



Narrative report on
ENGLISH AND COMPUTER CENTER OF KHIWA

Annual Report: October 1, 2019 to July 15, 2020

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INFORMATION

Project Title:	Vocational Training Center
Location:	Ningarhar, Afghanistan
No of beneficiaries	140
Reporting Period:	October 1, 2019 to July 15, 2020
Project Budget	USD 18000
Project Budgets Period	October 1, 2019 to September 30 2020
Donor Agency	SAWA Australia (NSW)

Acronyms:

OPAWC	Organization of Promoting Afghan Women's Capability
ECC	English and Computer Center

INTRODUCTION

in 2016 OPAWC established a small community center in Khiwa district which funded by SAWA Australia (NSW). At the beginning, it was just an English and Computer courses and around 50 girls are benefited from this program. In 2018 by hard working and granaries, help of SAWA Australia members we are succeed to add some other sections such as literacy and Tailoring classes to a group of around 140 women and girls. The overall investment of this project is based on the understanding that such classes will empower the girls to gain earning skills, which is pivotal for their family.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

VTC (Vocational Training Center) located in Nangarhar province and provide free training classes for more than 140 women and girls who could not attend schools and promote their skills to earn living for their families.

OUR PROGRAM DURING THE QUARANTINE

Because of the spread of COVID-19, government announced a lockdown for three months. so we are forced to close the VTC in Nangarhar and in Kabul too. During this lockdown period, we continued paying all staff salary as well. In addition, we distributed the stationery to our students to study at home and we distributed raw materials for the vocational student to practice at home. Hence, all students have the teacher's contact number and they can call them for support any time when they need. Krishna our project manager and the other teachers were responsible to visit the students at their homes once a week, to solve their problems, and inform all students and their family members about the dangers Coronavirus.

From July 5, 2020, we started the VTC in Nangarhar with the guidance of the Ministry of Public Health of Afghanistan and the World Health Organization.

DEPARTMENTS:

ENGLISH AND COMPUTER PROGRAM:

This section is one of the most important sections of our center in Khiwa. The majority of young girls who are school students are learn English language and computers programs in here. As I mentioned before the public school of Khiwa is unable to provide such opportunity for students. 50 girls are learning English language and computer programs in our VTC in different times.



TAILORING PROGRAM:

VTC have two tailoring classes and 50 women and girls are benefited from this opportunity. The number of women and girls who are interested to learn tailoring is very high but unfortunately; due to lack of space and facilities, we cannot enter more than 50 people. Therefore, we have a long waiting list of women and girls for these classes. They register their names for coming years.



LITERACY PROGRAM:

We have two literacy classes and 40 women and girls are benefited from this program. As usual, after graduation, our students can start from the seventh grade if they want to join public schools. In previous years, a large number of our students joined public schools after leaving the center, and we hope that this will be repeated this year.



KEY STAFF:

Project Manager: Krishma is our project manager and she is computer teacher.

Vocational Trainer: Palwasha is vocational trainer of our community center.

Literacy Trainer: Hosin Ziba is our literacy trainer.

English Trainer: Zala is our English teacher.

PROJECT RESULTS:

Provided free trainings for 140 women and girls in a remote area of Afghanistan. 50 girls learn English language and computer programs, 50 women and girl's benefits from tailoring program and 40 women and girls are learning literacy program in our VTC in Khiwa.

CHALLENGES:

Unfortunately, this year, in addition to the insecurity and problems caused by the war, we also faced the dangers of the Coronavirus. The government for three months closed our center. In addition, we made every effort to ensure that our students could continue their studies during this time. Moreover, all our employees tried to inform the local community and students about the dangers of COVID-19 during this period.