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Kutchi fortæller at hun ikke har mælk i brysterne til at amme sit barn.

DAC's mål

Den Danske Afghanistan Komité (DAC) har eksisteret siden 1984. Komitéens vision er: Lige adgang til sundhed for alle afghanere – med særlig fokus på kvinder, børn og udsatte grupper – for derved at øge livskvaliteten for den afghanske befolkning.

DAC har fokus på, at forbedre det afghanske sundhedssystem og højne befolkningens sundhedsstilstand i tre distrikter i Afghanistans Herat-provins ved hjælp af følgende initiativer:

- Sundhedsydelser og akut lægehjælp til omkring 500.000 civile afghanere
- Bæredygtig drift og udvikling af et distriktshospital og 18 øvrige klinikker i Afghanistans Herat-provins.
- Løbende uddannelse af knap 400 afghanske medarbejdere.
- Oplysende sundhedsarbejde for mødre, børn, landbefolkning og nomader.
- Sociale projekter for de afghanere, hvis behov er størst.
- Drift af et kvindekollegium for mere end 115 studerende

Kvindekollegiet er pr. 31.12.2014 overleveret til den afghanske regering.

Det Danida støttede sundhedsprojekt er pr. 1.7.2015 overleveret til det afghanske sundhedsministerium.

DAC's mission

DAC was founded in 1984. The committee's vision is: Equal access to health for all Afghans – with special focus on women, children and vulnerable groups in order to enhance the quality of life for the population of Afghanistan with following initiatives:

- Health care programs and acute medical care for approx. 500,000 civil Afghans in Herat province of Afghanistan.
- Sustainable operations and development of a district hospital and 18 additional clinics.
- Continuous training of up to 400 Afghan employees.
- Instructive health care for mothers, children, the rural population and nomads.
- Social projects for Afghans who has the most needs.
- Running our female dormitory for more than 115 students.

The female dormitory was pr. 31.12.2014 handed over to the Afghan government.

The Danida funded Primary Health Care project was pr. 01.07.2015 handed over to the Afghan Government

Formandens beretning: Et udfordrende år for Komiteen



*Formand
for DAC, Lene
Ingvarsten*

Oktober 2014 – september 2015 var et spændende, hårdt og meget afgørende år for DAC. Foreningssåret blev indledt med, at vi i oktober indsendte en ansøgning til sundhedsministeriet i Kabul. Heri gav vi vores bud på, hvordan DAC ville kunne løfte den meget store opgave med at implementere sundhedsydelse til befolkningen i hele Herat provinsen. Det var en svær opgave. Alle medarbejdere i DAC gjorde deres bedste og gav alt, hvad de havde for at løse den,

men desværre gik det ikke, som vi håbede. DAC vandt ikke udbuddet, sundhedsministeriet valgte i januar 2015 at give opgaven til den lokale NGO Bakhtar Development Network Global (BDN).

Bestyrelsen er glad for og stolt af det enorme engagement og dedikation til deres arbejde, som alle medarbejdere i DAC udviste i oktober og i de efterfølgende måneder frem til d. 30. juni, da vi overleverede sundhedssystemet til BDN. Vi kan også med rette være stolte af det sundhedssystem, som BDN nu har overtaget. Gennem 17 år lykkedes det os at opbygge et effektivt system, der leverer sundhedsydelser af høj kvalitet til kvinder og mænd, piger og drenge i distrikterne Gozarah, Pashtoon Zarghoon og Obeh.

I april måned tog næstformand Ole Julius Siemssen, Mette Vestergaard fra sekretariatet i København og jeg selv til Herat på et projekttilsyn. Her fik vi talt overleveringsprocedurerne igennem og lagt en plan, og vi talte med medarbejderne. Helt naturligt var beklagningen for den kommende forandring stor blandt medarbejderne – og mange gav udtryk for, at de var kedede af måtte forlade DAC. "DAC er ligesom en familie", som flere sagde. Under vores besøg arrangerede vi samtidig en fest, hvor vi sammen fejrede DACs indsats gennem de sidste mange år – og på bestyrelsens vegne fik sagt hjerteligt tak til alle medarbejdere for deres indsats og loyalitet gennem årene.

Heldigvis ser det ud til, at det går godt for de fleste af DACs ansatte. Størstedelen, som er det kliniske personale, blev overtaget af BDN i deres daværende stillinger. De har således blot skiftet arbejdsgiver og står ikke uden job. Også vores administrative personale på hovedkontoret har for de flestes vedkommende fundet nye gode og endda prominente stillinger. Endelig arbejder DAC fortsat på at finde gode løsninger for de lavest uddannede medarbejdere, såsom chauffører, vagter og rengøringspersonale, som har sværest ved at finde nye job.

Som I kan læse på side 11, har vi i bestyrelsen besluttet at fastholde et lille kontor i Herat, så DAC

Words from the Chairman: A Challenging year for the Committee

October 2014 – September 2015 was an exciting, difficult and very pivotal year for DAC. We commenced upon an associational year by sending an application to the Ministry of Public Health in Kabul, in October. Herein we gave our bid on how DAC would accomplish such a great mission of implementing healthcare services for the people of Herat province. It was a difficult mission. All DAC employee did their best and gave all what they possibly could to work towards a solution, but unfortunately, we did not win. The local NGO Bakhtar Development Network Global (BDN) was chosen by the Ministry of Public Health to undertake the mission of providing healthcare services for the Herat Province.

The Board of directors are pleased and proud of the engagement and dedication that our Herat employees showed in their work in October and the following months until 30th of June 2015, when the Healthcare system was handed over to BDN. We can rightfully, be proud of the healthcare system that BDN has inherited. Throughout the 17 years we succeeded in constructing an efficient system, providing high quality healthcare services for men and women, girls and boys in Gozarah, Pashtoon Zarghoon and Obeh districts.

In April 2015, the vice chairman Ole Julius Siemssen, Mette Vestergaard from the secretariat in Copenhagen and I took to Herat on project supervision. Our aim was: to review the handing over procedure and elaborate a plan and talk to our employees. Quite naturally, the anxiety for the upcoming changes were profound amongst the employees – and many expressed their regret of leaving DAC. "DAC is like a family", as many put it. During our stay in Herat, we also arranged an event, where we celebrated DAC's accomplishments throughout many years together – and on behalf of the DAC's Board, we said a heartfelt thank you to all the employees for their contribution and loyalty throughout the years.

Luckily, it seems like many of DAC's employees are doing very well. A large number of DAC's health/clinical workers were employed by BDN in their former positions. Hence their positions are secured despite the change of employer. Likewise, most of our administrative workers from Herat head office have found new jobs and some in quite prominent positions. DAC is continuously searching for better solutions for the employees who are either illiterate or less educated, such as drivers, security guards, cleaners, who struggle finding a new job.

As you can read in page 11, we have decided to establish a small office in Herat to sustain our representation in Herat. Lutfudin Osmani is therefore, employed as office coordinator together with Ghulam Sakhi as the driver and practical assistant. Lutfudin will function as the driving force in the upcoming associational

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har en repræsentation i Herat. Vi har derfor ansat Lutfudin Osmani som kontorkoordinator samt Ghulam Sakhwhi som chauffør og praktisk assistent. I samarbejde med bestyrelsen og sekretariatet i København skal Lutfudin være drivkraften, når vi i det kommende foreningsår skal afsøge nye muligheder for samarbejde omkring projekter i Herat provinsen.

