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3. About Us

• Organizational Background

Beyond Borders Empowerment (BBE) is a registered nonprofit organization founded in early 2023 by a dedicated team of professionals, including educators, university professors, writers, medical doctors, journalists, human rights defenders, and legal experts. BBE is built on the philosophy and principles of human rights, social justice, respect for human dignity, and collective efforts to foster growth and empowerment.

At BBE, we work tirelessly towards sustainable outcomes, and we believe in the principle that "we teach our communities to fish, instead of giving them a fish." We are confident that such self-sufficiency and sustainability can only be achieved by ensuring equal rights and opportunities for all, enabling everyone to reach their maximum potential and make a difference — including women and girls, who make up half of the population. That said, we prioritize not only meeting immediate needs but also fostering long-term sustainable development by equipping marginalized communities with the resources necessary for self-reliance.

Since our founding, we have stood firmly committed to empowering marginalized communities by providing access to quality education, fostering economic independence through entrepreneurship and employment, and supporting access to essential healthcare, as well as providing humanitarian aid during crises. Through sustainable, community-led initiatives, we strive to close social gaps and equip individuals to become agents of lasting change.

Vision Statement: We envision a future where geographical and social barriers no longer dictate an individual's potential. We strive for a world where every girl and woman has the opportunity to achieve her dreams and contribute to a more equitable society.

Mission Statement: To provide innovative pathways to education, health, and economic stability for vulnerable populations. Our mission is to bridge the gaps in access and opportunity, empowering individuals to become agents of change and champions of human rights within their own communities.

• Our Story

The enthusiasm to help other women and girls build their own lives and make their own decisions was born from my own struggles as an Afghan woman. I faced a reality where not only were opportunities to learn and grow scarce, but social limitations added another layer of struggle. When, in the 21st century Afghan girls were told to stay home and not attend school because of their gender; something no one chooses.

Nevertheless, through determination, last nights of study, and relentless effort, I fought for my most basic rights. That not only allowed me to shape my own life but also became a source of spirit, courage, and hope for many others. It ignited a firm commitment to uplift my community, to create opportunities for growth, and to enable others to choose their own paths—transforming from a child held back by barriers into someone who could lead, inspire, and create real, lasting change in their communities, their country, and beyond.

The creation of Beyond Borders Empowerment (BBE) came from this deeply personal journey. I learned that even in the most difficult circumstances, change is possible. If I could do it, so can others—all they need is the inner commitment, the willingness, and access to the right tools and opportunities. Afghan women and girls have immense potential; contrary to the beliefs held in many parts of our country, they can achieve just as much as men, and in some cases, even more.

They only need to be given their wings. Once they are, watching them fly and grow is not just inspiring—it is proof of what is possible when equality and opportunity are made real.

-Hashimi

• Our Core Values:

Inclusiveness: We are committed to fostering inclusiveness, ensuring that marginalized groups particularly women and girls, who are at the heart of our programs are recognized, valued, respected, treated fairly, and supported in building a better future for themselves.

Sustainability: Our initiatives are designed to create long-term, sustainable impacts in the communities we serve by promoting independence, social justice, economic stability, and cultural diversity.

Accountability: We operate with the highest standards of transparency and integrity, ensuring responsible use of resources and maintaining the trust of our stakeholders.

Community Empowerment: We believe in the power of communities to drive their own progress by building local capacity, fostering economic growth, improving wellbeing, and encouraging community ownership.

Respect for Dignity: We treat every individual and culture with the utmost respect, honoring their unique traditions and values, and ensuring equal treatment, individual rights, and dignity.

• Our Team:

Sosan Hashimi

Founder and Director

Sosan Hashimi is a scholar in the Faculty of Political Science at University College London (UCL) and a former lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Salam University. She has contributed to numerous public benefit programs in Afghanistan in collaboration with USAID, the World Bank, and the European Union Delegation to Afgjaniatn.

In addition to founding Beyond Borders Empowerment (BBE), Sosan is the CEO of Ravi Zan Media, the only independent media organization dedicated to amplifying the voices of Afghan women. With over a decade of professional experience, she has been a steadfast advocate, human rights defender, and a powerful voice for unheard and marginalized communities.



