Snapshots

In June, students from the Enabled Children School for children with disabilities enjoyed the first field trip of the summer to Paghman for a picnic.









Updates

Community-based Disability Support & Awareness Program

Since launching the Community-based disability awareness and support program, CBDASP, in January, ECI has **supported 329 families in Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Nangarhar, Kandahar & Bamian** with physiotherapy training, family counseling, treatment referrals & cash stipends to help families meet basic needs. We've conducted **awareness sessions for 3,645 men and women**, and **referred 182 children** for medical treatment and assistive devices.



How does our work change lives?

**Warning: Some of the images in this section may be difficult to look at.

We helped Bibi Asiya get integrated into her family. Bibi Asiya is a girl with a disability in Kandahar province who was kept locked in a cage for 15 years. Our team in Kandahar visited the family in April & enrolled them in our CBDASP program. We assessed

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Kids from Window of Hope enjoyed a spring outing to Lake Qarga.









Bibi Asiya and helped the family set goals towards her improved care and treatment. Bibi Asiya is now receiving medical treatment, psychological counseling, proper medications, and has been provided new clothes. The family has discarded the cage. ECI is supporting a full-time caretaker for her and is providing trainings. Here is Bibi Asiya pictured with her family in

their home during recent visits by the ECI team, and at a celebration in her home with her



siblings and cousins celebrating International Children's day. Bibi Asiya is learning to

participate in family & social life and activities. (Photos published with permission from the family.)



We helped Manizha learn to walk.

8 year old Manizha from Balkh province suffered from mild physical and mental paralysis, and could not afford treatment. ECI connected the family with physiotherapy treatment and provided disability awareness training for the family. After 20 days of treatment,

Manizha has learned to

walk & climb stairs.

We helped Sahar get an education. Sahar has an intellectual disability and for years she struggled with bouts of violence and hyperactivity. She was expelled from school



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We celebrated
International Children's
Book Day at the ECI
school, and International
Children's Day at our
location in Kandahar.









multiple times. Now she is enrolled in Enabled Children's School for children with disabilities and attending regular psychosocial counseling sessions and thriving.

We helped Mansoor get mobile.

Mansoor was isolated at home with cerebral palsy. We referred him to the Kabul Orthopedic Organization who provided him a wheelchair and he is now mobile.



Local Partnerships

ECI continues to build our local partnerships to increase the quality and variety of services for the children we support. This quarter, we signed an MOU with **Le Chaine de L'Espoir** for referring eligible children with severe disabilities for surgery. We



also partnered with the **French Medical Institute for Children** to deliver an information session about disability.

Frozan Fund

This quarter, via our Frozan Fund program, we reached another **30** families in need with food packages and cash stipends. We thank all of our donors & supporters whose support allow us to continue this work.



Did you know ECI has a radio program broadcast across Afghanistan? It's all about disability awareness, with practical information, expert interviews, and real-life stories. You can tune in monthly from all across Afghanistan.



Big news for ECI's Social Integration Program!

The first year of the program came to a successful close, with 10 students graduating from the program's inaugural year and 3 students successfully completing job experience placements at the ICRC hospital in Kabul. The students worked alongside the janitorial team to learn building maintenance and cleaning skills. At the end of the program, the three students were congratulated for their efforts with a small ceremony hosted by ICRC and ECI. Year 2 of the SIP program launched this quarter as well, with 12 new male and female students and 8 returning students enrolled.



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This quarter, Save the Children released a new household survey on children with disability in Afghanistan. 20% of Afghan homes includes a person with a disability, one of the largest population/capita in the world. STC's survey found most desperately need food & healthcare, & most boys & girls with disabilities are out of school. ECI's community-based surveys across six provinces align with these findings, and our work addresses these issues. STC's report recommends 'inclusive' support & removal of 'physical, attitudinal & communication barriers.' ECI provides education, psychosocial support, plus income generation & social integration assistance, for children & youths w disabilities, & their families. Read the entire STC report here: h t t p s : / / r e s o u r c e c e n t r e . s a v e t h e c h i l d r e n . n e t / p d f / child_household_disability_afghanistan_2022.pdf/

ECI wishes all of its partners a joyous Eid!



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