Beslutningen om at fortsætte komitéen og vores arbejde for Afghanistan blev taget af bestyrelsen på et internt bestyrelsesseminar i marts måned. Her diskuterede vi foreningens fremtid, ressourcer og muligheder for at gå nye veje. Blandt bestyrelsen var der enstemmig opbakning til at arbejde videre på at fastholde en indsats inden for sundhedsområdet i Herat provinsen. Som støtte hertil besluttede vi at fastholde et kontor i København med en ansat, og 14. september i år blev Neela Noori ansat som projektkoordinator. Neela kender foreningen godt, da hun var tilknyttet DAC som projektassistent i løntilskud i perioden november 2014 – maj 2015. Mette Vestergaard, der har været projektkoordinator siden november 2012, fratræder sin stilling per 1. oktober 2015.

Sikkerheden i Herat og Kabul har desværre ikke været så god i år. Efter at de internationale styrker har trukket sig ud, er der blevet mere ustabil, i særdeleshed i Kabul. Også i Herat provinsen er både Taliban og andre bevæbnede oprørsgruppers tilstedeværelse øget. Det mærkes endnu ikke så meget i selve Herat by, men i landsbyerne er Taliban synlige, og det bliver sværere og sværere at bevæge sig uden for byen - også for lokalt ansatte. En af konsekvenserne heraf er desværre, at befolkningens adgang til sundhedsydelser bliver forringet eller i værste fald helt forsvinder. Af hensyn til vores ansatte og vores videre arbejde er vi i bestyrelsen meget opmærksomme på sikkerhedssituationen, og vi følger den løbende.

I Danmark har vi fastholdt et fokus på kommunikation om Afghanistan og DACs arbejde. I juni havde vi således en stand på Folkemødet, og jeg vil gerne her sige tak til de frivillige, der var med til at gøre det muligt.

Til slut vil jeg gerne takke Danida for at sørge for midler til at sikre en bæredygtig overlevering af projektet. Tak til CISU for støtte til Folkemødet. En særlig stor tak til chefkonsulent Nicolai Houe for at træde til som facilitator under bestyrelsesseminaret i marts og for fortsat at stå til rådighed som professionel sparringpartner for foreningen. Derudover vil jeg gerne takke Mette Vestergaard for hendes kompetente ledelse af sekretariatet i København og hendes store engagement i at sikre en velfungerende drift af foreningen; Neela Noori for hendes flotte indsats på kommunikationsområdet; og Rikke Barner, der har hjulpet til på kontoret hen over sommeren og været en god aflastning for Mette med mange praktiske opgaver. Selvfølgelig skal der også lyde en tak til mine medbestyrelsesmedlemmer for et godt samarbejde også i dette foreningsår. Og tak til alle medlemmer – gamle som nye - for jeres fortsatte støtte til foreningen og interesse for Afghanistan. Det er dejligt, at vi er så mange til at støtte op om DACs vision og mission. – *Tak.*

year in order to examine new project partnership opportunities in Herat province in collaboration with the Board and the secretariat in Copenhagen.

The decision of continuing our mission in Afghanistan was made at the internal workshop held for the board of directors in March 2015. We discussed the future of the Committee, resources and opportunities for examining new goals. The board unanimously welcomed and encouraged the idea of continuing to work on sustaining our contribution in the healthcare area in Herat province. As a support, we also decided to sustain an office in Copenhagen with one employee. Therefore on 14th of September 2015, Neela Noori, was employed as project coordinator. Neela is familiar and associated with DAC through her wage subsidy job from November 2014 – May 2015. Mette Vestergaard, who has been the project coordinator since 2012, resigns her position per 1st of October 2015.

The security situation in Herat has worsened in the present year. After the International Coalition has withdrawn from Afghanistan, the country has become more instable, Kabul in particular. Likewise, in the province of Herat, the Taliban and other armed groups' presence have increased. The Taliban are less visible in the City of Herat, but in the rural areas the Taliban are highly visible and it has become more difficult for the local employees to travel outside of the main city. One of the direct consequences of this sad development is that rural inhabitants' access to healthcare services are reduced and in worst case might be completely cut off. With regard to our employee and further work, the board is deeply concerned and we are continuously following the security situation there.

In Denmark we aimed to maintain focus on communication on Afghanistan and DAC's work. In June 2015 we participated in The People's Political Festival in Bornholm, Denmark and I would like to thank all the volunteers who made it possible.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude towards Danida for providing the means to ensure a sustainable handing-over of the project. Thank you to CISU for supporting us in The People's Political Festival. A special thanks to chief consultant, Nicolai Houe for facilitating the workshop for the board in March 2015 and for continuously being at the disposal of the Committee and a professional sounding board. Furthermore, I would like to thank Mette Vestergaard for her competent management of the secretariat in Copenhagen and her great engagement to ensure an efficient operation of the organization; Neela Noori for her excellent contribution in communication area; and Rikke Barner, who has contributed greatly to the office's daily operation - conducting a variety of practical tasks. I would, of course also like to thank my co-board members for good cooperation in the present associational year. Last but not least, thank you to all the members, old and new friends, for your continuous support of the Committee and interest for Afghanistan. It's wonderful to see so many supporting DAC's vision and mission. – *Thank you*

*Forhenværende
projektdirektør
Sumitra Mukherjee*



Sumitras uforglemmelige rejse An unforgettable journey with DAC

Når folk spørger mig hvad det at arbejde i Afghanistan har gjort ved mig har jeg kun ét ord at sige: Bedre. DAC og Afghanistan har gjort mig til et bedre menneske både som person og professionelt – og gjort mig i stand til at styre projektet mod DAC's overordnede vision og mission. Jeg kan med stolthed sige, at DAC's engagement i Afghanistan gennem de sidste 23 år er én af de helt store milepæle for Afghanistans sundhedsministerium - DAC's største samarbejdspartner - og DAC har haft en helt afgørende rolle for de fremskridt, der er sket på sundhedsområdet.

Det har ikke blot været en udfordring, men det har krævet en helt utrolig indsats at lede og supervisere Komiteens sundhedsprogram i Herat herunder 1 distriktshospital, 2 større sundhedsklinikker, 16 mindre sundhedsklinikker, 179 sundhedsposter – i igangsættelsen af 16 landsby-sundhedsarbejdere, 3 supervisorer-teams, 378 lokal sundhedsarbejdere, 3 mobile sundheds hold, 180 Shura-medlemmer og 15 kvindelige familie vejledere.

Heldigvis har jeg haft støtte fra bestyrelsen, fra Det afghanske Sundhedsministerium, Den Kongelige Danske Ambassade og alle de mange dygtige og veluddannede medarbejdere i DAC.

En af de ting jeg er særligt stolt af, er den måde DAC har kapacitetsopbygget den lokale ressourcebase i Afghanistan: Forandringer er aldrig nemme og der vil altid være en snært af modvilje for forandringer i begyndelsen - men når først Afghanerne har fået troen på forandring så igangsættes en daglig og konstant vilje til at møde udfordringer og en egentlig kapacitetsopbygning og det har været rigtig tilfredsstillende.

When people ask me about what working in Afghanistan has done to me, I only have one word for them: better. It made me a better person both personally and professionally. I believe that I was able to steer DAC's visions and mission towards its goals. I can proudly share that DAC's contribution, in Afghanistan for the past 23 years, is one of the milestone accomplishments of Ministry of Public Health as the key sector for the Government of Afghanistan, side by side with us. Accomplishment of such great achievements had its great challenges, because it took a Herculean effort to manage and supervise DAC's Health Programme in Herat (Afghanistan) comprising of 1 district hospital; 2 CHC+ and 16 health centers; 179 health posts; also installing 16 Village Health Development Teams (VHDTs); 3 Village health Development Supervisor Teams; 378 Community Health Workers (CHWs); 3 Mobile Teams (MTs); 180 Shura Members; and 15 Female Family Advisors (FFAs).

