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10 years - Memorial of the Yazidi genocide.

Shelter Now has been helping for 10 years

New challenge for dental clinics in Herat

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What moves us!

Memorial to the Yazidi genocide ten years ago

August 3rd marked the tenth anniversary of the massacre of the Yazidis in the Sinjar region. At that time, the Islamic State (IS) invaded numerous towns and villages. At least 5,000 people were killed and over 7,000 women and girls were kidnapped and enslaved. Over 400,000 fled their homes as a result.

Shelter Now has been providing support for 10 years. In the fall of 2014, we began distributing essentials to prepare the refugees for the upcoming winter. Many Yazidis have fled their homes to the autonomous region of Kurdistan. At least 200,000 displaced people are still living in the camps they fled to ten years ago. Returning is still associated with a high risk. Many have resigned themselves to staying here.

Offering a safe space for women. This is what Lena, the head of the rehabilitation center, is committed to

Our aid is designed long term

In 2018, we started building a trauma recovery centre in Baadre for girls and women who had been enslaved by ISIS. *The women there have a safe space to exchange ideas, learn handicraft skills, do sports and make music,* says Lena, the centre's director, who told us about her work during her visit to Braunschweig this summer.

The Montessori children's centre in Essian Camp, near Baadre, is also a great success. Following an expansion last year, 300 little guests come here every day for learning courses, sports and recreational fun.

In the past 10 years we were able to forward around 1,3 Million EUR of donations. We could not only continue our work but extend it. Here is how.





Hader

„We attended several courses and learnt a lot, including how to deal with children and how to teach them principles, values and honesty. I have learnt to treat children like friends so that they feel at home and not like guests. I also have a dream that these children will build a prosperous future and know their worth better, and I ask them to join us in praying that we contribute to this.“

The Pave Centre

A new training centre for children and young people

In Sheikhan Camp, about 10 kilometres from Essian Camp, a centre for children and young people aged 5 to 17 has been in operation since May. We were able to take over the necessary premises from another organisation. The teachers, themselves refugees from the camp, were trained by the director of the new centre, who had already supported us with the Montessori Children's Centre from the very beginning

Although most of the pupils are already registered at other local schools, many of them can neither read nor write. In order to promote their development and compensate for learning difficulties, the Montessori pedagogy is also used here, as in the children's centre.

Firstly, basics such as reading and writing are taught, followed by practical and manual skills. A total of around 1,000 young people are expected to attend the centre. **The majority of the pupils were born in the refugee camp or fled as young children.** Most of them have relatives who have died or are still missing.

Many have not yet received any form of education and can neither read nor write. **Through this school centre, we can offer them the chance of a self-determined future with better prospects.**

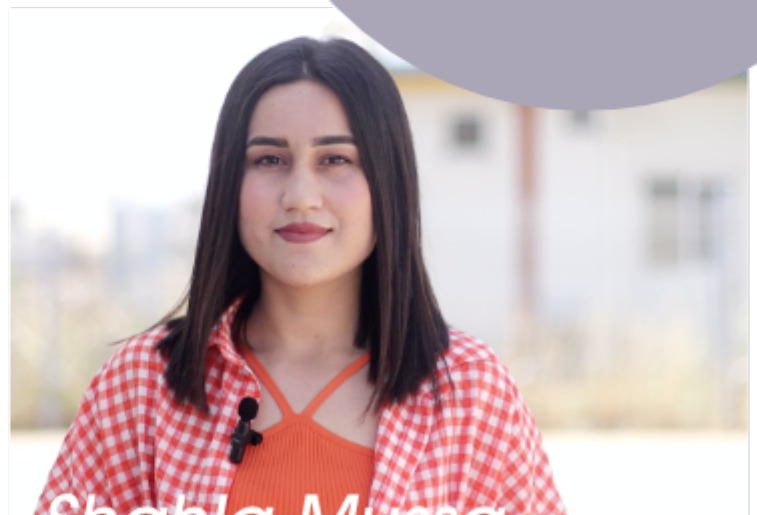
[Video with more impressions of the Pave Center](#)

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Azad

„ I dream that all children learn to read and write and that no child remains illiterate. There should also be no children who drop out of school later. Please pray with us that our people in the camps can return to their homes and areas and find safety there. “



Shahla Mussa

„In a training course, we learnt how to interact with children, teach them and develop their skills. I dream that when I can return to Sinjar, I will do the same work that I am doing now.“

Afghanistan:

New challenge – expansion of dental clinics

A visit to one of our dental clinics near Herat also promises better living conditions - especially for patients who are plagued by dental pain. The mother and child clinic (Now Abad Clinic) has been running since 2010 and treatment is free of charge for patients. Many people in Afghanistan cannot afford urgently needed medical help. If they do receive it, they no longer have enough money to buy food.

After celebrating the opening of another clinic (Shekiban Clinic) last September, we now face the next challenge.

Both clinics, which previously operated on a half-day basis, are to increase their capacity at the ultimate request of the government.

Of course, it is great that we will be able to offer even more people check-ups and treatments.



On the other hand, this is also associated with personnel, organisational and financial costs. For example, the operation of the two clinics will require significantly more funding of EUR 190,000 over the next 12 months.

Many thanks to all our supporters. Yours,
Matthias Stechert

with the Shelter Team.

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Your donation *moves*

Support one of our projects

How much money? Project	15 € Dental clinics Herat and surroundings 6500 an Afghan	300 € Pave Children's Centre 8016 a teacher	100 € Hunger relief Afghanistan 6000 a refugee family
Project no.			
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