



NATO Charity Bazaar

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— ASBL —

FUNDING APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES 2011

NATO CHARITY BAZAAR

The NATO Charity Bazaar ASBL has been holding its yearly charity event since 1968. Though the Organization raises funds throughout the year, the Bazaar is the social event of the year within NATO's international community. Participants in the annual Bazaar are the Members of the Alliance as well as the Partner-for-Peace nations. In 2010, 34 nations were represented.

CHARITY SELECTION PROCESS

Two categories of projects are funded:

- Belgian and International Charities: (50%/50%)
- Emergency requests: These donations are for exceptional or extremely urgent cases. The requested donation should not exceed the amount of 2.000 €. The donations are made throughout the year.

Factors taken into account when selecting charities for donation:

- The request should be for a specific project.
- The charity should be a non-profit organization officially registered (ASBL or VZW if located in Belgium) for at least one year.
- If benefiting organizations receive funds or authorization for funding for a project from the proceeds of a specific Bazaar, two complete calendar years must pass from the date of that Bazaar, before the same organization may reapply to the NCB (for example, an organization that has benefited from funds raised at the 2010 Bazaar can next apply in 2013).
- Application forms must be complete. All questions and requests for explanation should be addressed. If the question is not applicable to your organization, then write "Not Applicable."
- To be considered a Belgian charity, the organization must exist in Belgium.
- We are most interested in funding projects that are:
 - Small specific projects – preferably ones that can be completed with the set amount within a year.
 - Projects that cover the widest spectrum of the community.
 - Projects which, when completed should have a long term impact and be of benefit to as many people as possible.
 - Projects benefiting NATO countries, NATO PfP countries, and countries where NATO is currently engaged for example in Afghanistan – but without excluding projects from other geographic locations.
- Staff salaries and administration costs as a general rule are not supported.
- The maximum amount donated is **10.000 euros**.

The NATO Charity Bazaar members vote on the final list of charities to be funded.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a completed electronic version of this form in **Word format only (no pdf versions)** by email to charity@natocharitybazaar.org. If you are unable to send the form electronically, you may submit a paper copy to: Charity Coordinator, NATO Charity Bazaar ASBL, c/o IMS, T 8004, NATO Headquarters, Blvd. Leopold III – 1110 Brussels. Questions should be directed by email to the Charity Coordinator (charity@natocharitybazaar.org).

All proposals are due by 1 MAY of each year. If funding is awarded, the funds will be transferred in December 2011 with a Donation Ceremony in January 2012. Receipts for goods purchased with funds are required.

- All Belgian charities will receive a personal visit from a representative of the organization.
- All correspondence should be in English and/or French.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Complete this form by either filling in the information electronically or printing out the form and filling it in by hand. Answer each question completely. If you are not sending this form electronically, type or print clearly in ink. We prefer material submitted electronically. However, if that is impossible, then you may submit by mail.

Legal Name of organization: AFGHANISTAN LIBRE
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ASBL No.: Not applicable **Exact Date established as an ASBL:** Not applicable

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Geographic Location of the Project (provide city, state and country): Afghanistan, Paghman district, Kabul province and Panjshir provinces

Focus of Project:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women | <input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain below |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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PROJECT BUDGET

Total Project Cost € 17693.6 €

Will the Project be completed within a 12-month time frame?

If YES, Project time frame: 01 / 2012 to 31 / 2012

Amount Requested: € 10000 Euros

Are you approaching other funding sources for this project? NO

If YES, for how much of the project budget? € We do not approach other funding sources but will use Afghanistan Libre proper fun to complete the prospective budget

If we can only fund part of the project, specify the smallest amount required to make this project viable: € 5000

BANKING

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Is the name of the Proposed Project different than the name of the Organization? YES

If YES, what is the name of the Project?

BASIC SUPPORT TO MOST IN-NEED GIRLS SCHOOLS IN PANSHJIR PROVINCE AND PAGHMAN DISCRICT AFGHANISTAN

State Your Organization's Mission (2 sentences or less. Provide text **in English and French**. Application is considered incomplete if the information is not provided in both languages):

ENGLISH VERSION

Afghanistan Libre carries out concrete actions in Afghanistan which aim to restore the dignity of Afghan women and their families through access to education, health care and fulfilling activities.

Afghanistan Libre's reputation of independency and efficiency is based on its strong afghan anchoring which allows us to be accepted and recognized by local populations and their representatives.

FRENCH VERSION

Afghanistan Libre effectue des actions concrètes en Afghanistan dont l'objectif est de promouvoir la dignité des femmes Afghanes et de leurs familles à travers l'accès à éducation, aux soins de santé et à des activités épanouissantes.

La réputation d'Afghanistan Libre d'indépendance et d'efficacité est due à son fort ancrage afghan qui lui permet d'être accepté et reconnu par les populations locales et leurs représentants.