Luckily for me, I had the support of Board members, MoPH, Royal Danish Embassy and the highly skilled and professional staff of DAC. I am very proud to say that being able to capacitate our local human resource in Afghanistan is one of the bitter sweet memories of this country. Change is never easy and there will always be that tinge of refusal to change in the beginning, but once Afghans started believing, then the daily and constant challenges of capacity building was always a satisfying feat. Perhaps the proudest legacy of DAC which will remain with the Afghan people, long after the project is



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Considering the total project cost of \$12 million DKK, the project spent about \$3.70 on average for each beneficiary. The benefits the project achieved are far greater than the cost per capita showing a high degree of project efficiency.

Måske vil den arv som DAC efterlader hos vores ansatte være det som vi kan være allermest stolte af – og at arven vil eksistere langt ud over dette projekts rammer. Det er mit håb, at DAC og den organisation de ansatte har skabt (HODA) vil fortsætte. Vores gode arbejde med lokalsamfundet og kvindokollegiet er DAC's kontante påmindelse om alle de "best practises", der er skabt de sidste 7 år.

DAC's med bekymring for sikkerheden har dog været bittersød. Bittert fordi vi – selvom vi har meget strenge sikkerhedsforanstaltninger – stadig har haft to episoder, hvor ansatte er blevet kidnappet. Ingen vil kunne forstå hvordan man pga. adrenalin i kroppen kan arbejde på højtryk i op mod 48 timer uden pauser – før man får at vide at ens ansatte er sikkert tilbage i DAC's compound. Det er først der man igen kan sove roligt. Ved disse to episoder lærte jeg to vigtige principper i islamisk tro som har været den søde del: 1. respekten for de ældre, og at det er dem, der traditionelt set, leder lokalsamfundet – og dermed også dem der kan forhandle på ens vegne i en kidnapningssituation og 2. princippet om velgørenhed, som afghanerne kalder for Kahirat – at når man giver andre, får man også selv noget igen.

DAC's primære sundhedsprogramms lukning efter mange års indsats i Afghanistan er ikke et farvel. Det er mere en mulighed for at give en ny begyndelse til dem vi efterlader. Vi er taknemmelige for at have fået en chancen for, igennem DAC at have mærket dagligdagen for projektets målgruppe, lokalsamfundenes ledere, offentligt personale, der alle har blomstret side om side med DAC som forskellige blomster i den samme have – hvor de kan dufte og lave haven til et smukt sted være en del af.

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I stedet for at fokusere på, hvor længe jeg har arbejdet for organisationen, vil jeg fokusere på hvordan det har gjort mig til et bedre menneske. Hvordan det har gjort mig mere ukuelig i farlige situationer – meget mere tålmodig i min personaleledelse, og hvordan det har gjort mig til en mere dedikeret medarbejder og en sødere person. Men mest af alt har det haft betydning hvor meget jeg tror Afghanerne har haft os kær i deres hjerter.

DAC's sundhedsprojekt er måske en overstået fase i Afghanistans historie. Men ligesom alle andre, der har arbejdet i dette land er det et bittersødt, udfordrende – men dog meningsfyldt minde vi tager med os og som vil være i os for altid. DAC's ånd vil fortsætte med at bidrage til forbedringer for det afghanske lokalsamfund.

Mange tak,
Sumitra Mukherjee

gone, is its brainchild – the HODA (NGO). It is our fervent hope, that DAC and HODA will continue to work in the same firm to resolve the burning spirit to serve the Afghan people towards the fervently-hoped social change. Our good work in the community and the Female Dormitory is DAC's constant reminder of all its learning and best practices in the past 7 years I worked with DAC, for whatever we did best and whatever we thought we could have done better.

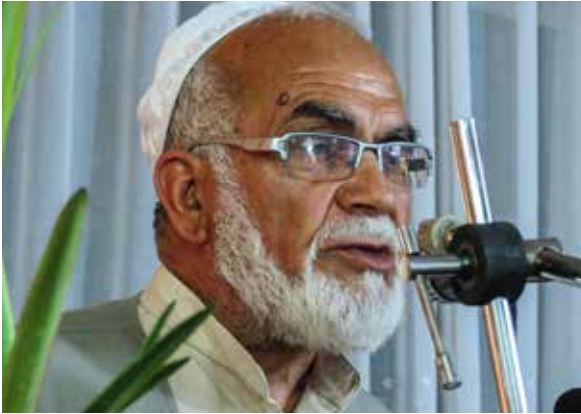
Bitter sweet as well is DAC's tug-of-war with security concerns for the last 7 years. Bitter because despite of our tight adherence to security measures, strictly built into the operational system of the organization, we still experienced two cases of our own staff's kidnapping. You will not believe how one's adrenaline can function for almost 48 hours with no sign of abating until I came to the knowledge that our staff would be returned to us safely. It was only then I was able to sleep soundly. In those two separate incidents, I learned the two most important tenets of Islamic belief: that of respect for the elders, those who are governing the communities who had been traditionally managing villages and districts for generations (who helped negotiate for our kidnapped staff on behalf of DAC); and that of 'khairat' that spirit of charity, that in giving there is receiving.

DAC's BPHS Project closing after years of working in Afghanistan is not a farewell. It is actually giving a new beginning for those we will leave behind. We are grateful for the chance given to DAC to touch the lives of beneficiaries, community leaders and government staff who bloomed side by side with DAC staff, like different flowers budding in the same garden, perfuming and making the garden a wonderful place to behold and sit in. Considering the total project cost of \$12 million DKK, the project spent about \$3.70 on average for each beneficiary. The benefits the project achieved are far greater than the cost per capita showing a high degree of project efficiency. But for those whose lives we touched, we stand in our belief that with them we immortalize DAC's existence in a world full of impermanence and constant change. In them we passed the legacy of learning and values which will guide them through their future lives.

As for me, I will also go beyond quantifying my 7 years in Afghanistan. I will instead look at it on how it made me a better person. How it made me become more resilient in times of great danger, more patient in mentoring and how it made me a kinder and more compassionate human being. But most of all, it made me count my contributions not only in number but in how I believe the Afghan people held us dear in their hearts.

DAC BPHS might be a passing phase in the Afghani history, just like the others who worked in the country, but it is a kind of passing - bitter sweet, challenging yet purposeful and memorable, the kind that lives on forever. DAC's spirit will continue to contribute for betterment of the Afghan Community.

Thank you
Sumitra Mukherjee



Billeder fra DAC fest i Herat i april 2015 forud for overleveringen til de afghanske myndigheder.



Han har et stort ønske om, at der bliver fred i Afghanistan, og at landet får en bedre økonomi, så det kan blive uafhængigt af støtte.

DACs repræsentanter i Herat: Foreningens gode ry vil tiltrække donorer

Lutfudin Osmani

Lutfudin Osmani har været ansat som kontoradministrator for DAC i Herat siden oktober 2010.

Han er født i det nordlige Afghanistan, men har boet i Herat i mange år, hvor han bor sammen med sin kone og to børn. Han har stor erfaring fra lignende ansættelser i andre internationale sammenhænge, hvor han blandt andet har haft nøglepositioner såsom kontorchef og souschef. I DAC-sammenhænge har han været beskæftiget med koordinering af de projekter, som foreningen har haft i de 3 distrikter i Herat; Obey, Pashtoon Zarghon og Guzarah, og som har beskæftiget 270 medarbejdere. Lutfudin er ansat indtil september 2016.

Lutfudin beretter, at DAC i Afghanistan er (aner) kendte for deres store indsats, og håber, at foreningens gode ry vil tiltrække donorer, så der bliver mulighed for at starte andre projekter i Herat/Afghanistan, nu hvor sundhedsprojektet er overtaget af den lokale NGO BDN. Han har et stort ønske om, at der bliver fred i Afghanistan, og at landet får en bedre økonomi, så det kan blive uafhængigt af støtte.

