



Social Services Programme

Orphan Support

Computer Lab for Ehsas Orphanage in Nangrahar

Project Proposal

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Project Title:

Computer Lab for Ehsas Orphanage in Kabul

Project Budget:	£6940	Target Location:	Kabul
Target Beneficiaries:	Orphan children living in the orphanage.		
Implementing Organization:	Ehsas Welfare and Social Services Organization (EWSSO), Afghanistan		
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Project Summary:

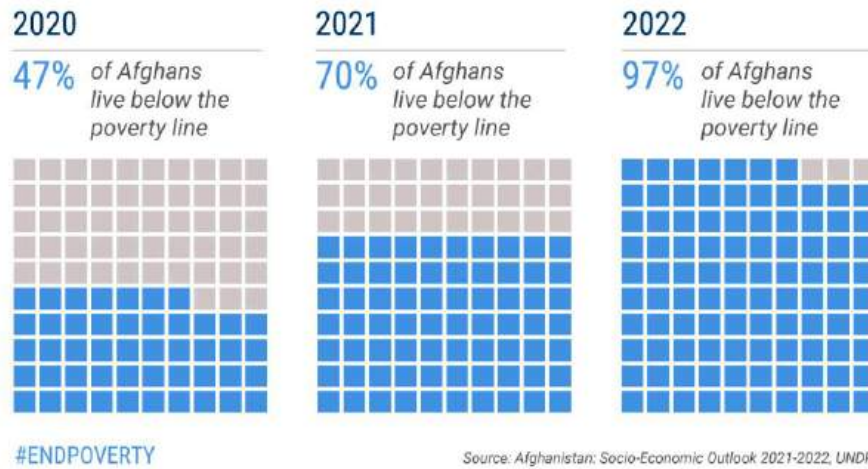
The project is proposed to meet the global changing trends in both learning and employment environments through establishing a computer lab for the orphanage so that the orphan children have the technological skills for advanced learning and employability in the future.

Context

Over 40 years of war and chaos in Afghanistan has taken the lives of millions of people leaving behind more than 1.6 million orphan children. These unfortunate realities deprive the children from their father's cuddle. Unfortunately, the relatives do not care for the orphans as much they care for their own children. The biggest factors contributing to the orphan population's rise are armed conflict, explosions, natural disasters, accidents and fatal illness.

Further, Afghanistan is one of the world's most complicated humanitarian catastrophes, owing to growing violence and natural calamities over the past 40 years. These disruptions and shocks have weakened the resilience of displaced, host, and natural disaster-affected people. Even under normal conditions, households face difficulties in meeting their basic needs. With 90% of Afghans living in poverty and having less than US\$2 per day to cover their requirements, their capacity to cope with unexpected shocks, such as harsh winters, is relatively poor.

*In Afghanistan,
normally, an orphan is
defined as a child
without a father.*



Needs Assessment

We are living in a Technological age where technology is a key driving factor for the human civilization in its quest towards growth and advancement. In today's world, Information Technology is a critical component in the prosperity of any country. Unfortunately, the high expense of schooling to obtain computer related talents in various locations throughout the globe inhibits the poor, orphaned and impoverished young from accessing these abilities which are in need.

The orphan children at our orphanage located in Kabul lack computer skills. Many of these orphan children have never touched a computer, much alone gotten any instruction in Information Technology skills. Hence this project is designed to match the shifting trends in advanced learning and to train children for expanding markets and for suitable jobs.

Why is it necessary for our kids to learn basic computer skills?

Capacity to solve problems

Children acquiring computer skills gain problem-solving abilities, which is one of their many advantages. Teaching children the fundamentals of computer use will help them build their critical thinking abilities. Children will learn how to tackle problems by first considering the large picture and then coming up with strategies for breaking them down into smaller, more achievable tasks. Kids may examine various circumstances and come up with answers using the gained abilities, both while they are young and as adults.

