CHA-UNHCR Code-4-Fun Class Success Story, Qalat, Zabul, Afghanistan:

My name is Mahmood Zia, and my father's name is Abdul Wali. I am 18 years old. For many years, my family and I lived in Quetta, Pakistan. We were a large family of 13 members, and although life was never easy, we had built our own small world there a life, a routine, and a sense of belonging.

However, being Afghan refugees in Pakistan came with many challenges. We struggled with financial problems, and my father worked hard every day just to keep food on the table. We also faced social discrimination and uncertainty about our future. Despite everything, we tried to live with hope and dignity.

In 2024, everything changed. The government of Pakistan decided to expel all Afghan refugees and force them to return to Afghanistan. Like thousands of others, we were forced to leave the place we had called home for years. With heavy hearts, we packed what little we had and crossed the border back into Afghanistan a country many of my younger siblings had never even seen before.

After returning to Afghanistan, we started a new life in Gulldara-Shela village of Qalat, Zabul. It was a new chapter filled with challenges we had nothing, no resources, and no clear hope for the future. Poverty surrounded us, and opportunities seemed far beyond reach. My father, burdened by stress and disappointment, struggled to find a way to support our family.

Fortunately, after some time, he was able to get a job in a government office as a junior staff member. Although his salary was small, for us it meant everything it was the start of stability. We continued our life with limited food and simple living, but the greatest concern for my family was my education. My parents believed that knowledge could change our future, even when we had little else.

One day, our hope began to grow when the CHA-UNHCR team visited our village. They identified me as an eligible learner for the Code-4-Fun program, supported by UNHCR. That moment changed everything it opened a door of opportunity for me to learn, grow, and dream beyond the limits of our poverty.

As the UNHCR has launched a new and effective program focused on knowledge, income generation, and professional computer skills such as web development, JavaScript, and other advanced areas of technology. This program is especially important for the young generation, helping us build a brighter future in the world of technology.

Fortunately, I am one of the students in the Code-4-Fun class. Through this opportunity, my hope has risen once again. I believe that with hard work and the knowledge I gain here, I can one day work as a freelancer and online professional, using my skills in web development to create a better life for myself and my community.

The family members of Mahmood Zia expressed their deep happiness and gratitude for the opportunity provided by UNHCR. His father said, "I am really happy for my son, and I am thankful to CHA and UNHCR for creating such valuable opportunities for the youth." He added that programs like these bring hope and motivation to young people, helping them build a brighter and more independent future.