

Kabul, Afghanistan Sozo Hopeful Hearts School



Who: Orphans and street children who work as laborers or beggars in Kabul.

What: These children have missed years of schooling due to war and relocation, or their street work.

When: Sozo's work with Aschiana Schools began in May, 2005 with military volunteers from the coalition forces in Kabul. Then Sozo opened a new school, the Hopeful Hearts School, in the spring of 2009, to serve more students.

Where: The capital city of Kabul.

Why: According to a 2008 Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission study, some 60,000 street children work as laborers or beggars in the streets of Kabul. Education is a pressing need in a country where literacy rates are less than 30 percent and where the average adult has spent fewer than two years in school. Education for girls especially has been hampered through the tyranny of the Taliban over the past decade.

How: Sozo provides the facility; lunch for the children; as well as shoes, coats and school supplies.

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