



Cheheltan Middle School

## Education

The education system here has been destroyed as a result of 23 years of war. An entire generation of Afghan children has grown up deprived of any form of education and remains illiterate and without skills required for future employment. HOPE *worldwide* together with the Ministry of Education and local NGO partners (Afghan Relief & Rehabilitation) is committed to develop primary education. Two main components are rehabilitating existing schools and raising the standards within schools by supporting teachers and improving supplies. HOPE *worldwide* does not just build a school and leave; but works with the school and community to develop it. We are not just interested in quantity but quality. Good education enhances future job prospects for underprivileged school children. We also work with the community to promote education for girls by dispelling fears and misconceptions as a result of ignorance.

As part of improving the standards of education for the young and the old, HOPE *worldwide* provides courses such as computer skills and English language, as well as promoting learning through provision of books and providing other school supplies.



Distribution of school supplies



CELTC - Gardez, Paktia province

### Education programme summary

**Zaiwalat Middle School**, Wardak province, was rebuilt in 2001, but work stopped after the US air strikes post Sept 11 and was finally completed in 2002. It caters for 1000 children. The natural water source for the community was also a problem. Hot weather conditions meant that most of the water from the main stream was lost before reaching farm land. An irrigation programme was then implemented in 2002 to construct a 1600m channel and water storage pool so that water would reach the agriculture lands. As a result orchards were saved and 500 families benefited.

**Cheheltan Middle School**, Paghman, Kabul - This school was rebuilt in 2003 from the foundations after being burned down during the Soviet occupation. It is located outside Kabul in Paghman district and caters for 900 boys and girls.

**Kohne Khomar School**, Wardak was destroyed as a result of civil war in a rural area of Wardak province. A new school was designed in line with community suggestions and the Ministry of Education. Construction started in 2003 and the school will open in summer 2004 to cater for 1200 boys and girls.

**CELTC** (Computer & English Language Training Center), Gardez, is the only center of its kind in Paktia province. Now the young and old are able to learn skills useful for employment rather than engage in criminal activity. Currently the center has 200 students. The staffs from various government departments, local teachers and ex-combatants are acquiring computer and English skills.

**Kandahar School** construction & rehabilitation; and teacher training - In 2004 HOPE *worldwide* is working with Asian Development Bank to construct and rehabilitate 30 schools in Kandahar. Schools will be supported with supplies and teacher training. Few NGOs work in these areas due to security concerns.

**Refugee and IDP vocational training**, Spin Boldak and Daman - In 2004 HOPE *worldwide* working with local NGOs plan to train 10,000 refugees in vocational skills such as plumbing, electrical and construction. A special focus will be developing women's skills such as tailoring and handicraft. Microfinance projects will also be established to improve job opportunities.

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