3RD GRADE

560+

FAMILY MEMBERS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PACKAGES

Note: AAFE reports on a calendar-year basis. The school year in Afghanistan begins on March 21; new enrollments for 2026 are included as a forward-looking update.



OUR PROGRAMS

Our mission is to unlock the potential of young, marginalized Afghans through education, empowering their life goals, and preparing them to integrate into society.

From the Streets to Classrooms:

One of our students, Sabrina, spent her days scavenging through trash and collecting cans and bottles. Today, she is thriving in fourth grade. As the only child in her family receiving an education, she shares what she learns with her siblings after school, extending the impact of education beyond the classroom.

AAFE enrolls children engaged in various forms of child labor—including carpet weaving, work in dried-fruit factories, street vending, and scavenging through trash—in private schools, helping them transition from hardship and poverty to education and opportunity.

To help students attend school with dignity and stability, AAFE provides tuition, transportation, books, stationery, uniforms, backpacks, and winter clothing.

In March 2026, at the start of the new academic year, AAFE expanded the program to Ghor Province, enrolling 30 additional children in a private school and bringing educational opportunities to one of Afghanistan's most underserved regions.

Online Learning for Girls:

AAFE's impact extends beyond education by creating pathways to employment and leadership. Sana, a former student in our online computer program, now serves as a paid teacher's assistant, helping other girls develop digital skills. Mariam, a graduate of AAFE's online English program, now manages AAFE's social media from Afghanistan, earning an income while contributing to the organization's mission.

For the fifth consecutive year, Afghan girls remain banned from secondary and higher education. To help them continue learning, AAFE provides online English and computer classes, giving girls access to knowledge, digital skills, and a supportive learning community despite ongoing restrictions.



AAFE didn't just give me access to education; it gave me an opportunity. I studied English online with AAFE, and now I'm their Social Media Manager. My income supports my entire family after we lost our livelihood.

-Mariam



OUR PROGRAMS

Family Support:

To help families keep their children in school and reduce the pressure to send them to work, AAFE provides targeted food assistance to the families of participating students.

During the past year, we distributed food packages to families on four occasions, helping ease immediate financial burdens and reinforce school attendance. While our goal is to provide more regular support, limited funding prevented us from offering monthly distributions as we had in the past.

This assistance helps create a more stable home environment and reduces the risk of children returning to work instead of attending school.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

AAFE's impact is made possible by strong partnerships built on shared purpose, clear roles, and a mutual commitment to expanding access to education for girls and vulnerable children. These collaborations combine resources, expertise, and reach—enabling AAFE to deliver programs that would otherwise be impossible.

We are grateful to our partners who support our programs through funding, school enrollment, expertise, and advocacy. Our key partners include:

The Empathy, Equality & Entrepreneurship Mission (TEEEM)

supports AAFE's programs and connects educational institutions and students in the United States with Afghan learners.

School partners in Afghanistan:

AAFE partners with private schools across Afghanistan to enroll children who were previously working on the streets, scavenging in trash, weaving carpets, or working in factories.

School partners in the United States:

AAFE, through TEEEM, engages with students in the United States for meaningful cultural exchange initiatives.

Afghan and international organizations, supporting education and girls' empowerment through essential expertise, advocacy, and program support.



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH PERSONAL STORIES

The ripple effect of education goes far beyond the individual student. Each child and girl supported by AAFE brings hope, opportunity, and strength to their household. The true impact of our work is best understood through the voices of those we serve:

Shahnaz's Journey:

Shahnaz is a 10-year-old girl and the eldest of several sisters. Her father works as an apprentice in a blacksmith workshop but the family struggles to meet even their most basic needs and many nights, dry bread is the only food they have for dinner. Shahnaz and her sisters often collected plastic and paper in the streets to help support the household.

Despite these hardships Shahnaz has never lost her desire to learn. Today, through AAFE's support, she is able to attend school and pursue the education she once thought was out of reach. She says, "I really love studying. Before, I didn't have the chance, but now I'm so happy that I can go to school. It means everything to me."

Jamil's story:

Jamil is a 9-year-old boy whose family faces severe financial hardship. His father searches daily for work but often returns home empty-handed. Before joining AAFE's program, Jamil worked in a small shop to help provide food for his family. Today, he can attend school while AAFE supports the household with targeted food assistance to reduce child labor and help children remain in the classroom."Now, I am happy that I can study," Jamil says.

Like many children in AAFE's program, Jamil dreams of a brighter future through education.



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

This year reminded us that many of the children we serve face circumstances beyond their control, including poverty, displacement, and family hardship.