Farangis Fariwar Board of Trustees

Farangis Fariwar was born in Afghanistan but was forced to leave the country with her family at the age of 18 and immigrate to Pakistan. She earned a BSc degree in Social Sciences from the UK Open University.

She worked with various NGOs supporting refugees in Pakistan, including Afghanaid, IOM, and IRC. She has been living in the UK for more than two decades, where she has worked as an ESOL Tutor in the adult education sector. In addition, she has worked as an Accounts Technician for several years after obtaining her AAT qualification. More recently, she has become a social activist and has been involved in community support projects in the UK, Greece, and Afghanistan.



Imran Fazal Board of Trustees Gold Medalist | Information Scientist | Author & Translator | Social Reformer

Born in Kunar, Afghanistan, Imran Fazal is a gold medalist and accomplished information scientist. He holds a BSc in Computer Science from Khurasan University and an MA in International Development Policy from India. He has worked in public sector reform, digital transformation, and community development, and founded IKF Enterprise.

An author and translator of over 87 Pashto books, he promotes education and knowledge accessibility. He continues to inspire youth through mentorship, social activism, and community projects in Afghanistan, the UK, and beyond.



Kaihan Alambye PhD Researcher and Writer

I am Kaihan Alambye. I am deeply interested in the intersections of violence, trauma, and political structures, which have shaped my academic path and research focus. I studied Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Essex University, which provided me with a strong foundation for understanding how political systems and social structures affect human behavior. I further developed this interest by completing a Master's in the Anthropology of Politics, Violence, and Crime at UCL, where my dissertation explored the transmission of trauma and its impact on individuals and communities.

Building on my master's research, I am now pursuing a PhD at UCL, focusing on how trauma and violence are perpetuated and transmitted across generations, particularly in marginalized communities. I hope that my work will contribute to understanding conflicted regions and provide insights that help pave the way for peace and prosperity.



Waheed Niawash Country Director

Entrepreneur | Senior Executive | FinTech Specialist | Innovative Business Developer

Born in 1991 – Kabul, Afghanistan | Based in Kabul

Waheed Niawash is an experienced professional in the fields of financial technology (FinTech), creative industries, and social entrepreneurship in Afghanistan. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Management and Business Administration from Kabul University and a Diploma in Accounting from the Kabul Institute of Administration and Accounting. He has also completed several international certifications in research, information technology, and digital payment systems.

Sadaf Ghawsi

Programs & Technical Lead + Project Management

Sadaf Ghawsi is a passionate advocate for women's empowerment, holding a Bachelor's degree in Public Health from Kabul Medical University and currently pursuing a degree in Business Administration at the University of the People (U.S.). She has extensive experience working across multiple sectors, with a strong focus on advancing the rights and opportunities of Afghan women and girls.

Sadaf's professional background includes serving as Operations Manager at the Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AWCCI), where she organized workshops, educational programs, exhibitions, and business development initiatives to strengthen women's participation in economic, educational, and social spheres. She has also contributed to the health sector as a Technical Officer, promoting gender equality, safeguarding, and women's empowerment in health services. Currently, she serves as Program Manager at Beyond Borders Empowerment (BBE), a UK-based organization dedicated to supporting Afghan girls and youth through education and empowerment initiatives.

Her leadership and advocacy have earned her multiple awards and invitations to represent Afghan women at national and international conferences. Sadaf's work reflects her unwavering commitment to building inclusive opportunities where Afghan women and girls can thrive, lead, and make meaningful contributions to society.

Khatira Fikrat

Business and Finance Enthusiast | HR & Administrative Manager | Educator

Khatira Fikrat is a business and finance enthusiast at the American University of Afghanistan with a diploma in English from the Muslim English Language Institute. She has experience in human resources, administration, and education, currently serving as HR & Administrative Manager at Beyond Borders Empowerment and Executive Assistant at TEDx Share-e-Naw. She has also worked as Admin Assistant at Green Way Organization, Admin & Finance Officer at Generation Positive, and English Instructor at Beyond Borders Empowerment.