Ghulam Sakhi

Ghulam Sakhi blev i februar 2003 oprindeligt ansat som rengøringsassistent på DACs kontor i Herat. Siden da, har han tilegnet sig mange kompetencer og bidrager nu med sine tillærte færdigheder indenfor sikkerhedsrelaterede opgaver, og med den daglige drift af kontoret, hvor han fikser alt fra elektricitet til utætte vandrør. Ghulams titel er nu vagt, og han er ansat indtil september 2016.

Ligesom Lutfudin Osmani har Ghulam Sakhi et stort ønske om, at der bliver fred i Afghanistan, hvilket han mener er realistisk, såfremt det internationale samfund fortsat hjælper Afghanistan med processen. Samtidig har Ghulam Sakhi et inderligt ønske om, at DAC kan fortsætte deres engagement i Afghanistan, selvom sundhedsprojektet blev over-

leveret til BDN i september - for der er stort behov for yderligere hjælp til den afghanske befolkning.

G h u l a m Sakhi er gift og har 3 børn.

DAC representatives in Herat:

DAC's profound reputation might attract donors

Lutfudin Osmani

Lutfudin Osmani joined the Danish Afghanistan Committee (DAC) at Herat/Afghanistan on 31st October 2010 and has been working in the profile of Administration Manager, he has worked in many international entities in both Herat and Kabul provinces of Afghanistan. He has held key positions in the organizations such as Regional administrator, Head of Support Services, Head of the Office and Deputy Head of Mission. He is originally from the north of Afghanistan but has been living in Herat for many years. He is married and have got two children, his parents passed away and by now he has worked for the Danish Afghanistan Committee for almost five years. He has been managing the administration of DAC projects for 270 staff members working in the three districts of Herat, Obey/Pashtoon Zarghon and Guzarah. Lutfudin only wishes peace for Afghanistan and a better economy so that the country becomes independent.

As DAC health project came to an end in Herat/Afghanistan he wishes that this organization attract the attention of donors to get fund in order to run other projects in Herat/Afghanistan because DAC in Herat is very well known due to its good work.

Lutfudin will be working for DAC till September 2016 as DAC office coordinator.

Ghulam Sakhi

Mr. Ghulam Sakhi joined the Danish Afghanistan Committee (DAC) at Herat/Afghanistan on 1st February 2003 with almost no NGO experience, as office cleaner. Later he became an office guard and now he is working in the profile of guard. He is married and has got 3 children and he is not living with his parents, Ghulam Sakhi is a very smart person and takes multiple tasks in the organization. Since working for DAC he has learned multiple works such as plumping, electricity and security related tasks.

Ghulam Sakhi wishes peace for Afghanistan in the future and in his point of view this would maybe be possible if the international community keeps helping Afghanistan.

As the DAC health project came to an end in Herat/Afghanistan after twenty years, he wishes that DAC organization do not close in the country and wishes to get funds to run other projects in Herat as it is very much required for the people.

Ghulam Sakhi will be working with DAC till September 2016.



Lutfudin only wishes peace for Afghanistan and a better economy so that the country becomes independent.





Udvikling i Sundhedsprojektet

DAC har det seneste år – af helt oplagte årsager – haft meget fokus på at justere sundhedsprojektet, så det i løbet af 2015 kunne overleveres til det afghanske sundhedssystem.

Derudover har vi brugt meget tid på at forberede personale og interessenter i Herat på en situation, hvor DAC ikke længere vil levere sundhedsydelser. Sundhedsprojektet ledes og styres først og fremmest gennem vores projektdirektør Sumitra Mukherjee og vores knap 400 afghanske medarbejders daglige indsats i Herat. Det er dog bestyrelsen, der har det overordnede og strategiske ansvar for projektet.

Nyt afsnit til fødeafdeling

Med midler fra Kulturstyrelsens Tips og Lotto midler og ubrugte midler fra Danida bevillingen i 2013, er et nyt afsnit til fødeafdelingen på Gozarah Distrikt Hospitalet i løbet af 2014-2015 gjort fuldt funktionsdygtigt. Efter udvidelsen kan der nu foretages 5 fødsler på samme tid. Derudover er der kommet følgende goder for patienterne:

Development of the Health Project

During the past year focus has been to adjust the health project in order to assure a sustainable handing over to the Ministry Of Public Health. Our health project is first and foremost being strengthened through our project director – Sumitra Mukherjee and the daily effort of our 400 Afghan employees in Herat – yet, the board of directors holds the overall strategic responsibility.

New Maternity Ward

With funding from The Tips and Lotto fund and unspent funds from the 2013 Danida grant, a new section at Maternity Ward is inaugurated and fully functional. After the expansion the staff can conduct 5 deliveries at simultaneously.

There are some advantages for the clients, which are included:

- Pre- partum waiting hall for the clients
- Separate sterilization room for sterilization of the sets and cloths
- Separate medicine dispensary room

I DACs vision har vi særligt fokus på børns sundhed.

- pre partum venteværelse for patienter
- separat rum til at sterilisering af instrumenter og kitler
- sygeplejerskernes arbejdsplads er rykket nærmere selve fødestue og venteværelse
- særskilt sted til foretagelse af forebyggende undersøgelser forud for selve fødslen

CMAM

Som flere af andre af DACs initiativer på sundhedsområdet er ernæringsprogrammet CMAM (Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition), der oprindeligt startede i September 2013 med støtte fra UNICEF og World Food Programme, blevet integreret som en del af regeringens nationale strategi BPHS – Basic Package of Health Care Services. Det betyder, at ernæringsprogrammet fremover vil blive implementeret i hele Afghanistan.

Administrativt bestyrelsestilsyn

I slutningen af april 2015 var formand Lene Ingvarsten, næstformand Ole Julius Siemssen og Projektkoordinator Mette Vestergaard på administrativt tilsyn i Herat. Formålet med besøget var:

1. At sikre at alle DACs ansatte blev takket for deres indsats og deres engagement i DAC
2. I samarbejde med ledelsen, at lave en handlingsplan for overleveringen af projektet til de afghanske sundhedsmyndigheder
3. Afsøge nye muligheder for samarbejde med relevante civilsamfundsorganisationer

Den 24 april 2015 arrangerede DAC-Herat en rigtig god festlig dag med alle DAC's ansatte. Der var mange taler fra både medarbejdere og sundhedsministeriet, og det var helt tydeligt at DAC har gjort stort indtryk på mange – og på flere niveauer. Mere end 130 mennesker dukkede om – heriblandt 30-40 kvinder. Alle medarbejdere fik udleveret et personligt certifikat med tak for deres indsats.

Ledelsen i Herat havde på forhånd identificeret fire NGO'er, der kunne være interessante at tale om nye projekter med: Afghan Family Guidance Association (AFGA), Rural Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan (NPO/RRAA), Sanayee Development Organization (SDO) Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA), samt den lille NGO Afghan Women Educational Professional & Improvement Organization (AWEPIO).

Det var teamets vurdering, at der er mulighed for at søge om midler til at lave et mindre udviklingsudviklingsprojekt med fokus på sundhedsrettigheder. Der kunne ikke, under tilsynet, træffes beslutning om, på hvilken måde og med hvilke partnere skal vi lave projekt. Det vil kræve en grundig behovs- og interessen analyse, som er sat i gang henover sommeren med henblik på at lave en ansøgning til Civilsamfund i Udvikling (CISU) i næste foreningsår.

- Having the nurse station room close to the delivery and waiting room

CMAM

As a part of DAC's other health care initiatives the nutrition project for infants, CMAM (Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition), which started on the 1st of September 2013, with the support of UNICEF and WFP, has been integrated in the national public health strategy BPHS. As a result, the nutrition programme might be elaborated and implemented in all provinces of Afghanistan.