Improved and quicker learning for children

Teaching children computer skills at a young age has numerous benefits, such as speeding up their academic progress. New ideas are simple for children to grasp, and computer literacy may help youngsters improve their capacity for learning.

Children who were introduced to computers when they were young would always have an edge over those who learned about them later in life. Children are encouraged to be imaginative and try to act in accordance with what they have learned in computer lessons by using kid-friendly applications.

Being allowed to use electronic equipment anywhere

The world has drastically altered, and many houses. Learning and academic centers and businesses now have computers or computer-related equipment. Children must learn how to use cellphones and computers since they are so accessible. The days of preventing children from using computers and other electronic devices are long gone. Children who know how to use a computer may access instructional websites on the internet and study at home.

Children may learn a lot of things via YouTube and other platforms accessible to them, but only if they are computer literate.

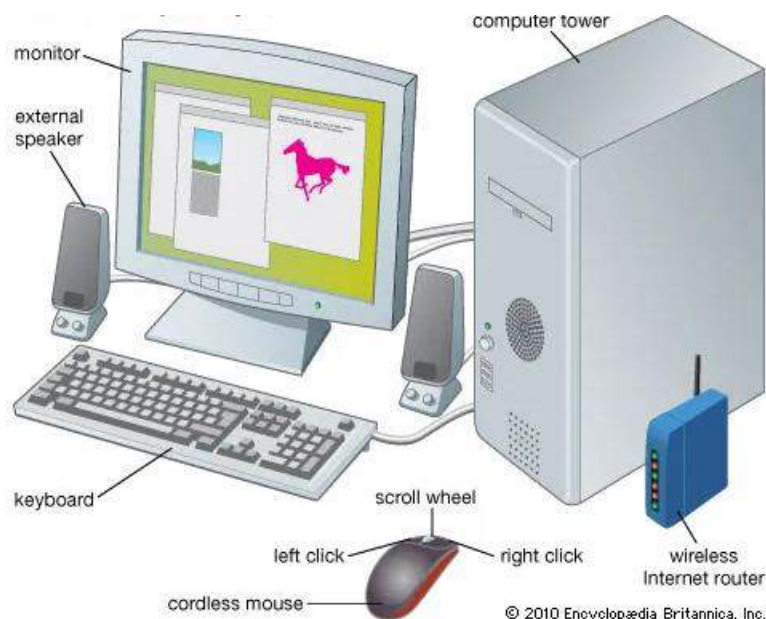
Higher test scores when they become adults in the job market

Since practically every employment in the 21st century requires some kind of computer technology, it is wise to make sure children have computer literacy.

Increasing imagination

Another advantage of teaching young children computer skills is that it fosters their creativity and self-confidence. As a result, children are better able to think creatively and develop original ideas.

The greatest brains in technology learned how to be creative at a young age and were exposed to computers at a very young age. Due of this, they were able to develop amazing, ground-breaking concepts into the goods we use today.





What are the basic skills of computer use?

Basic Activities

Computer literacy begins with learning how to use devices like the keyboard, mouse, and trackpad as well as how to turn on and off the computer properly and run apps. Additionally, users should be comfortable with basic functions including copying and pasting, clicking and double-clicking using a mouse or trackpad, and typing using a keyboard.

Software for office use

Considering a lot of companies want their workers to utilize basic office software, computing is seen as a vocational topic. One of the first skills that younger students will master is word processor typing. The 'undo' and 'redo' features, as well as text styling with bold, italic, and underline, are presumably also concepts they may encounter for the first time when using word processing. Learners must be able to utilize the 'save' feature in order to create documents.

Children will begin using presentation software to make slides in addition to drawing and painting programs. This might include including visuals and arranging text in a manner that is pleasing to the eye.

Children may start using spreadsheets later and learn how to insert formulas into cells using basic calculations like SUM, MULTIPLY, MINUS, DIVIDE and AVERAGE. Even the development of graphs with the necessary formatting might result from such.

