

The Light of Pamir Children's Home, Baharak, Afghanistan



What is the world doing for the war children of Afghanistan?
Global Roots, a secular 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the USA, started to ask this important question a few years ago but the answers were hard to come by.

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- **Greg Mortenson**, founder of the Central Asia Institute and special advisor to Global Roots in Afghanistan.

After years of research, we traveled to Kabul on an ambitious plan to supply (and eventually reform) a corrupt orphanage. The US Air Force was so impressed by our work that they invited our senior volunteers to fly with them across the country to assess the needs of orphans and other desperate Afghan children.



In May 2010, we worked with Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute (CAI), the Afghan Air Corps and Lt. Colonel John O. Holm of the US Air Force to airlift supplies to Badakhshan, a remote northern region.

It was in Baharak, a small city in Badakhshan where the Taliban are not welcome, that we met Janagha.

Janagha Jaheed, a respected humanitarian who has helped Greg Mortenson and CAI build schools in Badakhshan, showed us the desperate plight of Afghanistan's children of war.

Greg Mortenson and CAI have agreed to lend us a helping hand next spring.

"Global Roots is making a big difference in Afghanistan, and specially for the poorest of the poor. At the heart of their philosophy is to empower the communities while respecting their ancient tribal traditions, and plant seeds of hope to create catalysts of change. Global Roots exemplifies the principles of community building that I wrote about in 'Three Cups of Tea,' and is a valuable partner in the effort to create a healthier and happier future for the beautiful children of Afghanistan."

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Global Roots is active in global hotspots where it is difficult for children who have been orphaned or neglected to hope for a normal life. Currently, Afghanistan is our greatest challenge.

We believe that the Afghan people must be the ones to provide care for their neediest children but, after years of war and isolation, they desperately need our help. Please visit GlobalRoots.org to meet the team of child psychologists and caregivers we have assembled to assist Janagha in Baharak.



We are a 100% volunteer organization. 89% of every dollar donated in 2009 was spent on projects - not on central administration. This figure will rise to 94% in 2010. We hope you will consider making a donation of time, supplies or money to this valuable cause.

Thank you very much and may peace be with you.



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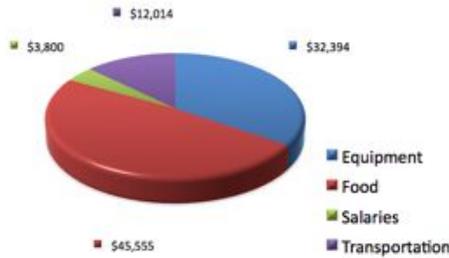


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+ Project Financials

The project's total cost is \$94k for the first year, broken down in four main categories.

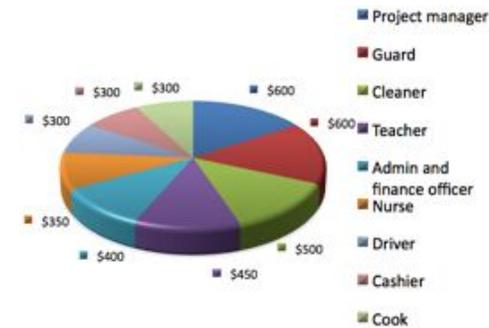


Categories	Total
Equipment	\$ 32,394
Food	\$ 45,555
Salaries	\$ 3,800
Transportation	\$ 12,014
Total	\$ 93,763

The orphanage will employ the necessary staff to safely house and nurture children; the environment will be conducive to recovery and development.

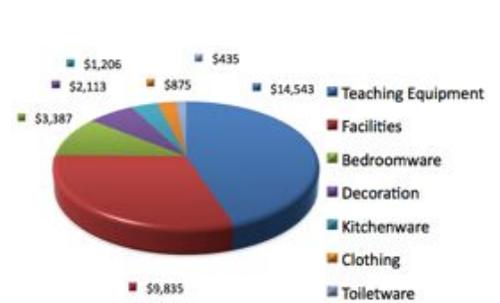


Food	Total
Breakfast	\$ 12,100
Dinner	\$ 15,125
Guests	\$ 150
Lunch	\$ 18,150
Water	\$ 30
Total	\$ 45,555



Salaries	Total
Project manager	\$ 600
Guard	\$ 600
Cleaner	\$ 500
Teacher	\$ 450
Admin and finance officer	\$ 400
Nurse	\$ 350
Driver	\$ 300
Cashier	\$ 300
Cook	\$ 300
Total	\$ 3,800

Average salaries vary from \$300 to \$600 per month. All staff will be hired locally and held to high standards of integrity and care giving.



Equipment	Total
Teaching Equipment	\$ 14,543
Facilities	\$ 9,835
Bedroomware	\$ 3,387
Decoration	\$ 2,113
Kitchenware	\$ 1,206
Clothing	\$ 875
Toiletware	\$ 435
Total	\$ 32,394

Equipment includes computers, projectors, white boards, heaters, cooking and kitchen utensils, uniforms, and all necessary to host and teach young children in acceptable conditions.

These costs will take care of the orphanage's operation for 12 months. The orphanage is set up in a rented house in Baharak, large enough to care for 50 children. The initial scope is to take care of young orphans who have yet to attend school. We will scale as quickly as possible to include school-aged orphans.



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