Fluent in Dari, proficient in English, and with working knowledge of Pashto, Khatira is passionate about empowering communities, supporting education, and contributing to organizational success.



Geety Haidary Researcher

Geety Haidary holds a Bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Kabul University and is currently pursuing a second Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance at the American University of Afghanistan. As a student in two fields, Geety Haidary, has gained valuable work experience across various sectors. She have been volunteering for the Afghanistan Law and Political Science Association (ALPA), for the past year, initially serving as the Faculty relations intern, where she build a communication between the faculty and management, and currently working as the curriculum coordinator for the ALPA Academy. Recently, Geety Haidary also started working as a Volunteer Researcher in the potential donors section at BBE (Beyond Borders Empowerment). Additionally, She served as a volunteer collaborator in a mentorship program for female Afghan law graduates, working for a year as a mentor-mentee liaison in a program organized by USIP. She also have practical experience in a law office and have worked in business roles across various logistics companies.

Hasina Zmarai Researcher

Hasena Zmari is a dedicated and professional researcher with expertise in conducting studies and data analysis. She possesses strong skills in academic research, information gathering and evaluation, and preparing accurate, well-structured reports. Committed to precision, punctuality, and high-quality work, Hasena consistently delivers reliable and insightful results.



Adeeba Bareen

Educator | Student | Community Volunteer

Adeeba Bareen is a dedicated educator and student with a strong background in business, economics, and language instruction. She is pursuing a BBA at the American University of Afghanistan and a Bachelor of Economics at Women's Online University, with additional studies in Business Management, Turkish Literature, and TESOL/TTC certifications.

Since 2021, she has taught English at Ahmad Shah Durrani BaBa Private Education Institute, leading lessons, clubs, debates, and cultural events. She has also worked in student support and administration at Afghan Gustar Services Company and volunteers with youth and educational organizations. Fluent in English, Turkish, Pashto, and Dari, she brings expertise in teaching, communication, and community engagement.



Malika Hail Educator

Malika Hail, born in Kabul in 2004, is a dedicated educator, artist, and student. After completing her high school in Kabul, she continued her studies in Pakistan, earning a Diploma in English and a Certificate in Digital Marketing, along with training in business, mental health, and team building. She has taught English and computer skills to school-aged children and currently teaches Afghan girls with Beyond Borders Organization while pursuing higher education at the American University. Fluent in English, Dari, Pashto, and Urdu, and skilled in digital tools, she strives to use her education and creativity to empower young Afghan girls and support their brighter future.



Sadad Ghawsi Instructor

Hamasa Noorzai

Instructor

Zarghona Ahmadi Instructor

Khatira Fikrat Instructor

4. Our Programs:

• Education Programs; Pathways toward Opportunities

Pathways toward Opportunities programs aim to provide quality learning opportunities for communities, both inside and outside Afghanistan, who have been deprived of access to education. Through a combination of virtual and on-ground initiatives, we work to equip learners with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue brighter futures.

- Three on-ground schools for grades 10–12 with 150 enrolled students.(Provide more information about this- these are community based schools tight by volunteers from grade 7-12)
- Call for application of English classes was announced on March 5, 2025.
- Student orientation held on April 17, 2025.
- English classes officially started in April, 2025.
- Virtual English Basic and Advanced Classes with 50 active students.
- Coding & Microsoft Office classes are planned to start soon.
- Data analysis has been conducted.
- The application form has been released.
- Over 300 applications have already been received.
- Microsoft Office courses: 200+ student applications.
- Coding courses: 100+ student applications.

• Economic Empowerment

We are dedicated to advancing marginalized groups, particularly women towards economic independence through microfinance assistance, business training, financial literacy, and mentorship. Beyond Borders Empowerment has so far supported 11 women entrepreneurs.

