



Farkhunda Education Support Project

Khorasan and SEVA

March 2020

Letter to SEVA Board of Directors,

Dear esteemed colleagues at SEVA

Miss Sama Sahari one of the board members of Khorasan Charity Organisation writes that: “In December 2019 among the beneficiaries, I sampled 4 of them in Kabul province. It was my first time that I met these families. As a citizen of the country I felt proud that I am volunteering giving my time to serve these families and I am really touched by SEVA’s support through Khorasan.

I saw hope in the eyes of those poor girls. All of them were orphans and two of them were living with their uncle’s family. Besides going to school some of them are working as domestic helpers (cleaning house, washing clothes) in their neighborhoods and earning small amount of money

I believe everybody has equal right to happiness no matter what is their situation and financial status. Empathy and compassion are my core values; I believe in giving humanity a chance because nobody is responsible for his/her predicament. I try putting myself in some people's shoes so as to share their pain; hope for a better Afghanistan.”

Ms Sahari rightly suggests that by helping these people in need we are preparing for a better future in this country.

Challenges have not decreased in the last few years. They have increased. These girls have had to face more problems in their homes, at schools and the society. Most of them are also affected by the political decisions that are made by the adults in their country and by politicians. Taliban will soon be talking with the government of Afghanistan now that they have signed a deal with the Americans.

No one knows for sure what deals will be made by the male dominated groups that will be talking on behalf of our people. The presence of women will be limited at those discussions tables. But when we speak to the girls in this country they have not lost hope. They know there are organizations such as SEVAs and Khorasans in this country and in this world that will continue supporting them.

These girls and many more have only us to support them. The work that Farkhunda project does is unique because it works only with those that have lost their fathers as the main

financial supporters of their families. Mothers of almost all our beneficiaries are uneducated and not able to find good jobs with good incomes. These girls should not live the same faith as their mothers. They should be educated and standing on their own feet and even able to support their families. It is their human rights that we are supporting.

The contributions of under \$10,000 per year may not seem very high to the eyes of big organizations, but for the girls that this project supports it goes a long way as it ensures their future and it ensures they have learned and educated for yet another year.

Khorasan volunteers hope that SEVA continues their support for the education year of 2020/21 so that some girls have a better future than their mothers and grandmothers.

The world is working on travelling to other planets, but the women and girls in this country are not even educated enough to stand on their own feet and read a sign if they need to go to a doctor or support their children with their homework.

Together let's make sure Farkhunda project educates some girls in order for them to support their families and their communities. Let's make sure we are helping a part of the 50% of the population in countries such as Afghanistan that have been ignored by others.

With great respect to all the board members of SEVA as well as its executive team for their ongoing energy to support the needy in the world.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Ghani', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Seema Ghani

On behalf of the Board of Khorasan

9th March 2020