Using Search Engines and Browsers

Children should be taught how to use the Internet securely. This often entails utilizing "for children" to guarantee safer search results, using a single phrase to search the Internet, understanding the search engine results page, clicking links, and then returning to the results page. They might anticipate having the opportunity to test out a variety of search engines.

Communication

Understanding how to use services like email to communicate properly is a crucial component of computer literacy. Children should learn how to send and respond to Email, and how to develop passwords for their online accounts. Additionally, children should get instruction on how to connect online properly, politely, and securely, as well as on what information to never post. How photos may be edited and presented online is also important.

Project objectives

Providing the following to the orphan children:

- Computer access;
- Basic computer skills (using windows operating system);
- Typing techniques in different languages (English, Dari/Persian and Pashto);
- Proficiency in windows applications such as notepad, paint and calculator;

- Playing fun and educational games; and
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Project Outcome

- Orphan children acquire computing skills necessary for future higher education and employment.

Target Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries will be the orphan children living in the EWSSO orphanage in Kabul, while orphan children outside the orphanage may get basic computer skills training once in a while.

Computer Lab Illustration



Children will use the laptops organized on a long table sitting on two sides of the table.



Estimated Budget for the Computer Lab

#	Item	Quantity	Unit Cost (Pound Sterling)	Total (Pound Sterling)
1	Laptop (including Mouse, Mouse Pad, Charger, Power Sockets)	30	150	4500
2	LCD	2	655	1310
3	Long Table	2	280	560
4	Chair	30	19	570
Grand Total				\$6940



EWSSO Orphan Support Data

EWSSO orphanages and the number of children living there

#	Province	# of Orphanage	# of Orphan Children Living in the Orphanage
1	Kabul	1	28
2	Nangarhar	1	27
3	Kunduz	1	50
4	Paktika	1	15
Total		4	120

EWSSO Orphan Children's' Educational (School) Sponsorship

#	Province	# of Orphan Children Provided with Educational Sponsorship
1	Kabul	350
2	Paktika	100
3	Nangarhar	24
4	Paktia	100
5	Farah	130
6	Herat	450
7	Logar	100
Total		1254



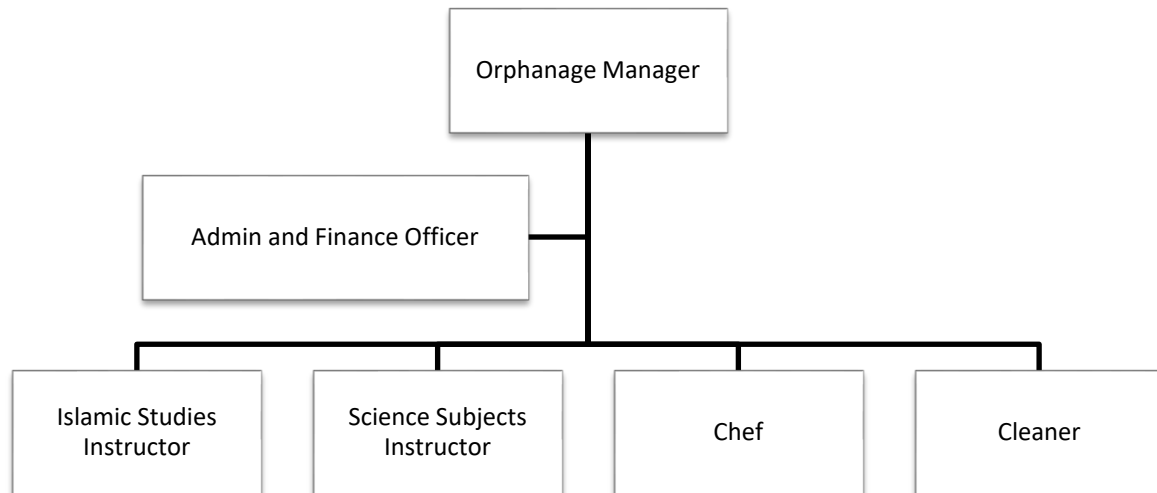
Facilities in Kabul Orphanage (28 Orphan Children)

- Bed with blanket and cover
- Three meals a day
- Personal clothes, orphanage uniforms, and shoes;
- School uniforms, school bags and stationary;
- Washing machines
- Equipped bathrooms with showers
- Healthcare

Monthly Expenses per Orphan Child Living in Kabul Orphanage

- Monthly expenses per orphan are 8500 Afghanis.

