

Afghan Women's Health Campaign

Feminist Majority Foundation

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One in six Afghan women will die from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. Compare this number to one in 2,500 in the United States and one in 29,000 in Sweden. War-torn Afghanistan has been left without a functioning health care system. There is a drastic shortage of doctors, nurses, and midwives. Today, only 14 percent of Afghan women receive skilled medical attention during pregnancy or childbirth. Death by hemorrhaging and prolonged or obstructed labor is a very real threat. Most women have never seen a doctor, and few have access to contraception.

You can help Afghan women and girls (indeed, all too many very young girls -- 11, 12, or 13 years old -- will become pregnant). **It only costs \$3,000 to train a skilled midwife in Afghanistan.** **You or your campus organization can sponsor an Afghan midwife's training, and save women's lives.**

The U.S. promised to free Afghan women and to give the country a "Marshall Plan." Afghanistan's 2004 Constitution mandated equal rights for women. But, an Afghan woman's daily reality is far different.

Please join this campaign today.



Afghan Women's Health Campaign:

THE FACTS

- ◆ 1 in 6 Afghan women will die from complications during pregnancy or childbirth
- ◆ An Afghan woman dies every 27 minutes from pregnancy-related causes
- ◆ 16% of Afghan women aged 15-49 receive medical attention during pregnancy
- ◆ 14% of Afghan women receive skilled medical attention during childbirth
- ◆ Hemorrhaging and prolonged or obstructed labor cause the largest number of Afghan maternal deaths
- ◆ The presence of a trained midwife during childbirth would prevent many maternal deaths
- ◆ Only \$3,000 is necessary to train a midwife to aid in delivery

Sources: UNICEF, UNFPA



Afghan Women's Health Campaign: What YOU can do to help.

One in six Afghan women will die from pregnancy or childbirth complications. Only \$3,000 is necessary to train a midwife and save women's lives.

Half of your financial contribution will support the training of midwives by the Shuhada Organization, which operates 12 clinics and 4 hospitals serving women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Shuhada was established in 1989 by women's rights champion Dr. Sima Samar.

The other half of your contribution will support the Feminist Majority Foundation's Campaign to Help Afghan Women and Girls, chaired by Mavis Leno. Our public education campaign works to increase funding and resources for Afghan women-led non-profit organizations, as well as education and health programs, to change U.S. policy in Afghanistan, and to provide support for some 25 Afghan refugee women a year to attend college in the U.S.

Support the Campaign!

After fundraising and collecting contributions, please mail this portion in with a check or money order made out to the Feminist Majority Foundation with "Afghan Women's Health Campaign" in the memo line.

Contact Name _____

Campus or Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____



Afghan Women's Health Campaign: Fundraising Suggestions

While fundraising, you and your group have an opportunity to bring awareness to your community and strengthen the understanding of the pressures and difficulties facing Afghan women.

Conduct an awareness-raising campaign

- Distribute fact sheets and hang posters around your campus
- Set up a table in your campus center with materials to spread the word
- Knock on dorm room doors and ask for contributions
- Ask every student and faculty member to contribute a dollar, or more if they can

Hold a forum on women's health in Afghanistan

- Invite faculty from departments that provide courses related to Afghan women, such as Women's Studies, Political Science, History, and Sociology
- Ask the sponsoring departments and attendees for a donation

Host a film screening

- Distribute information at the event and ask for contributions or an entrance fee

Host a poetry reading

- Ask students to read original works about war or violence against women
- Distribute information at the event and ask for contributions or an entrance fee

Recycle

- Ask students to contribute their bottles and cans. Recycle them at the supermarket and use the returns as funds for this project

Join the Feminist Majority Foundation's Afghan Women's Health Project

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**To get your campus group involved contact your
Campus Organizer**

**www.feministcampus.org
1-866-444-FMLA (East Coast)
1-866-471-FMLA (West Coast)**

1 in 6 Afghan women will die from pregnancy and childbirth complications. For as little as \$3000 one midwife can be trained to save countless lives.

Help (Group Name) and the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) support mid-wife training in Afghanistan at our tabling/event

On (Day of Week), (Month/Date), 2007 (Location)

Group's Contact Information Here

For more information on the FMF's involvement in Afghanistan visit www.feministcampus.org/global