



NEWSLETTER

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Acronyms

ECI: Enabled Children Initiative
WOH: Window of Hope
CBDA&SP: Community-based Disability Awareness & Support Program
SIP: Social Integration Program
MGFF: Mirza Gul Family Fund

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SNAPSHOTS



This quarter, our students have successfully passed their final exams. We have implemented an adapted exam format to assess the individual progress of each student and enhance our teaching methods. Our goal is to assist our students in learning and integrating into mainstream schools.

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HERAT EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY RELIEF RESPONSE

After the devastating earthquake in Herat province and its tragic consequences, the ECI team on the ground conducted assessments and actively searched for families whose homes had been destroyed and who have children with disabilities. On October 28, 2023, our dedicated team organized a cash distribution program to assist 100 families with children with disabilities who were severely affected by the earthquake.



In a heartfelt celebration commemorating International Volunteers Day in Bamiyan, Afghanistan, the United Nations Volunteers Office, in partnership with Enabled Children Initiative, came together to express deep gratitude for the volunteers with disabilities and to appreciate their exceptional efforts!



STUDENTS GRADUATION CEREMONY

On December 7, 2023, our amazing students had their graduation ceremony! Our Enabled Children School had 12 graduates this quarter. As we finish another successful school year, we look back on all the great things our students achieved. They proudly prove that disability is not inability. We want to thank our students for working hard and their families for supporting them all the way!



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This quarter, we received some amazing short video stories from our beneficiaries in Bamiyan. In these videos, you can see the inspiring stories of Sahar, Nasrin, and Soraya. They share how they overcame challenges and how our Family Support Programs made a positive difference in their lives. Watch here: (<https://bit.ly/ECI-Stories>)



On December 19, 2023, some of our students got special winter kits from one of our school supporters. These kits had jackets, gloves, and scarves. It made us really happy to see the big smiles on their faces when they received these gifts. We want to say a big thank you to our supporters for being so kind and generous.

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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

During this quarter, our CBDASP teams celebrated various events, including the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, as a way to appreciate the hard work of persons with disabilities and raise public awareness. Additionally, our teams in Kabul, Herat, Nangarhar, and Bamiyan also commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child, Volunteers Day, White Cane Awareness Day, and World Breastfeeding Day. These events served as opportunities to promote a broader understanding of disabilities in general.



COMMUNITY-BASED DISABILITY AWARENESS & SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATES

Since the start of our CBDASP program, a total of 13,199 benefited from our disability awareness-raising sessions, 1200 families with children with disabilities benefited from practical support and a total of 1322 children with disabilities referred for support services across 6 provinces of Afghanistan.



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During this period, Samir, Sadaf, Naweedullah, and Youssef, students of the Window of Hope program, received necessary medical treatments and were cared for at several hospitals in Kabul province. We are pleased to report that each of these children is currently in the process of recovery, and we remain hopeful that their health will be fully restored in the coming periods!



During this period, our SIP program successfully identified and registered 20 girls with disabilities who had previously been excluded from educational opportunities. These girls are now enrolled in an eight-month program designed to empower them by creating job prospects and other work opportunities.

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

In November, we kicked off our annual GoFundMe Campaign! This campaign will be running for three months, aiming to raise funds to support our programs that benefit over 1,000 Afghan children with disabilities living in poverty. Your generous contributions will help us ensure that these programs can continue to make a positive impact in their lives. Donate here: (<https://bit.ly/DonateECI>)



2 YEARS OF IMPACTFUL BROADCASTING

Our radio magazine has achieved a significant milestone this quarter, completing two years of broadcasting to 7 provinces and delivering 24 comprehensive programs. We take immense pride in our radio program's unwavering dedication to raising awareness among individuals with disabilities, their families, and the wider community. Listen to our radio magazine programs here: (<https://bit.ly/ECI-RADIO>).