Administrative supervision by the Board of Directors

In the end of April 2015, chairman of DAC, Lene Ingvarsten, as well as Vice chairman, Ole Julius Siemssen, and project coordinator, Mette Vestergaard, went to Herat on an administrative supervision visit. The purpose of the visit was to:

1. Insure that all DAC staff were appreciated and thanked for their effort in their engagement in DAC
2. Together with the DAC Herat management team, draw an Action plan for the hand-over of the health project
3. Explore new possibilities of new partnerships with relevant civil society organizations

On April 24th the DAC-Herat team had arranged an enjoyable celebration. All DAC-staff was invited and more than 130 staff attended – including 30-40 female staff. Named certificates were handed out to every individual staff. The celebration was highly appreciated and a success.

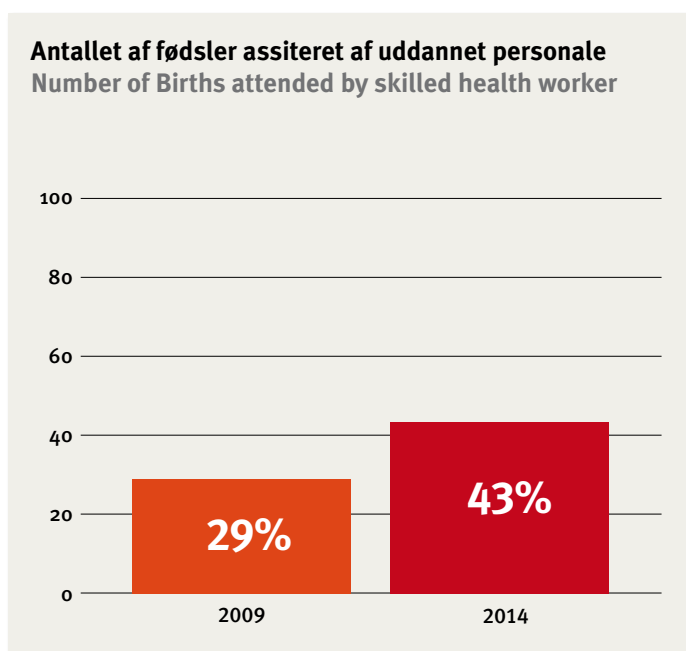
The DAC-Herat Team had identified 4 NGOs who might be interesting as a potential partner: Afghan Family Guidance Association (AFGA), Rural Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan (NPO/RRAA), Sanayee Development Organization (SDO), Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA) as well as the small NGO Afghan Women Educational Professional & Improvement Organization (AWEPIO).

During the visit the board identified the possibility for a future project with focus on strengthening of health rights and basic health knowledge. Although, it was not possible to gather all relevant background information about the different potential partners/NGOs and we therefore decided to continue our background research. This will include a comprehensive assessment of the potential partners and a comprehensive stakeholder analysis along with needs assessment that has been initiated during the summer 2015 with the purpose of writing an application for the Civil Society Fund (CISU).

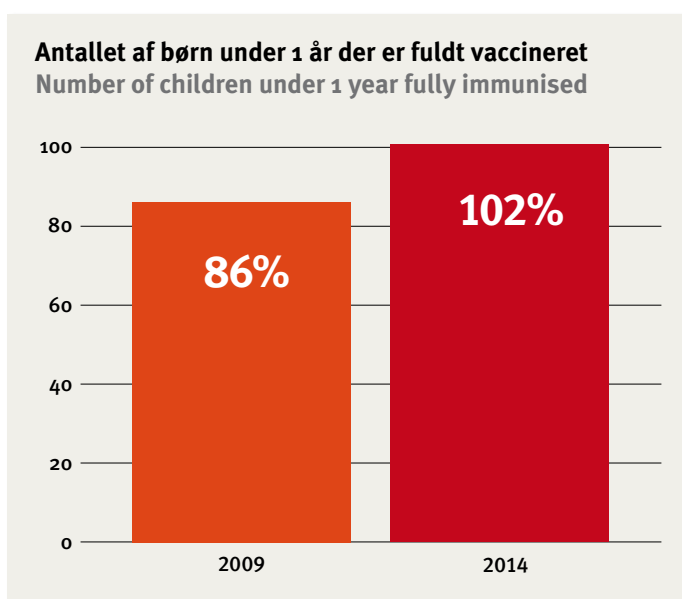
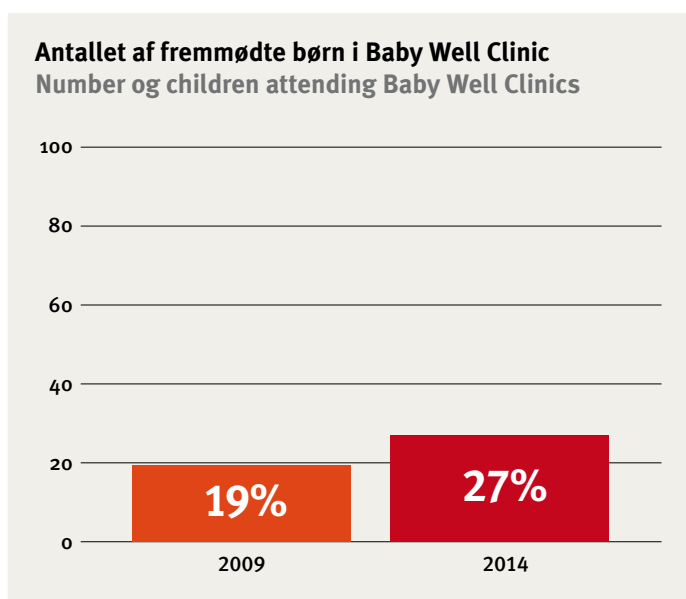
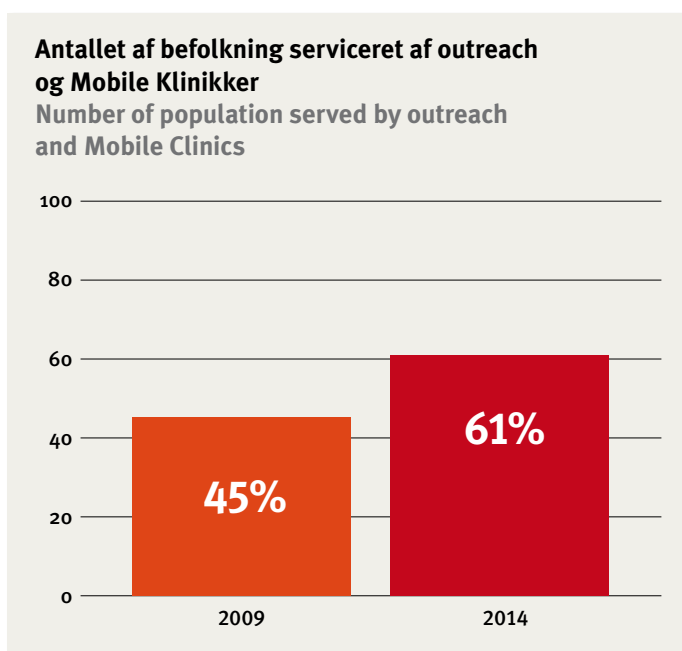
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Sundhedsprojektet i tal



Health Project in Numbers



Et af DACs største fokusområder er mødre dødelighed og derved antallet af fødsler, der er assisteret af uddannet personale. Det at de er støt stigende ligesom antallet af fremmødte børn i Baby Well Clinic'erne vidner om at DACs faciliteterne er blevet kendt i distrikterne, og at det er blevet mere acceptabelt at føde, hvor der er en jordemoder eller en læge til stede – samt at tilliden til sundhedsvæsenet generelt er stigende.