Kabul Orphanage Staff



Highlights – EWSSO Kabul Orphanage



Orphan Children living in the Orphanage with EWSSO Staff



External View of the Orphanage



Study Room



The Orphan Children are ready to go to School



About EWSSO

For almost 50 years, the dear nation of Afghanistan has been suffering from conflict along with natural and economic disasters, struggling with all kinds of problems and hardships. Hundreds of thousands of poor orphans, widows, homeless, disabled, and needy live in this land having no helper but God Almighty.

Therefore, a number of religious scholars, university professors and people with feelings towards fellow human beings, in order to fulfill their human and religious obligations towards the needy in the Afghan society, established Ehsas Welfare and Social Services Organization.

Since its inception, Ehsas Welfare and Social Services Organization has been striving to share the problems and hardships of the needy with the rich and has been conveying their donations and funds to the deserving with honesty and fidelity, with interventions and activities in the following categories so far:

Our Programmes:

1. Emergency Response Programme.

- Direct Cash
- Food Packages
- Shelter
- Non-food Items (NFI)
- Medical/Hygiene Kits
- IDP Return and Reintegration

2. Social Services Programme.

- Education.
- Healthcare.
- Orphan Support.
- Widow Support
- Poor Support
- Women Empowerment.
- Water and Sanitation.
- Environmental Protection

3. Sustainable Livelihood Programme

- Agronomy and Horticulture
- Livestock



- Feed, Fertilizer, Pest Control & Farm Feed
- Equipment and Technology
- Skill Development
- Microfinance
- Small Business Venture Support
- Skill Development

4. Development Programme

- House
- School
- Mosque
- Madrasa
- Medical Clinic
- Orphanage
- Container House

5. Qurbani and Ramadan Programme

- Qurbani (Animal Sacrifice on Eid Al-Adha)
- Meat Package Distribution
- Ramadan Relief - Food Package Distribution
- Distribution of Iftari Meals
- Eid Gifts

1. Emergency Response Programme:

The Emergency Relief Department tries to reach the scene of the accident as soon as possible, mediate the needs of the victims and prepare and distribute the following collaborations.

- Food Packages (basic package includes flour, rice, cooking oil, beans, sugar and tea);
- Shelter.
- Essential home equipment and kitchen appliances.
- Heating wood, fuel, coal and appliances in winter.
- Warm winter clothes and summer clothes.

2. Social Services Programme:



This is by far the largest programme in EWSSO and includes various projects for the needy in different seasons of the year, such as:

- Education.
- Healthcare.
- Orphan Support.
- Widow Support
- Skill Development
- Women Empowerment.
- Water and Sanitation.

Education:

This section includes the following projects and activities:

- Educational sponsorship of orphans, the poor and talented students.
- Establishment of short-term educational classes for children who are busy in labor due to poverty and have been deprived of education and learning.
- Establishment of adult literacy courses specially in remote areas.
- Establishment of Quran memorization circles.

Healthcare:

This section has the following programs:

1. Creation of blood bank and database nationwide.
2. Free medical treatment of the poor and needy patients through signing MoUs with hospitals.
3. Providing free health clinic for the needy in remote and deprived areas.
4. Paying visit to poor bedridden patients in hospital and providing gifts to them.

Orphan Support:

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) called himself the sponsor of the orphans, and so EWSSO has established an independent department with key part to play in Orphan Support.