Women startups supported by BBE:

- *Dursa* by Sheila Amiri, a collective representing eight women-led ventures specializing in home décor, jewelry, scarves, and coffee art.
- *Tough Hands Craft* by Anita Noor, focused on handmade crafts and jewelry.
- *Nafis* by Hadia Ghawsi, a youth-led Afghan clothing brand.
- *Home Decor Business* by Robia Zahida Faizan, which highlights traditional Nooristani wood and engraving.
- Azin by Parwana, offering traditional fashion pieces including hijabs and chapans.
- F.F Cafe by Farwa Farzan, known for its homemade baked goods and beverages.
- *Qizil* by Jada, producing locally branded laptop bags and purses.
- Lalo by Hadia Nazare, which provides handmade babywear essentials.
- Afghan Handmade Jewelry by Firoza Akbari (now involving 60 young women)

Orphaned Children

We are committed to serving orphans not only as a marginalized part of society but as one of BBE's core priorities. Our support focuses on education, capacity building, emotional wellbeing, nutritional programs, clothing, and educational supplies on various occasions. These efforts include aid distributions during Ramadan, Eid, birthdays, and Children's Day.

On February 25, 2025, at Arezo Ayenda and Mirza Hakimi Orphanages in Qala-e-Fathullah, Kabul, 150 orphaned boys and girls received warm clothing, lunch, and participated in arts

activities. On June 1, 2025, 108 orphans 37 girls and 73 boys celebrated Eid and Children's Day at the same orphanages. Based on a needs assessment, children were also provided with requested items such as shoes and school supplies.

Provided warm clothing, lunch, birthday celebrations, and art activities.

Supported nearly 150 orphans in Kabul's Arezo Ayenda and Mirza Hakimi orphanages.

Celebrated Eid and Children's Day with nearly 110 orphans in the same orphanages.

Donated shoes and school supplies based on needs identified by the children themselves.

In addition to ongoing assistance, BBE is working to provide capacity building, trauma counseling, and mental and physical wellbeing support for these orphans.

Healthcare Support

BBE's healthcare initiatives aim to provide comprehensive mental and physical health support for underserved communities. Our focus is on reaching vulnerable populations, including those in remote areas, women, children, and orphans.

- Established the Torkham Border Health Camp
- Supported two families with medicine and supplements to aid in their recovery.
- Trauma counseling and physical healthcare services in target communities.
- Establishment of 10 mobile clinics by the end of 2025.
- Mental health support for at least 2,500 conflict victims.

Human Rights and Advocacy

In alignment with BBE's mission, our human rights and advocacy efforts focus on raising awareness, promoting action from policymakers, politicians, the international community, and NGOs, and documenting violations to drive change. We aim to promote human rights and advocate for justice and social inclusion. Our work includes conducting research, publishing articles, and providing public awareness programs for women about their rights under both Islamic Sharia and the law.

- Offer swift responses to urgent human rights matters.
- Produce investigative reports, documentaries, formal gatherings, and collective actions.
- Provide legal support for individuals whose rights have been violated.

Emergency Aid

In line with BBE's mission, our emergency aid services provide livelihood assistance to affected areas and individuals in times of crisis. Although our primary focus is on longer-term activities, we also plan to deliver humanitarian aid to people in dire need and exceptional circumstances. In 2025, we contributed to supporting at least 20 families affected by the Herat earthquake with food, clothing, and cash, as well as assisting forcibly returned refugees from Iran and Pakistan.

- Supported 20+ families after the 2025 Herat earthquake.
- Assisted forcibly returned refugees from Iran and Pakistan.
- Deliver food and shelter to communities impacted by climate change and to returnees at border areas.
- Distribute charity items in remote, disaster-affected, and returnee communities.

5. Latest News and Updates:

The Virtual Education Project was inaugurated in February 2025, attended by 100 NGO directors, members of the Afghan diaspora, business owners, and U.K. government representatives. The project now reaches over 400 students across Afghanistan and beyond. Our on-ground schools have successfully completed their programs, with students graduating. A key milestone is the launch of virtual English classes, enrolling students from various provinces of Afghanistan as well as Afghan diaspora communities in Pakistan and Iran, with nearly half of the curriculum already completed. Recently, virtual Microsoft Office and coding courses have been introduced for Afghan girls, with students applying through Google application forms.

