

Toc Dunlap Long Biography

Toc Dunlap co-founded Creating Hope International in 1995. She is Executive Director and President of the organization. She is an educator, teacher trainer, and expert in providing quality technical assistance to grassroots organizations that work in the health and education areas in developing countries and refugees.

Over the past three decades, Toc has given assistance to organizations that provide education, healthcare and skills training in Afghanistan and to refugees in Pakistan. In 1967, Toc went to Afghanistan as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She worked in Herat and Charikar teaching English, training teachers, and developing curriculum. In 1988, she returned to Pakistan to help Afghan refugees. She worked as Coordinator of International Rescue Committee's Hangu Education Program and eventually advanced to Deputy Director of International Rescue Committee. During her 8 years with International Rescue Committee, she initiated 6 new educational programs. Through a consensus-based model of grassroots program development, Toc has helped to successfully introduce potentially controversial programs like schools for Afghan girls. She developed a teacher training manual in Farsi and Pushto, trained teachers, and trained teacher trainers.

Since 1995, Toc has worked closely with the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), an Afghan women's non-governmental organization. Through CHI, she provides AIL with services and assistance in administration, finance, program strategy, fundraising, budgeting and proposal writing. AIL is one of the largest Afghan women-led NGOs and preeminent teacher training organization in Afghanistan.

In 2002, Toc initiated a new program to help a group of Tibetan Bon refugees in India. Through CHI, Toc has helped this community develop an essential oils program. Toc also started a scholarship program that helps Bon students advance their education. She helped the community raise funds for important building projects such as a new drinking water well, and a cow for milk. She has also helped the Bon organize their administrative structure to more effectively oversee, manage and fundraise for their various programs that include an orphanage, school and medical clinic.

In her role as Executive Director of CHI, Toc has visited CHI projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. She is a public speaker about Afghans, Tibetans, women's issues, diversity, and community development in developing nations. She was a delegate to the United Nations Millennium Forum for NGOs in New York City in 2000 and presented a paper at the Central Eurasian Studies Society annual conference at Harvard.

Toc has a California Secondary Teaching Credential and is a member of the State Bars in California and Michigan. She founded an alternative school in Jackson, California in 1973 and worked as an international lawyer with Ford Motor Company from 1979-1987. During her time at Ford Motor Company, she spent two years coordinating Ford's Inter-Corporate Relations in Mexico. She is also an experienced and innovative spiritual energy healer and has led labyrinth meditation and alternative healing workshops.