

Bayat Foundation Creates Scholarships for the American University of Afghanistan

Kabul, Afghanistan, July 9, 2010 – The Bayat Foundation has donated US\$100,000 to the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) for academic scholarships over the next four years. Each recipient will receive US\$5,000 each towards their tuition, room and board for one year. Recipients will be chosen by AUAF in accordance with criteria determined by the Bayat Foundation Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) headquartered in Kabul.

Other examples of the Bayat Foundation's accomplishments and efforts are the construction of the 6 Maternity Hospitals throughout Afghanistan located in Mazar-e-Sharif, Daikundi, Tora Bora, Faryab, with two under construction in Gardez and Lash Kargah. These Maternity Hospitals have already treated over 250,000 women and children, which is vastly improving the chances of survival in the country with the world's worst maternity survival rates. In addition, two general clinics in Sar-e-Pul and Kabul have received over 50,000 patients.

Other projects directly assisting the youth are the construction of the Michelle Bayat Gymnasium at the American University of Afghanistan; establishment of a computer & internet lab, a TV training studio and a journalism faculty at Kabul University a Girls Dormitory at Bamiyan University; construction of Orphanages in Herat, Maimana, and Kabul; and many youth sporting events.

Other projects for all Afghans include providing countless tons of food and clothing to the poor, refugees, and those affected by harsh winters or flooding; the drilling of deep wells and water supply systems to provide drinkable water in various provinces, building roads to farmers better access to their crops, construction of Mosques and religious buildings in Logar, Baghlan, Kabul, and Salang (with more under construction); and sports complexes in the Parwan and Gozargah villages of Kabul province.

About the Bayat Foundation

Since 2005, the Bayat Foundation, led by Ehsan and Fatema Bayat, has contributed to over 200 projects to improve the quality of life for the youth, women, poor, and elderly of Afghanistan by constructing new facilities and infrastructure; promoting health, education, economic and cultural programs. The independent Kabul-based NGO Bayat Foundation, www.bayatfoundation.org.af promotes the well-being of the Afghan people. In 2002, Ehsan Bayat also launched Afghan Wireless Communication Company, www.afghan-wireless.com, the first wireless service and Internet Service Provider in Afghanistan, followed by the 2005 launch of Ariana Radio and Television Network (ATN), www.arianatelevision.com, which includes both international coverage and Ariana Radio (FM 93.5). For more information, please email info@bayatfoundation.org.