Summarize the proposed project (4 sentences or less. Provide this text **in English and French**. Application is considered incomplete if the information is not provided in both languages).

ENGLISH VERSION

Afghanistan Libre's project is to provide educational material in most in-need girls' school in order to offer decent conditions for studying to female students. Afghanistan Libre wants to provide a direct support to make sure that being too poor will not be a barrier for education and to allow dignity to take place in schools. Afghanistan Libre runs regular exploratory missions to assess the case by case situations of girls schools: studying outside due to lack of classrooms, freezing inside due to lack of heating systems, young students sitting on the floor of a humid room due to lack of chairs and table etc... are unacceptable statements that afghan's effort to promote girls' education cannot stand anymore nowadays.

FRENCH VERSION

Le projet d'Afghanistan Libre est de distribuer du matériel éducatif dans les écoles de filles les plus démunies afin d'offrir des conditions décentes aux étudiantes. Afghanistan Libre veut apporter une aide directe afin de s'assurer qu'être trop pauvre ne sera pas une barrière à l'éducation et de permettre à la dignité d'entrer dans les écoles. Afghanistan Libre effectue régulièrement des missions exploratoires pour évaluer les conditions d'études dans des écoles au cas par cas : suivre les cours dehors par manque de salles de classe, avoir froid dedans par manque de chauffage, étudier sur un sol humide par manque de chaises et de tables etc...sont des constats inacceptables aujourd'hui dans un Afghanistan qui s'efforce de promouvoir l'éducation des filles.

Attach 2 digital photographs of your organization and its work. If your organization is deemed eligible for funding, these pictures will appear on our web site.



Malalai Girls High school students



Women coming in Afghanistan Libre Health education centre

FUNDING PROPOSAL NARRATIVE & ATTACHMENTS

On a separate sheet, please provide the following information. We prefer material submitted electronically. However, if that is impossible, then you may submit by mail. If submitting material by mail, then copies of requested material should be attached.

I. Organization Information

1. Brief Summary of Organization's history and mission.

Afghanistan Libre (AL) was created in 1996 by Ms Chekeba Hachemi. Since the fall of Taliban, Afghanistan Libre has accomplished several actions in the field of Education, Vocational training, Health and Communication. AL has currently three axes of intervention within its framework of assistance to afghan women: access to education, access to health and access to fulfilling activities.

AL has been implementing and supporting girls' High Schools (building two of them and supporting several others), implementing Health Education Centers and Nurseries within these schools, publishing for 9 years the magazine Roz "about afghan women by afghan women". Since 2007, Afghanistan Libre implements a programme to facilitate access of female students to University.

2. Description of current programs, activities, and strengths/accomplishments (highlighting the past year), including what makes your organization unique.

Here are the main activities related to this proposition and that AL already implemented.

Material

- Building a female school in Annaba village, Panjshir province: 1000 female students
- Building a female school in Khoje Lakan village Kaboul provinces : 1800 female students
- Rehabilitation of a mix school in Azrat Ozman village, Kaboul province: 850 female students
- Building of 3 women health education centres
- Building of 3 nurseries
- Building of 5 librairies
- Buying and monitoring of 2 buses to facilitate women transportation in the teacher training centre of Annaba

Trainings and support to female teachers

- Training 103 teachers within 2 years on the Panjshir province and Paghman district.
- Support access to university for 13 female students since 2007,
- Training of health educators and 3 nursery nurses
- French lessons given to 1000 students for 3 years
- Literacy classes given to 100 women for 2 years

Management of:

- 3 health education centres of 25 to 35 beneficiaries each
- 3 Kinder gardens of 15 to 30 children
- 5 librairies
- 3 girls' high school

Media

Created in 2002, Roz magazine is made for women, by women journalists and 7000 issues are distributed in 8 provinces included Panjshir. Launched in 2002, at the Taliban's fall the magazine is well known for his strong commitment to afghan women cause and for its frank speech.

We collaborate with the other organizations in Panjshir in order not to duplicate our projects and to complete our information and strenght. We share informations mainly with ADA, Usaid, Unicef and Unhabitat.

As Afghanistan Libre knows how important it is to think together to improve each other's work, we are part of the education cluster and have a real network in education that allows us to find out the best practises, share our lessons learnt and keep on improving the quality of our projects.

The uniqueness of Afghanistan Libre is on his deep community based intervention that his afghan anchor provokes. Our project are always born regarding the needs of the beneficiaries and implemented with them. The beneficiaries are our target and partner. This permits a long lasting relationship with them and ensures a real appropriation of each project by the community.

II. Purpose of Funding Request

1. Please explain your need for support and also the impact this support will have.

Education is a powerful tool which empowers adults and children economically and socially marginalized to escape poverty to become fully aware citizens.