6. Our Impact

- Key Achievements:
- Supported 11 Afghan women startups
- Supported Orphan Children in two Orphanages of Kabul, Qala-e-Fathullah
- Enrolled English Language students across and beyond Afghanistan.
- Provided support to earthquake-affected families in Herat.
- Offered support to returnees from Pakistan and Iran
- Call for applications for coding & Microsoft office class
- Received 300+ applicants for coding & Microsoft office courses
- Plan to start computer classes
- Plan to launch TOEFL/IELTS courses.

Our Impact So Far(Numbers):

- 1. 400+ students benefiting from our programs
- 2. 150 on ground students
- 3. 50+ students in virtual classes
- 4. 110 orphaned children supported

- 5. 300+ students in coding & Microsoft Office courses
- 6. Assisted 20+ families after the 2025 Herat earthquake with food, clothing, and cash.

• Student Feedback:

"One memorable part of the online class was how quickly it started to feel like a real community, even though we were all behind screens. I still remember the time when my mic was accidentally unmuted and my little sister shouted something ridiculous during a lecture—it definitely lightened the mood and made the class feel more human. Also, the flexibility of learning at my own pace really helped me improve. I used to be nervous about asking questions, but in the online setup, I felt more comfortable messaging or speaking up. It has been a fun and rewarding experience, and I'm truly grateful for the support from both you and my classmates.

Wasiya Safi"

• Success Stories- will be asked students

"My name is Barin Jebran. I am an 11th-grade student and a participant in the English language course (BBE-Advance). Unfortunately, the recent developments in our country have deprived girls of their fundamental right to education. My mother, who was a government employee, lost her job. Amid economic hardships and social pressures, after consulting with my mother and other family members, we decided—despite all difficulties to pursue education through migration, which forced us to leave our homeland.

My sister, Beshetta Jebran, who was in 7th grade, my mother, and I spent two years in Iran, where we successfully completed two academic years. However, difficult conditions, lack of educational resources, and changes in Iranian government policies toward migrants forced us to return. Even though hope seemed lost and we faced many hardships, we did not give up. Our efforts were focused on finding even a small opportunity to continue our education.

During this time, one of my mother's colleagues, who lives in the UK, introduced us to this online English language course. This program became a valuable opportunity and a light in the darkness for us. Today, we are doing our best to make the most of this chance. I never imagined

that even a small pathway to continue my education could exist, and now I am deeply grateful that this course has brought new hope for my sister and me.

I am confident that the path to progress is opening before us, and with perseverance, a bright future awaits.

With sincere gratitude,

Barin Jebran"

"When Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021, my life changed forever. In that moment, I didn't just lose my

homeland I lost the future I had once dreamed of. Along with my father, mother, and younger sister, we were

forced to flee and seek refuge in Iran.

Migration wasn't just a change of place it was the beginning of a struggle to hold onto education, to keep hope

alive, and to rebuild a shattered identity. Despite the hardships, I chose not to give up. I resumed my education

in Iran and today, I am pursuing my Master's degree in Software Engineering.

Along this journey, I discovered Beyond The Borders Empowerment an organization that has done more than

just offer online education to displaced Afghan girls. It has reignited hope, built community, and empowered

women who were once silenced.

By joining this program, I've strengthened my English skills, gained access to quality learning, and most

importantly, felt seen and heard. This is more than a classroom it is a home, a support system, and a platform

for growth.

My story is the story of thousands of Afghan girls, girls who may have lost their country, but never their courage.

Beyond The Borders has given us wings, and I am proud to be one of many flying toward a brighter, stronger

future.

My purpose in enhancing my English proficiency is to open new doors for pursuing education at an international

level and advancing my knowledge and skills. I sincerely hope that with the support of the esteemed organization

Beyond The Borders Empowerment, I will gain valuable opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Their encouragement inspires me to overcome challenges and build a bright and successful future.

Bakhti Ahmadi"

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