

Introducing Roshini e Omid: Empowering Afghan Girls Through Education

Roshini e Omid is an initiative taken by AUW's MA in Education program to provide Afghan girls who have been out of school for several years with the opportunity to continue their education and prepare for future academic pursuits, particularly at AUW. Through this initiative, we aim to rekindle hope and aspiration among many Afghan girls, inspiring them to pursue their dreams despite the challenges posed by the current political situation.



In 2021, the resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan led to a devastating ban on women's education, leaving countless girls without access to formal schooling and a sense of purpose. To address this critical situation, we initiated the Roshini e Omid program. The program began by focusing on the Kandahar region, carefully selecting 60 girls, primarily in grades 11 and 12. Some of the students were automatically promoted to these grades, despite having no official education for the past two years due to COVID-19 and the ban on women's education. The girls were grouped into different categories, and each category had MA in Education students serving as instructors for different subjects.

The program spans a duration of three months and adheres to Afghanistan's national curriculum encompassing subjects such as English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Biology, and Islamic studies. To equip the girls with essential skills, we also provide classes in ICT and English writing. In order to facilitate the successful completion of their classes,



AUW has supplied the girls in Afghanistan with a wide range of technological equipment and additional support. Our students from MA in Education teach subjects based on their interests and expertise. With the exception of English, all subjects are taught in Dari/Persian. The goal is to support the girls in making significant academic progress. Upon successful completion of mid-term and final exams, they receive certificates that

mark their achievements.

We take immense pride in the unwavering commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated by both our Roshni e Omid students and our MA in Education students. Our MA students have skillfully guided the learning process, drawing upon the strategies and expertise gained



through their own educational experiences at AUW. Prior to their program enrollment, our students participated in comprehensive orientation sessions, ensuring their adeptness with the various online learning tools at their disposal.

Since 2023, within a year, this program has received approximately 1,000 applications from Afghan girls. Looking ahead, we aim to

sustain the program's success by preparing current students for future AUW applications, necessitating additional support. As some MA in Education students complete their internships, we may require additional educators to continue this vital work. The Roshini e Omid program has made a promising start, offering Afghan girls deprived of formal education the opportunity to reconnect with learning. Our structured curriculum, dedicated teachers, and technological support have contributed to its success, and we are committed to expanding its impact in the future.