DAC har også haft ydreområderne i fokus. Flere og flere bliver serviceret af de såkaldte outreach-indsatser og som man kan se bliver nu over 100% af alle børn fuldt vaccineret. At procenttallet kan være så højt er grundet DACs popularitet idet flere forældre vælger at besøge DACs klinikker trods det at de tilhører et andet distrikt.

One of DAC's main focus areas are maternal mortality and the numbers of deliveries assisted by trained staff. The raise in number and attendance of children in Baby Well Clinics witness DAC facilities' familiarity in the districts, and it has now become more accepted to give birth where midwives and doctors are present. Moreover there is also a raise in people's confidence towards health authorities.

The remote areas has also been one of DAC's main focus areas. More and more are receiving health services through outreach-efforts and as shown above, more than 100% of all children in remote areas are fully immunized. The high percentage is due to DAC's popularity, where parents choose to visit DAC's clinics despite belonging to other districts.



Ved festligheden i Herat i april udleverede formand og næstformand personlige certifikater til alle DAC's medarbejdere.

Næstformandens tale til festen den 21. august 2015:

Min tid med DAC

Redigeret af Mette Vestergaard

Den Danske Afghanistan Komite blev dannet i 1984 af en gruppe tidligere modstandsfolk, overlægerne Jørgen Røjel og Jørgen Kieler. Det var et initiativ med en bred politisk opbakning der søgte at gøre opmærksom på overgrebene mod civilbefolkningen som følge af den russiske besættelse af Afghanistan. Når man udsendes til et katastrofeområde, gør det på fleste et uudsletteligt indtryk, særligt når man kommer fra rolige og velordnede forhold i sit hjemland. Dette var også tilfældet for mig, da jeg i 1989 blev konfronteret med datidens største flygtningetilstrømning i det nordlige Pakistan. Det skønnes, at der var samlet omkring 3-4 millioner afghanere i store lejre i dalene syd for grænsen til Afghanistan og nøden var voldsom. Hjelpeorganisationerne gjorde deres bedste for at etablere telte, sanitet og skaffe mad og vand til flygtningene.

Min bror og jeg, var som kirurger udsendt af Den Danske Afghanistan Komite med henblik på at etablere et hospital i Nangahar distriktet i Kunduz

Vicechairman's speech at a celebration in August 2015:

My time with DAC

Edited by Mette Vestergaard

The Danish Afghanistan Committee was established in 1984 by a group belonging to the former Danish resistance movement, by chief surgeons Jørgen Røjel and Jørgen Kieler. The initiative received broad political support in order to create awareness about the violations of human rights committed against the civilians under the Russian occupation of Afghanistan.

When you are send to a disaster area, it always makes an erasable impression on most of the people, especially when you come from peaceful and well-ordered conditions in your homeland. This was also the case for me, when I in 1989, was confronted with the greatest refugee influx in northern Pakistan.

It was estimated that around 3-4 millions of Afghans were gathered in big refugee camps in the valleys, in the southern parts of the Afghan border and the distress was severe. The aid agencies established, to their best abilities, tents, sanitation and provided food and water for the refugees.

My brother and I were surgeons stationed by

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provinsen på vejen til byen Jalalabad. Her forekom der voldsomme kampe mellem mujahidinerne og de russiskstøttede regeringstropper.

Som en lille organisation med begrænsede midler, var det vanskeligt at komme til at hjælpe i de kaotiske forhold i Peshawar. Så da vi fik tilbudt at overtage en klinik ledet af en amerikansk organisation i Chitraldalen højt oppe i Hindu-Kush bjergene, tog vi imod tilbuddet. Klinikken blev udbygget til et sygehus med huse og telte samt ambulatorium, operationsstue og sengeafdeling. Sygehuset tog imod syge flygtninge og skadede fra krigen og da flygtningene vente hjem 1992, lukkede vi hospitalet.

Efter at have undersøgt forholdene flere steder i Afghanistan, fandt vi ved en mission til Herat, at deres store centralsygehus general hospital var i en så ringe forfatning, med manglende vand, varme og sanitet, at vi der kunne gøre en forskel.

I 1996 var sikkerhedssituationen udenfor Herat by blevet bedre og DAC overtog en ødelagt klinik i Gozarha. Her startede opbygningen af det, der blev til Gozarha District Hospital (GDH). Nogle få år efter blev vi bedt om overtage sundhedssystemet i Paztoon Zargoon og Obey. Herved kom vi op på at have ansvaret for op mod 500.000 afghanere.

Vi drev nu et sundhedssystem, der med modtagelse for akutte, kirurgiske patienter og kejsersnit til usikre fødsler, samtidigt med en 24 timers vagtberedskab, sikrede en døgnservice for befolkningen, noget, som var helt ukendt i det øvrige Afghanistan.

Det afghanske sundhedsministerium udnævnte 2009 GDH til at være modelsygehus hele Afghanistan og deres ministre har brugt vores sundhedssystem til fremvisning for, hvordan et ideelt afghansk system kunne opbygges.

DACs tiltag, med sundhedshushuere, kvindeshuere, mobile teams, village health workers, uddannelse af jordmødre og mor-barn-klinkker, har været banebrydende nytænkning og i visse tilfælde er det blevet kopieret i det officielle afghanske sundhedssystem. I forlængelse med ønsket om at uddanne unge kvinder fra landdistrikterne, der ønskede uddannelse ved universitetet i Herat, opførte vi i 2004 det blot tredje kvindekollegium i Afghanistan.

Alt dette har kun været muligt på grund af den store indsats vores udsendte har udført under vanskelige vilkår. Sammen med udsendte specialister er de afghanske medarbejdere kontinuerligt blevet undervist i alle relevante fag.

Ved to lejligheder har vi indenfor de seneste år haft mulighed for, at præsentere DACs sundhedssystem i det afghanske sundhedsministerium. Præsentationen blev foretaget af vores to ledende læger og blev mødt med anerkendelse, men også vantro over, at vi formåede at udføre dette arbejde for så få penge.

Ved udliciteringen af det samlede sundhedssystem for hele Herat provinsen for to år siden, var bestyrelsen i vildrede: magtede vi at påtage os opgaven? Et besøg i Herat med flere dages grundig research med vore medarbejdere kortlagde, at alle anså det for en stor, men ikke umulig opgave, de gerne ville tage på sig. På den baggrund, fik vi en anerkendt indisk konsulent til at skrive ansøgningen og efter

The Danish Afghanistan Committee in order to establish a hospital in Nangarhar district, in Kunduz province, on the way to the city of Jalalabad, whilst there were ongoing fights between Mujahedins and the Russian backed government troops.

As a small organisation with limited resources, it was complicated to provide help under the chaotic conditions in Peshawar. Hence, we accepted the offer to overtake a clinic led by an American organisation in Chitral-vally high up on the Hindu-Kush Mountains. The clinic was expanded to a hospital with houses and tents including an ambulatory, surgery rooms and bed departments, receiving sick refugees and those wounded in war. When the refugees returned home in 1992, we closed the hospital.

After examining the conditions in different places of Afghanistan, we found a mission in Herat, where we could make a difference. We were given their General Hospital which was in a very bad condition due to lack of water, heat and sanitation.

In 1996, the security conditions were getting better outside of Herat and DAC took over a ruined clinic in Guzarah. Here began the construction of what later became the Guzarah District Hospital (GDH). Some years later, we were asked to take over the entire healthcare system in Pashtoon Zarghoon and Obey. Thus it was our responsibility to provide health services for over 500.000 Afghans. We now ran a healthcare system with acute reception, surgical patients and caesarean to unsafe deliveries, simultaneously with a 24-hours staffed healthcare services insuring the local population at all times, something that was unknown in the rest of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Ministry of Public Health nominated the GDH as a model hospital in Afghanistan and the ministers have applied our healthcare system in their presentations as an example of how an ideal Afghan healthcare system could be constructed.

