



# NEWSLETTER

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## Acronyms

**ECI:** Enabled Children Initiative

**WOH:** Window of Hope

**CBDASP:** Community-based Disability Awareness & Support Program

**SIP:** Social Integration Program

**MGFF:** Mirza Gul Family Fund

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**SNAPSHOTS**



On April 11 and 12, 2023, the students of Enabled Children School had a wonderfully fun and enjoyable time at the playzone. They played games and had a great time, with the assistance and guidance of their teachers. Witnessing these happy moments of the children was a very pleasant experience for everyone.



This quarter, Window of Hope provided a safe home for Yousuf and Mohammad who were unfortunately abandoned by their families in hospitals. Yousuf is unable to move his left arm and leg, while Mohammad has cerebral palsy.

**UPDATES**

Rehabilitation International's Centennial Award for Significant Contributions



**ECI RECEIVED REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL'S CENTENNIAL AWARD**

We are thrilled to announce that we are one of the recipients of Rehabilitation International's Centennial Award for Significant Contributions. ECI is honored to receive this recognition for our work to advance the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in Afghanistan, and to be recognized next to other organizations undertaking this important work across the globe. Check here: <https://bit.ly/3OiFj2j>



**GRADUATION OF STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY**

On April 13, 2023, the first round of graduation of students with intellectual disabilities from SIP program was held. These students took a variety of courses for one year and six months to learn skills that would help them to enter the job market. We take pride in the fact that this program is the first of its kind in Afghanistan.





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On May 18, 2023, ECI organized a training session about Child Protection Policies for the Window of Hope staff and newly joined staff of ECI. Some members also participated online. This training covered many aspects of child protection policies, as well as the ECI code of conduct.



After a summer break, the school resumed its activities on June 18th, and the atmosphere was filled with a palpable sense of excitement and anticipation. It was a heartwarming experience to witness the bright and cheerful smiles on the children's faces as they eagerly returned to school.

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**CBDASP PROGRESS IN 6 PROVINCES**

Our Community-Based Disability Awareness and Support Program conducted awareness sessions for 10,486 individuals to date. Additionally, the program completed family support for 900 children with disabilities and referrals for 1,106 children with disabilities across 6 provinces of Afghanistan.



**EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR BEHISHTA**

ECI collaborated with the Sufia Foundation to launch a program for a girl named Behishta, who has an intellectual disability. Behishta is 17 years old and was living in a difficult situation with her family in a dilapidated house in Kabul. After assessing Behishta's situation, ECI provided her and her family with assistance, including a temporary shelter with all the necessary facilities such as food, hygiene materials, kitchen utensils, a water tank, and household items. Income-generating opportunities were also provided to Behishta's family. Additionally, our team is providing counseling sessions and health checkups for Behishta to bring positive changes in her condition. A big thank you to the **Sufia Foundation** for their invaluable collaboration.





SNAPSHOTS



This quarter, the Kabul team celebrated the International Day for Mine Awareness at Paghman School on April 6, 2023. In this event, 120 people participated, including Paghman school students and teachers. They received important information and guidance about the dangers of mines and their consequences.

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MIRZAGUL FAMILY ACHIEVEMENTS

Fortunately, this quarter the educational classes of the MGFF program grew to 24 students. There are 9 female students and 15 male students, out of which 21 students have a physical disability, 1 has an intellectual disability, and 2 have a sensory disability. In these classes, they study school subjects, English, computer, and art, and they are being prepared to be integrated into mainstream schools.



On June 7, 2023, it was a day of pure joy for the children of "Window of Hope"! Our little ones savored every moment of their picnic in Paghman, Kabul, where they laughed, played, and had an absolutely amazing time.



RADIO MAGAZINE PROGRAMS

The radio magazine program "Disability is not a disability" ran regularly during this quarter. The program covered a variety of topics, such as the challenges faced by people with disabilities in villages and remote areas, sensory rehabilitation for persons with disabilities, and the challenges faced by persons with hearing disabilities. Our radio program is broadcasted in six provinces of Afghanistan, and the number of listeners is growing. Check here: [soundcloud.com/enabledchildren/tracks](https://soundcloud.com/enabledchildren/tracks)