EWSSO provides the following services for orphans:

- Provision of educational sponsorship and tuition fees for orphans;
- Creating equipped orphanage for orphans in all provinces of the country;
- Giving gifts orphans on Eid holidays;
- Provision of stationary, cardboards, boards, pen/pencils etc. for orphans;
- Skill development courses for orphans to become self-sufficient in the future.

Skill Development:

EWSSO establishes skill development courses which include vocations such as tailoring, embroidery, etc. aiming self-sufficiency of the needy, so that by acquiring various skills, they can own a dignified business and earn a sustainable living for themselves.



Women Empowerment:

EWSSO's aim is to reduce social isolation of women and building their self-confidence by helping them increase their contribution to the family income and, as a result, gain greater respect and influence within their families and communities. When a woman contributes economically to her household, her voice is heard and her opinion is given importance to. Our women empowerment projects are focused on economic empowerment and creation of working groups.

Water and Sanitation:

By providing water wells, hygienic sanitation facilities and water storage (cisterns) for villages and schools in urgent need of a clean water source, EWSSO's aim is to save lives and build healthier communities through prevention of disease outbreaks. Providing clean drinking water nearby may enable children to go to school and adults to spend time in productive tasks instead of wasting time on collecting water from long distances.

- Well Drilling for clean and safe drinking water;
- Construction of tanks or reserves for storage and distribution of safe water.

3. Sustainable Livelihood Programme

EWSSO's Sustainable Livelihood Programme aims to increase the income of the crises affected, unemployed and poor population and enhance its economic well-being and nutritional base by improving human assets through technical, vocational, and life skills trainings, enrich natural assets that contribute to community livelihoods, extend social assets through provision of small loans, and provide physical assets for livelihood activities. The programme provides opportunities for technical and vocational training in agriculture, horticulture, poultry, and livestock farming.

EWSSO provides materials to help small-holders, especially rural women in agriculture and raising livestock and poultry, as well as offering feed for animals.

EWSSO also provides farm animals like cows, goats, chicken, seeds and fertilizers as well as equipment and technology. We also provide business skills training to ensure on hand projects of the beneficiaries have higher chance for success.

EWSSO also provides micro loans for under-banked people, especially in rural areas, to support them in developing their small business ventures.

Our priority focus, in this programme, is on vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalized groups such as poor individuals/households, farmers, especially women, children.

4. Development Program

EWSSO's Development Program is aimed at enhancing the quality of life of disadvantaged individuals, households and communities through construction of schools, education centers, medical clinics,



orphanages and places of worship. Suitable, equipped and safe environment is essential for living, growth, learning and worship of individuals who constitute communities.

Thus, EWSSO is active in construction sector to provide fixed and turnkey buildings in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.

5. Qurbani and Ramadan Programme

EWSSO implements obligatory (Fardh) and voluntary (Nafil) Qurbani (Sacrifice) with rigorous animal selection criteria for buying fit and healthy lambs, cows and goats and makes sure animals are transported and slaughtered according to sharia and humanely. Meat packages are then distributed among the prioritized neediest families keeping in view that families receive the best possible quality meat through rigorous animal selection criteria. The handling, packing and meat package distribution processes are done in compliance with hygiene standards.

As most of the poor eat meat only a few times a year, your Qurbani will be a wonderful treat that provides a family with rich food for a few days and offers them an important boost in nutrition both during the festive Eid period or at any time of the year.

To boost the spirit of brotherhood, humanity and blessings in the holy month of Ramadan, EWSSO provides food packages and Iftar meals for the needy.

Eid is a very joyous occasion for Muslims around the world but for poor people Eid is a sad occasion. They cannot buy new Eid clothes or sweets for their children. Poor children also deserve a chance to celebrate festive Eid days. With your help EWSSO brings that happiness and smile on children's faces by giving them a gift of new cloths or sweets/candies and toys on Eid. Most of these children will be orphans living in orphanages who would never be able to celebrate Eid otherwise.