DAC's initiatives with Health Shuras, Women Shuras, Mobile Teams, Village Health Workers, education of midwives and Mother-Child-Clinics have been ground-breaking, innovative and in some cases implemented on to the National Afghan Healthcare system.

In line with our wish to educate young women from rural areas, who desired education at the University of Herat, we helped establish the third women's dormitory in Afghanistan in 2004.

All this was made possible by the joined efforts of our deployed consultants under intricate circumstances. Our deployed consultants and the Afghan staff were continuously educated in all the relevant subjects.

In the recent years, on two different occasions, we have had the opportunity to present DAC's healthcare system to the Afghan Ministry of Public Health. The presentations were carried out by our leading doctors, who received great recognition as well as some disbelief towards our abilities and accomplishments with such scarce resources.

When the collective healthcare system of the entire province of Herat was meant to be outsourced



DAC har gennem årene gjort meget for at få kvinder ansat som en del af det sundhedsfaglige personale.

et langtrukket forløb, med flere udsættelser, blev vi listet nummer to ud af syv ansøgere.

Jeg er personligt meget glad for, at vi tog beslutningen om at ansøge om at overtage hele provinsens sundhedssystem. Det havde tredoblet vores indsats, og jeg er overbevist om at vores folk kunne have klareret det. Men vi vandt ikke – desværre – det gjorde den lokale NGO BDN – Bakhtar Development Network. Så nu er sundhedssystemet i afghanske hænder. Ved projektbesøget i Herat i april 2015, var der arrangeret en afskedsfest for vore medarbejdere. Det var en meget rørende og bevægende oplevelse at møde 250 af dem og høre myndighederne og medarbejdere fortælle om, hvor meget de har sat pris på DACs arbejde i Herat.

Jeg vil gerne udtrykke min taknemlighed overfor Danida, der gennem bevillinger til nødhjælp og bistandshjælp har sikret, at de forskellige projekter har kunnet gennemføres. Vi har altid fået en fin behandling fra udenrigsministeriet.

Jeg er stolt over at tilhøre en nation, der har overskud til at financiere den humanitære indsats, som DAC har stået for.

two years ago – the Board of Directors was puzzled: were we capable of undertaking such a task? A visit to Herat with many days of thorough examination with our staff, after which we reached the conclusion, that everyone considered it as a great task, but not an impossible one, that they were willing to undertake. On this basis we hired a well-recognised Indian consultant to write the application and after a prolonged process with many postponements, we were ranked at second position amongst seven other applicants.

Personally, I am very pleased that we decided to apply for the task of undertaking the responsibility of the healthcare system for the entire province. It would have tripled our efforts, but I am convinced in our staff's capability in managing such responsibility. Although, we did not win – unfortunately – the local NGO (BDN) – Bakhta Development Network did. The Healthcare system is now in the hands of the Afghans.

On our latest project visitation to Herat in April 2015, a farewell party was arranged for our staff. It was a very touching and moving experience to meet 250 staff and authorities, and hearing them expressing their appreciation of DAC's contributions in Herat.

I would like to express my gratitude to DANIDA that through grants to emergency aid and development aid has ensured the execution of the different projects. We have always received a fine treatment from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I am proud of belonging to a nation that has the surplus to finance the humanitarian contribution that DAC has been responsible for.

*Ung kvinde
på et af DAC's
sykurser.*



Gør en forskel for en afghansk kvinde

For 50 kroner kan du købe et smukt pudevår fra Afghanistan og derved direkte støtte en ung kvinde fra DACs sy- og broderikurser i Herat. Eleverne på DACs sy- og broderikurser er unge, ubemidlede kvinder, som lærer at sy og brodere for at bidrage til familiens økonomi. Ved køb af et pudebetræk lavet af kvinderne på kurset, støtter du direkte kvindernes indtægt. De 50 kroner går ubeskåret til kvinderne. Pudevåret er udsmykket med det smukke, traditionelle herati-mønster.

Køb pudevårene på:

www.afghan.dk/stot-dac/kob

Forsendelse koster 30 kroner per pudevår.

Eller på DACs kontor:

Den Danske Afghanistan Komité
Nørrebrogade 52C
2200 København N

Såfremt der er spørgsmål kan bestyrelsesmedlem og administrator Andrea Rømer kontaktes på andrea-romer43@gmail.com.

Mange tak for din støtte!

Make a Difference for an Afghan Woman

For 50 kroner you can purchase a beautiful pillowcase and directly support a young woman from DAC's sewing and embroidery courses in Herat. The students on the sewing and embroidery courses are young women with very limited means. They are educated in sewing and embroidering, which enables them to contribute to their household income. When you buy a pillowcase manufactured on one of the courses you directly support the women with 50 kroner. The pillowcase is decorated with the beautiful, traditional herati pattern.

Buy the pillowcases via:

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Postage is 30 kroner per pillowcase.

Or stop by DAC's office:

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If you have any questions please contact board member and administrator Andrea Rømer on andrea-romer43@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your kind support!

صندوق شکا



Samarbejdspartnere og donationer

For at kunne skabe de resultater DAC har skabt i Herat, er det meget vigtigt for DAC med gode samarbejdsrelationer. I dette foreningsår har DAC samarbejdet med World Food Programme (WFP), det italienske Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), Handicap International (HI), Dansk Flygtninge Hjælp (DFH) og civilsamfundets i udvikling (CISU).

- **WFP har finansieret en del af** ernæringsprogrammet Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), der har til formål at monitorere og behandle tilfælde af underernæring hos småbørn.
- Det italienske **Provincial Reconstruction Team** har givet større donationer til Hospitalet efter de italienske styrker forlod Herat
- **HI** stillede nødvendigt udstyr til rådighed for at udvikle en fuldt funktionelle fysioterapifdelinger i Obeh, Pastoon Zargoon og Gozarah. HI tilbød yderligere gratis uddannelsesforløb for fysioterapeuter.
- **Dansk Flygtninge Hjælp** har afholdt sikkerhedsbriefinger for konsulenter og bestyrelsesmedlemmer forud for deres rejser til Herat.
- **CISU** har bevilliget støtte via deres oplysningspulje til DAC's deltagelse i Folkemødet 2015.

Donationer

Endnu en gang har DAC haft mulighed for at sende donationer fra private danskere, virksomheder, foreninger og sygehuse til vores sociale og sundhedsfaglige projekter i Herat.

Vi har igen i år fået støtte fra Kulturministeriets Tips og Lottomidler med det formål at udvide Gozarah Hospitalets fødeafdeling, ligesom vi har fået tilsagn fra Kulturministeriet med midler til drift af foreningen i Danmark.

DAC skylder alle donorer en hjertelig tak. Der skal også endnu en gang rettes en stor tak til de medlemmer, der med økonomiske bidrag, har gjort det muligt at støtte sy- og broderiprojektet, der nu bliver kørt af den nystartede, lokale NGO HODA. En særlig tak skal rettes til Jacob Jensen Design, der igen i år har valgt at støtte foreningen. Vi henviser til www.afghan.dk/stot-dac, hvor der findes information om bidrag og donationer for eventuelt interesserede.

Collaborators and donations

It is of high importance to have good cooperative relations in order to achieve the results, DAC has achieved in Herat. This year DAC has worked together with World Food Program (WFP), World Vision (WV) the Italian Reconstruction Team (PRT), Handicap International (HI), The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Civil Society in Development (CISU).

- **World Vision** has funded some of the operation costs for the nutrition programme Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM). The aim is to monitor and treat cases of malnutrition among young children.
- The Italian **Provincial Reconstruction Team** have provided larger donations to the hospital after the Italian military forces left Herat.
- **HI** has supplied the necessary equipment in order to develop fully functional physiotherapy departments in Obeh, Pastoon Zargoon og Gozarah. Moreover, **HI** has offered free educational training for physiotherapists.
- **DRC** has held security briefings for consultants and board members before departure to Herat.
- **CISU** has provided grants through the awareness fund for DAC's participation in The People's Political Festival at Bornholm.

