

KEEP

LEARNING ALIVE

FOR CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN



Right now, half of Afghanistan's children urgently need humanitarian support. Many are hungry, out of school, with no medical care. And as the winter sets in, freezing nights without shelter will bring another threat to children's lives.

Children's education is being hugely impacted. **Over 300,000 children have been forced to flee their homes and schools since the beginning of this year.** Climate disaster, COVID-19 and conflict have taken away their chance to learn - their brightest hope for a better, fairer future.

We're asking NEU members to unite with colleagues and students in solidarity for children in Afghanistan and other countries affected by disaster. You can show your support by holding a fundraiser in aid of Save the Children's Emergency Fund. Below are some ideas on how you could get involved. We'd recommend you hold your events in the last week of term (w/c 13th December).

STAND UP FOR AFGHANISTAN

Host a 'Stand Up for Afghanistan' day at your school and raise vital funds for Save the Children's Emergency Fund. You could:

- Literally **Stand Up for Afghanistan**. Ask pupils to sponsor the Headteacher or Senior Leadership Team to stand up all day or challenge classes to take it in turns to stand up for an hour in the day.
- Throw on your aprons and get **baking to help change lives**. Host a coffee morning in the staff room or a bake sale in the canteen. Why not offer a prize for the Star Baker?!
- Pick a fancy-dress theme or ask pupils to donate £1 for a **non-uniform day**.
- Hold a **talent show** and get your pupils to showcase their skills. Ask parents to come along and donate.



- **Grow a Fiver**. Give groups of five children £5 and challenge them to turn your £5 investment into £100. Everything they raise over and above the £5 can be donated to Save the Children.

These are just some of our ideas, but we're sure you'll have your own too! Just remember to make sure your activity is legal & safe! Click [here](#) for guidance on this.



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THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT



If a member of staff/student donated **£2**, this could fund a bottle of hand sanitiser for medical teams, ensuring staff and the children they're treating stay safe and healthy.



If they donated **£5**, this could pay for one week's supply of high-nutrient peanut paste to help treat a child with serious malnutrition.



If your school raised **£500**, this could provide 55 Afghan refugee children living in Pakistan with a learning kit, including notebooks, a geometry box, pens, pencils and a backpack, so they can continue their schooling.



If you raised **£1,000**, this could help to provide nine families in Afghanistan with warm blankets and clothing, shelter materials and kitchen supplies, so they can make it through the winter.

PAYING IN THE MONEY YOU RAISE

Please pay in all donations via the NEU Afghanistan JustGiving page – bit.ly/NEUAfghanistan – including the name of your school and location (where applicable).

Or email fundraising@savethechildren.org.uk if you'd prefer to send donations via bank transfer or cheque.



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SAYED'S* STORY

When it was announced that girls were temporarily suspended from returning to secondary schools when they re-opened in September, boys like Sayed* were determined to stand in solidarity with their sisters and friends.

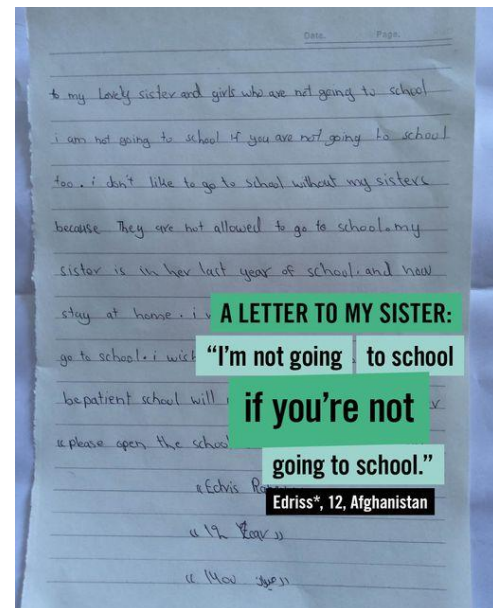
Sayed wrote a letter to his sister saying, **"I know you are sad because schools are closed. I know you wanted to become a doctor but now you are tailoring at home. So I decided until girls' schools open, I will not go to school and I won't have wishes for my own future too."**

Sayed dreamed of becoming an engineer when he left school. Now, he has put those dreams on hold, staying home from school until his sister is able to return to the classroom.

In October, de-facto authorities in Afghanistan said that girls will be able to return to schools and universities soon, but this has only happened in a few provinces so far. Until this is formally acted upon across the country, Save the Children will continue to advocate for all children to have access to a quality education in Afghanistan and hold the present leadership accountable.

Save the Children's Director in Asia, Hassan Noor, said, **"We want every child to be in the classroom, but the incredible resolve of these boys stands as an important reminder that when girls are held back, we are all held back. [...] without an educated female workforce, Afghanistan will not see the economic growth it needs to move beyond its dependence on aid."**

*names changed to protect identity



GET IN TOUCH

We'd love to see photos of you and your school fundraising in action. Please send **photos, along with news of your fundraising success**, to international@neu.org.uk

For further **fundraising and engagement support, ideas or materials**, please email fundraising@savethechildren.org.uk



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