"Everyone has the right to education. (...) Access to education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. Education shall be directed to the full development of human personality and strengthen respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms*. (...)"

*Declaration of human rights-1791

Afghans female students are able to go back to academic system since 2002 but in an environment facing a lack of infrastructures, up-to-date curriculum, qualified teachers... But major obstacles remain: schools does not have minimum standard equipments, physical access can face security issues, schools' premises are dilapidated, toilets and bathrooms are not available or not functioning...: this does not provide the necessary dignity for the parents to be confident sending their daughters to schools.

The 2011 Oxfam report on Girls' Education in Afghanistan shows that Female students have high aspirations for their educational achievement. 71.8% of the girls interviewed want to continue their education and 64.1% want to complete university but, while 1.9 million girls are enrolled in primary school (grades 1 to 6), only 416 854 are enrolled in secondary level (grades 7 to 9) and 122 480 in high schools (grades 10 to 12)only .

Afghanistan Libre wants to fill the basic needs of some of the most in-need schools in Panjshir province and Paghman district. Those schools are shameful children; the quality of teaching is low, buildings need rehabilitation, there is no safe water, no bathrooms, no table, and no chairs, there is no teaching material, etc...

Many young students follow their lesson, sitting on the cold floor, in a humid and dark room. Some of those students are far too poor to buy pen, notebook etc... This unbearable situation is increasing the dropout rate, especially for girls.

The exploratory mission Afghanistan Libre recently did to define the most in-need schools also shows one very determinant point: students, parents, and communities have a deep will to have their female students enrolled in academic system. They want them "to get out the dark" to use an expression often used by them to describe the fact of being educated. They really consider the possibility for female to go to university and have a job, which is very new and encouraging.

Having this desire at the "bottom level" combined with a real support of the local and central authorities demonstrate that schooling for women is very possible: it is our responsibility to encourage and support them.

Afghanistan Libre have a long-lasting relation with those communities that hardly accept outsiders – afghans or expatriates- this allows us to work where other organizations can't, and to enter in the sanctuary of girls school to support them. Reaching those areas can be complicated due to security issues and bad infrastructures, but with the support of communities and the involvement of Afghanistan Libre's staff, this is possible.

This educational material provision will help us to reach this ideal: having these young girls preparing a bright future for Afghanistan: having decent conditions to learn is an essential prerequisite of the learning process.

The impact of this project is immediate as the material will directly help them to study in decent conditions. **Being poor won't be a barrier to go to school anymore, dignity will enter the schools**

2. List the Proposal's Target Population. In other words, exactly who and how many people will benefit from this project?

We plan to reach 5 girls' schools, which represent an average of 400 students per school, that is to say, 2000 female students. Our teachers are also directly taking benefit from this change: they represent 50 teachers in total. We consider that our direct beneficiaries will be 2050 females. We consider that the material as black boards, chairs and table will be used by the students every year and will constantly increase the number of beneficiaries.

Our indirect beneficiaries are those families with a very low income. We will cover those expenses that they can hardly pay for their children: 2000 households of 10 members, 20 000 persons will indirectly take benefits from this project.

Moreover, having educated women in a country as Afghanistan is also a general benefit for the whole country. We are sure that supporting those female students will promote better gender governance and improve the lives of those women who still cannot get the chance to be educated.

III. Itemization of Project Budget

1. Provide an itemized budget for the project.

Educational material distribution to in need schools in rural areas of Panjshir and Paghman			
Material	Unity	Price	Total
Chairs (1unit is for 4 students)	200	28.68	5736
Tables	200	28.68	5736
Table reparation (1 unit is for 4 students)	200	3	600
Chairs reparation (1 unit is for 4 students)	200	3	600
Pencil - sharpener	2000	0.16	320
Notebook	2000	0.49	980
Pencil	2000	0.17	340
Geometrical kit (1 rule, 1 calliper, 1 protractor, 1 square)	2000	1.14	2280
Pen	2000	0.098	196
Black Board	40	21	840
Maps	20	3.28	65.6
Total cost			17693.6

2. Please indicate your **order of importance** for funding, if there are separate parts to the project.

IV. Attachments (If possible, all attachments should be in English and/or French)

1. Bank statement giving official details of the bank account, including IBAN, BIC, SWIFT codes or ABA/Routing Transit Number (USA). No donation shall be made to a personal account.
2. Organization statutes.
3. Annual financial report.
4. Two (2) digital photographs of your organization and its work will appear on our web site. By sending the photos with this application, you are giving your authorization to the NATO Charity Bazaar to use them. If your organization is deemed eligible for funding these pictures will appear in our annual booklet.
5. When the project is finished, you are requested to send receipts for items purchased and photographs of the completed project.