Donations

Once again DAC has had the opportunity to send donations from private Danish citizens, companies, organisations and hospitals to our social and health-care projects in Herat.

This year we have, once again applied the Ministry for Culture's Tips and Lottery Funds for support to renovate the maternity ward at Gozarah Hospital. Furthermore, we have received support from the Ministry of Culture to cover operation of the Copenhagen office in Denmark.

DAC owes all donors special thanks. A big thank you goes out to the members, who with economic contributions has made it possible to support the sewing and embroidery project, which is now managed by the local NGO HODA.

Jacob Jensen Design deserves a special thanks for choosing to support DAC once again.

We would like to refer to www.afghan.dk/stot-dac, where information on contributions and support, for those interested, are available.

Medicinsk udstyr er én af de ting, der sendes med container til Herat.





*Under folke-
mødet blev
den himmelblå
burka, der ofte
er et symbol på
de afghanske
kvinder disku-
teret.*

Året der gik i DK

September 2014

- DAC arbejder på højtryk for at færdiggøre ansøgning til MoPH i Herat om at implementere sundhedsydelse i hele Herat provinsen

Oktober 2014

- DAC modtager ansøgning fra og bevilliger midler til den nystartede lokale NGO i Afghanistan HODA, for at de kan overtage DACs syprojekter.
- Neela Noori ansættes som projektassistent på sekretariatet.
- Container bevilget af "Genbrug til Syd" ankommer til Herat

November 2014

- Projektassistent Neela Noori og suppleant i bestyrelsen Sameer Azizi holder oplæg på Herlev Byskole med fokus på rollemodeller og DACs arbejde i Afghanistan.

December 2014

- DAC afholder arrangement på Vejlefyrdskolen om afghanske kvinders fremtid. Neela Noori, der selv har afghanske rødder fortalte om sit syn på de afghanske kvinders fremtid og Mette Vestergaard fortalte om DACs arbejde i Herat.
- DAC får bevilling fra Danida til fortsættelse af sundhedsprojektet til juni 2015.

Marts 2015

- DAC deltager i konference om de nyeste trends og tendenser inden for kommunikation på de sociale medier. Herefter har DAC været langt mere aktivt på Facebook og kommet i bedre dialog med vores medlemmer.
- DACs bestyrelse afholder bestyrelsesseminar med fokus på DACs fremtidige udvikling i både Herat og Danmark. Chefkonsulent Nicolai Houe faciliterer seminaret.
- DAC modtager ansøgning fra HODA om fortsættelse af syprojektet og bevilliger midler.

Year in review

September 2014

- DAC is working hard to complete the application for MoPH in Herat on implementing healthcare in the entire Herat Province

October 2014

- DAC receives an application from, and grants funds to, the newly founded local NGO in Afghanistan HODA which makes it possible for them to take over DAC's sewing projects.
- Neela Noori is employed as project assistant at the secretariat
- The container provided by "Recycle to the South" arrives in Herat.

November 2014

- Project assistant and substitute member of the Board Sameer Azizi makes a presentation at Herlev School with the focal area being role models and DAC's work in Afghanistan.

December 2014

- DAC hosts an event on Vejlefyrdskolen on Afghan women's future. Neela Noori who has Afghan heritage, talked about her view on Afghan women's future and Mette Vestergaard talked about DAC's work in Herat.
- DAC receives Danida grant to continue the Primary Healthcare Project until June 2015

March 2015

- DAC participates in conference on the newest trends and tendencies within social media communications. Since then DAC has been more active on Facebook and is working on improving the dialog with its members.
- The DAC board conducts a board workshop with focus on DACs future development in both Herat and Denmark. Chef consultant Nicolai Houe facilitates the seminar.
- DAC receives an application from HODA on the extension of the sewing project and DAC grants the funds.



*Fra venstre:
/ DAC fest for
medlemmer
og tidlige
udsendte
/ Tilsyn
i Herat
/ Neela Noori
holder foredrag
for en 8. klasse*

April 2015

- Formand Lene Ingvarsten, næstformand Ole Julius Siemssen og projektkoordinator Mette Vestergaard tager til Herat på projekttilsyn

Maj 2015

- Rikke Barner starter i praktik på sekretariatet.
- DAC vinder en GO-Card konkurrence og får mulighed for at få 33.000 postkort fordelt ud på 540 caféer og biografer i hele Danmark. DAC vælger at fokusere kampagnen på Afghanistans børn og at de er Afghanistans fremtid – men at de har brug for hjælp. Kampagnen lanceres i september 2015.
- Bestyrelsesmedlemmer Elin Petersen og Assia Brandrup holder foredrag om DACs arbejde på den europæiske efterskole Rejsby

Juni 2015

- DAC deltager i Folkemødet på Bornholm. DAC ønskede under folkemødet at sætte større fokus på Afghanistan og særligt på de afghanske kvinders rettigheder. Vi opfordrede danskerne til ikke at glemme landet og dets befolkning, selvom de internationale styrker i 2014 har trukket sig tilbage.

August 2015

- DAC afholder en fest for alle DACs medlemmer, tidligere udsendte, frivillige og medarbejdere for at fejre, at det vellykkede sundhedsprojektet i Herat er fulgt godt til dørs, og overdraget til en lokal ngo fra d. 01.07.2015.
- DAC producerer en dokumentar film om DACs indsats siden 1984.
- DAC opnår godkendelse fra Danida til en No-Cost-Extension af projektet til 31.12.2015.

September 2015

- DAC flytter kontorfælleskab til Nørrebrogade 52c. Her vil sekretariatet dele kontor med andre NGO'er, der også laver sundhedsprojekter i udviklingslande og som derved har stor erfaring med dette. Dette giver kontoret mulighed for at sparre med dem de sidder sammen med til dagligt.
- Neela Noori ansættes som projektkoordinator på sekretariatet, da Mette Vestergaard har søgt nye udfordringer.

April 2015

- Chairman Lene Ingvarsten, Vice Chairman Ole Julius Siemssen and project coordinator Mette Vestergaard is in Herat on project monitoring

May 2015

- Rikke Barner is engaged as an intern at the secretariat.
- DAC wins a GO-Card competition and gets the opportunity to have 33.000 postcards distributed at 540 cafés and cinemas throughout Denmark. DAC chooses to focus the campaign on Afghanistan's children and to show that they are Afghanistan's future and their need for help. The campaign will be launched in September 2015.
- Board-members Elin Petersen and Assia Brandrup gives a presentation on DAC's engagement in Herat at the boarding-school Rejsby.

June 2015

- DAC participates in The People's Political Festival at Bornholm. DAC's aim during the meeting was to shed light and add focus to Afghanistan, especially on the Afghan women's rights. We urged the Danes not to forget the Afghanistan and its population even though the international forces withdrew in 2014.

August 2015

- DAC throws a party for all members of DAC, previously deployed, volunteers and employees to celebrate that the successful healthcare project in Herat has been assigned to a local NGO (BDN) from 01.07.15.
- DAC produces a documentary on DAC's contributions in Herat since 1984.
- DAC receives approval from Danida to a No-Cost-Extension of the project to 31.12.2015.

September 2015

- DAC moves the secretariat to Nørrebrogade 52c. The secretariat will share office with other NGOs, who are involved in healthcare projects in developing countries and thus have experience in the field. This gives the office the possibility to share ideas and inspirations with each other.
- Neela Noori is employed as project coordinator at the secretariat since Mette Vestergaard is seeking out new challenges.

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