

## Our Mission:

**Our aim is to provide as many children as possible with their very own Afghan traditional tales in illustrated Dari-Pashto editions.**

For at least 95% of these children, these will be the first books they own, and they may well be tales that their grandparents recognize from their childhood.

Thanks to a Public Diplomacy Grant from the US Department of State our implementing partners Khatiz Organization for Rehabilitation (KOR) are printing and distributing over 2.4 million books to children in schools and orphanages throughout the country.

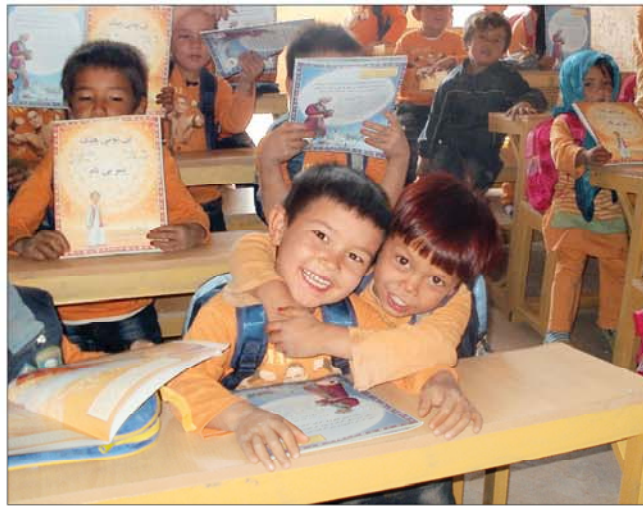
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**In Afghanistan, there is a literacy rate of only 28% for Afghans over 15 years old.**

Afghanistan has the highest proportion of school-age (ages 7-12) children in the world, yet almost half (5 million) of them have no access to education. Schools have very limited resources and books are rare.

**Give a young girl a book of her own - she will find someone to help her read it.**



**For every £100 donated, 120 Afghan children will receive a beautifully illustrated book to keep.**

Imagine a young child returns home to read a tale that her grandfather recognizes, and then is able to write down another that he dictates to her from his memory of Afghanistan's rich storytelling tradition.



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The remarkable Teaching-Stories published by Hoopoe Books have been told in Afghanistan for more than 1,000 years. They were selected and retold for Hoopoe Books by the Afghan author, Idries Shah, and have been commended for their unique ability to foster social-emotional development, thinking skills and perception in all ages.

The ISHK Hoopoe Books for Afghanistan program in essence 'repatriates' these tales. Our goal is to provide every Afghan child with his or her very own traditional tales in book form.



“These books are so good for young school children. The stories are fantastic! They are typical Afghan cultural stories that were not written but were told to kids by their parents and grandparents. ... Afghanistan has been at war for the past 31 years, so the younger generations think that war has always been there. ... These books will help them to appreciate their rich past and once again employ the values the stories contain in their daily life and in their family’s life.”

*Dr. Mohammad Khan Kharoti,  
Green Village Schools, Helmand Province*



“While formal education usually consists of direct instructions (“do this,” “memorize that”), these stories take a gentler approach that encourages readers to think for themselves instead of telling them what to believe.”

*Noorullah Babrakzai, “Enchanting Children’s Stories from Afghanistan.” Multicultural Perspectives, 5(2), 46-48*

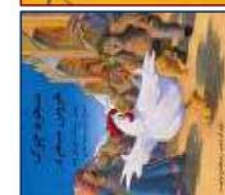


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