



MISSION AND HISTORY

Creating Hope International's mission is to provide support to grassroots organizations that provide education and health services to needy people. CHI believes that supporting local people to solve their own problems, leads to sustainable solutions that are responsive to community needs, foster community participation and empower people. Creating Hope International (CHI) is a Michigan based non-profit organization with 501(c) 3 status.

CHI primarily focuses on providing technical and financial assistance to organizations

In the past, CHI has:

- provided technical assistance and training to Mexican villagers in public, maternal, and child health services as well as building latrines
- Supported the training of teachers in Pakistan and Afghanistan
- raised funds to support refugees in Iran and Pakistan

Currently, CHI has 4 projects: Afghan, Afghan Private Enterprises, Tibetan Bon and Raising Awareness.

AFGHAN PROJECT

For over 20 years, CHI has been providing assistance to the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), as it worked in Afghan refugee camps and in Afghanistan. CHI's contribution is under a technical assistance agreement that provides help with administration, finance, program strategy, fundraising, budgeting, social media and proposal and report writing.

AIL's focus is the provision of quality healthcare, training and education.

Afghans are empowered through health and educational services which are community based and culturally sensitive. AIL is now one of the largest Afghan women-led NGOs and provides services to more than 350,000 people annually.

AIL has grown from a small, local, Afghan women's community-based organization to a large, internationally recognized organization with a broad array of quality services. AIL has increased its' funding from \$30,000 in 2001 to \$1.4 million. AIL is now considered a preeminent teacher training organization in Afghanistan. It has developed training curricula for culturally relevant, human rights education, health education and counseling materials for Afghans. AIL has trained its staff in human rights and introduced human rights training to Afghan women in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

TIBETAN BON PROJECT

The Bon are a minority Tibetan ethnic group that fled to India when the Chinese invaded Tibet in 1959. In 1968, the Bon established a community in Dolanji, India on donated land. Today, 75 Tibetan Bon families (including 300 children) are settled there. The Bon in Tibet and those in Nepal send their children to the center so they can get a quality education.

The community has an orphanage, children's hostel, school (to the Grade 9), health center and community farm. CHI provided help in setting up an administrative structure helps with grant writing and reporting. Projects have included: water tanks, drinking water well, storage facility, essential oils production, sanitary matters, purchasing cows for milk, health, education, and living conditions. CHI provides scholarships for education for some of the poorer students and orphans.

Afghan Private Enterprises

CHI President, Dr. Yacoobi believes in supporting and expanding the private sector in Afghanistan. She has founded four schools, a hospital, radio and TV stations, all of which are private entities. She is currently working on setting up a women's university in Herat. The hospitals and schools are self-supporting and independent. CHI provides scholarships to poor children so they can attend the private schools and receive a quality education. CHI also sources funding for the establishment of private enterprises.

RAISING AWARENESS PROJECT

CHI's public education efforts promote knowledge about Afghanistan and

awareness and sensitivity to cultural differences. Dr. Yacoobi has been interviewed on the radio (including National Public Radio and Equal Access Radio) and television and print media. She attends many events nationally and internationally each year, advocating for effective strategies to provide education, health and economic opportunity to the most vulnerable people in the world.

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