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## **GEOS, proud sponsor of the association Afghanistan Demain**

**GEOS, with operations in Afghanistan, is a proud sponsor of « Afghanistan Demain », a local association that provides shelter, schooling and vocational training to young Afghans, both girls and boys.**

### **The association « Afghanistan Demain »**

Established: November 2001

Afghanistan Demain cares for more than 600 children and adolescents at its facilities in Kabul. The association provides schooling, meals, healthcare and clothing. The association has:

- 3 centres (160 children per centre)
- 2 family homes: 15 children and one couple per house
- 1 training centre: 110 students

Operating budget: the association is funded by public institutions (European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), private foundations and individual donors. The institutions provide the largest donations, but these subsidies are granted for a limited duration only.

### **The training centre:**

Afghanistan Demain provides social assistance and professional insertion services as follows:

- **Social care:** Promote the social integration of children after they leave the association's family homes and shelters.
- **Financial assistance:** Enable the children to continue their studies or take part in a professional training course by providing families with financial assistance, micro-loans or benefits in kind.
- **Counselling and vocational guidance:** Guide children and their families towards a network of partners in the areas of education, health, vocational training and micro-credit programs.

In 2007, 3 professional training courses were up and running:

- **Culinary arts**, in partnership with Atmosphère – a French restaurant located in Kabul - where 30 students are trained before beginning internships at various restaurants in the city with a view to securing salaried employment.
- **Computer courses**, at Tchelsetoun centre. Since March 2007, 40 students have taken computer courses. Employers are increasingly in need of computer literate candidates.

- **Hairdressing and beauty courses**, at Qualai-e-Wakil centre, where 40 young girls take a training course with products graciously donated by Clarins.

## **How does GEOS participate?**

GEOS contributes to the funding of the association's computer training centre.

25 years of war and a slow and difficult reconstruction effort has left the country in a post-emergency situation. The current situation in Afghanistan is such that a large part of the population of Kabul, who are often illiterate, find themselves obliged to accept low-paid, physically onerous work.

Since 2001 (arrival in Afghanistan of foreign troops, establishment of humanitarian relief aid, installation of a network of companies, etc.), new requirements have emerged in the job market making computer literate candidates increasingly sought after.

To respond to this demand and to enable youths to find employment, youths whose socioeconomic situation is extremely difficult and whose future is uncertain, the association decided to establish computer training courses, along with English classes, given the international dimension of some of the jobs on offer.

Computer training courses are already available at various locations in Kabul, but inscription fees are often very high, classes and teaching equipment are of poor quality, and the youths cannot afford to stop paid work to complete such training courses.

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### **GEOS in 2010:**

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