Some students were unable to continue in the program after relocating, while others needed additional support to remain engaged in school.

These experiences reinforced the importance of providing not only educational opportunities, but also the encouragement, stability, and support that help children stay on their learning journey.





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

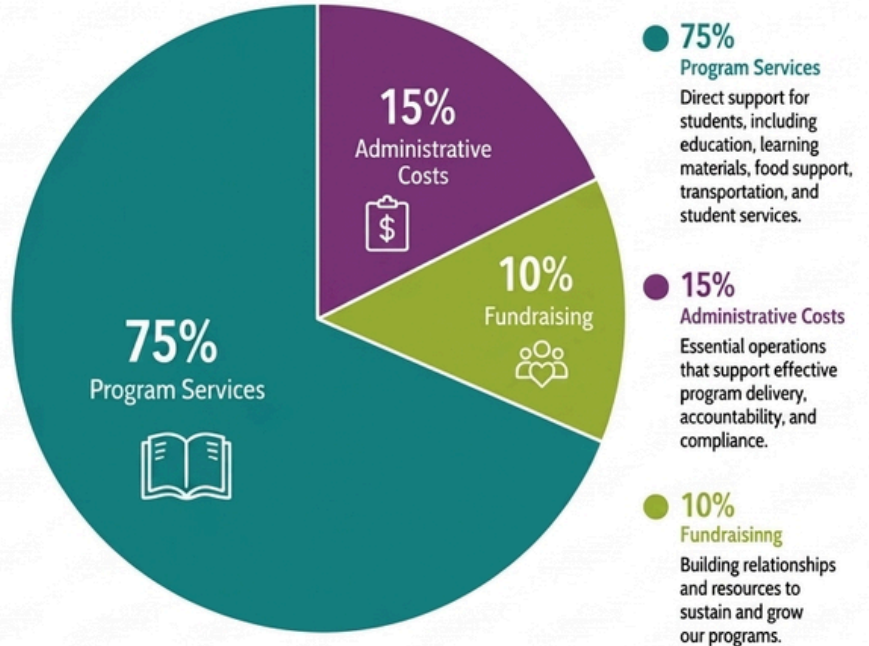
AAFE sustains its mission through modest financial contributions, committed partnerships, and abundant volunteer support. The organization operates with a lean, adaptive structure designed to direct the majority of resources toward educational programming and direct student support.

AAFE continues to operate with a lean and impact-driven model, ensuring that the majority of resources directly support students and programs.

	TOTAL REVENUE	\$53,099
	PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$42,643
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$6,613

 Despite lower funding compared to previous years, AAFE expanded its reach—from 45 students in 2025 to 70 students at the start of the 2026 school year—demonstrating our ability to deliver high-impact, cost-effective programming even under constrained resources.

 Leadership and key roles remained largely volunteer-based through 2025, allowing the organization to direct the majority of its resources toward program delivery and student support.



FINANCIAL NOTE



AAFE operates without office costs and maintains a lean, largely volunteer-based structure through 2025, allowing the majority of resources to be directed toward programs and student support.



OUR COMMITMENT

Every dollar entrusted to AAFE is used responsibly and strategically to empower children, transform lives, and build a more educated and hopeful Afghanistan.



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Education. Empowerment. Hope.

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OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Looking Ahead:

We believe that education is one of the most powerful pathways to confidence, dignity, self-reliance, and the discovery of one's true potential.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to helping more children attend school, expanding learning opportunities for girls, and ensuring that students affected by poverty, child labor, and educational restrictions can continue their education and build brighter futures.

Together with our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters, we believe education can continue to create hope and opportunity even in the most challenging circumstances.



Because my father had no work, I could not go to school.

But now I am in school, and I want to study hard. One day, I hope to become a leader - and create jobs for people like my father.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Sustain Educational Access

Your support helps children transition from labor to classrooms and enables girls denied access to education to continue learning through AAFE's online programs.

Support Families Through Food Assistance

Your contributions help provide food packages to the families of participating students, reducing economic pressures that often force children into labor and helping them remain in school.

Spread the Word

Share our mission with friends and family to help raise awareness.

Get Involved

Volunteer your time or skills to support our programs.

TOGETHER, WE CAN TURN DREAMS INTO REALITY

Acknowledgement

We are deeply grateful to the donors, partners, volunteers, educators, and supporters who make AAFE's work possible.

Because of your generosity, vulnerable children were able to attend school, girls continue their education despite educational restrictions, and families received support during difficult times.

Together, we are helping create opportunities, hope, and brighter futures for Afghan children, especially girls.



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