

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

My name is Mohammad Kabir, son of Ghulam Mahiuldin, from Kharwaryan village of Qalat, Zabul province. I am 28 years old and the head of a large household of 13 family members. Throughout my life, I have always tried my best to support my family and serve my community in any way possible.

In the past, I worked in different community roles as a teacher in a primary school, where I educated young children and encouraged them to continue their studies, and later as a radio controller in a local radio station, helping to spread awareness messages and educational programs to our people.

However, as time passed, I lost my job and struggled to find a new source of income. My family and I faced severe poverty and hopelessness, with no stable livelihood to depend on. Despite my efforts and experience, opportunities were very limited, and providing food and basic needs for my 13 family members became a daily challenge.

Due to the unstable political situation in Afghanistan, people are suffering from various types of crises. I am also affected by joblessness and poverty, having lost my main source of income. I always hoped to generate a private income, even if small, to remain independent and not rely on others. Having a private income source is very helpful for sustaining life during such difficult times.

As the UNHCR Code-4-Fun program started in Zabul to support professional computer science income generation activities such as teaching HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap 5, and PHP, it has provided valuable opportunities for participants to gain high-level professional skills. The facility and resources were provided by UNHCR, including a monthly transportation support of 3,000 AFN, which is very helpful for me. Fortunately, I was selected and enrolled through the Community Engagement activities of the ongoing project and was eligible to become one of the Code-4-Fun students.

When I heard about this program, I immediately prepared myself to learn more and become one of the active students in the class. The UNHCR Code-4-Fun program is very different from others I have never seen such a professional program in my life. It is a center of professionalism, not an ordinary class. Through this program, we learn code-based skills such as database design, website creation, and other advanced programming tools that can support income generation and future job opportunities.

I have observed significant improvement in my professional skills through this program. My education, knowledge, confidence, and ability to manage stress have all developed positively. I am now more hopeful about gaining professional income skills that will lead me toward independence in life. My family also encourages me to continue and never give up, saying I am lucky that UNHCR is supporting me. Their hope and belief in my future have motivated me even more.

Now I can promise my family that one day I will open my own business in Qalat after completing the UNHCR Code-4-Fun class. I plan to support my family with the limited facilities I have, but it will be my own business. This program is not only an income generation study but also a source of valuable knowledge that will help me find job opportunities and prove myself in a company, NGO, or any other office after completing my studies. I am very hopeful for my future, thanks to CHA and UNHCR.



Mohammad Kabir, One of Code-4-Fun Class Student in Qalat, Zabul, Afghanistan.

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