

2007 Rebuild Afghanistan Summit

Organization			
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About the Presenter			
1) Executive Board member and Secretary of Raqim Foundation			
2) Afghan American Resident of East Bay and father of two children			
3) Mechanical Engineer with 16 Years experience in Construction Management			
Organization's Mission/Objective			
<p>The Raqim Foundation works to alleviate poverty in Afghanistan. Our aim is to help empower the most vulnerable people in Afghanistan – destitute families, orphans, natural disaster victims – by partnering with local and international NGO's in creating impact projects; and by providing financial assistance, technical assistance and support to grass roots groups, as well as dedicated individuals that are directly involved in implementing community-based development and relief projects. Recognizing that illiteracy reinforces long-term underdevelopment, we are especially committed to finding creative solutions that would bring educational initiatives to impoverished children in the most remote regions of Afghanistan. Our projects are designed to foster self-sufficiency, sustainability and replicability.</p>			
List the organizations past accomplishments in helping the people in Afghanistan. Be sure to include start and completion dates.			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraised \$ 15,000.00 Dollars Cash for A.D.R.P. (Afghan Dental Relief Program) to establish a dental clinic in Afghanistan (Assisted in facilitating governmental access to minister of Housing Urban Development, and assisted in provisions of land and services.) Assisted The Children of War with providing Annual sustenance for five orphans and their families in Kabul/Paghman Collected and sent a large box of Medicine for The Children of War Schools in Kabul. Numerous small cash donations to various extremely poor families in need Building The Serghailan Health Clinic: together with the local people of Badakhshan, RF assistance was instrumental in its completion. RF's \$20000.00 donation to GPFA, which brought \$43000.00 matching funds from individuals/foundations, Global Partnership For Afghanistan, launched its livelihood farms for 93 widows in Guldara, Logar, Gardez, and Wardak Provinces. With the generous donations from the Masjid e Mahajereen of Hayward, and with partnership with The Organization for the Advancement of Afghan Women, RF was able to do its first Relief operation in Bamyán Provivenc. Some 2000 blankets were distributed to 1000 families in 16 villages. 			
What is your organization planning on doing to help the people in Afghanistan?			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> RF, in its second relief program, together with the Children Of War, has already bought some 4000 blankets to be distributed to the coldest spots of Central Afghanistan for the upcoming winter. Being a small organization, we are planning to partner with other small but efficient local NGOs involved in education for the poor. We intend to follow the Learn and Work models of UNESCO. In accomplishing this goal, we hope to seek UNESCO's assistance for its feasibility study. Moreover, RF is looking in to vocational training by Satellite. We have already contacted Carol Ruth Silver to discuss a concrete project. Children Clothing to Afghanistan: RF in collaboration with International Orphan Care (IOC), is planning to send three large containers of new/slightly used children clothing (i.e. hoodies, sweaters, shoes and pants) to Afghanistan during the first quarter of 2008. 			
How can the Bay Area community get involved in helping your organizations?			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> They can participate in fundraising for the projects Bringing fresh ideas and projects to the table Assist time in publicizing the cause Assist in finding implementing agents in Afghanistan for various projects as they are identified. 			