

A photograph of two young girls in Afghanistan, wearing headscarves and traditional clothing, sitting on a red patterned rug and drawing with markers on white paper. The girl on the left is wearing a leopard-print headscarf and a pink dress, and is drawing a tree. The girl on the right is wearing a blue headscarf and a dark dress, and is holding a marker. A cup of markers and a Rubik's cube are also visible on the rug.

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*In this publication, all survivor names and images have been changed for privacy.

A Year in Review

Dear Colleagues and stakeholders,

In 2024, Hagar Afghanistan faced many challenges, including the ban on female staff working, a surge in clients in desperate need, strict Taliban regulations, limited funding, and restrictions on public awareness events.

Despite this, with unwavering donor and partner support, **we made a significant difference in the lives of 964 women and children**—survivors of trafficking, abuse, and gender-based violence.

Our resilient team provided trauma-informed care, economic empowerment, and reintegration support. Through vocational training and employment, we helped women rebuild their lives and gain independence.

We also raised awareness on human trafficking and advocated for stronger survivor protections. Partnerships with NGOs, UN agencies, and government bodies allowed us to continue our vital work.

On behalf of Hagar Afghanistan and the lives you've helped transform, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your continued support is invaluable as we restore hope to Afghanistan's most vulnerable.

Thank you



Rohullah Ahmadi

Country Director

Hagar International Afghanistan

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rohullah Ahmadi'.

About Us

Hagar is an international non-profit organisation that supports the restoration, empowerment, and community reintegration of survivors of human trafficking and extreme abuse. Our programmes are led by skilled national teams in seven Asia Pacific countries. Through survivor care, prevention, and systems strengthening, we do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to restore life, dignity, and freedom for exploited and abused women and children.

Our Vision

Communities free and healed from the trauma of human trafficking, slavery, and abuse.

Our Mission

We walk the whole journey of restoration with each survivor, we empower communities to prevent exploitation, and we strengthen systems to protect the vulnerable.



2024 Impact



8,194

individuals benefited from Hagar's programmes in Afghanistan



260

survivors supported with holistic residential care and community based care



279

children successfully reintegrated to public schools after two years in Hagar's Child-Friendly Spaces programme



3

new women's cooperatives launched with the government, opening employment opportunities for women



164

family and community members trained to prevent human trafficking and abuse, and uphold children's rights

Survivor Care

Hagar's Survivor Care Programme supports individuals who have experienced exploitation, human trafficking, and abuse with holistic, personalized care. Our dedicated team offers comprehensive care and guidance, including counselling, case management, family tracing, medical care, education, and emergency shelter, helping survivors heal and successfully reintegrate into their communities.

2024 Impact



192 boys supported in residential and community based care



113 women and girls received comprehensive care services through Hagar's girls shelter



110 women benefited from skills training and job creation, becoming economically resilient



350 winter care packages provided to survivors and their families



From Child Bride to Independent Provider

Tanzila's Story

Tanzila's childhood was marked by extreme hardship. She was forced by her drug-addicted father to sell flowers late into the night and endured abuse from strangers. Tanzila did not go to school and any money she earned, her father took for his addiction.

At just 14, Tanzila was married to settle her father's debts. She became the second wife of a man twice her age who had three children. Life was filled with abuse. When her husband became ill and unemployed, Tanzila struggled to provide for their family. The children often went to bed hungry.

Things changed for the better when Tanzila joined Hagar's Restoring Lives through Livelihood program. She trained as a tailor and accessed counselling. Tanzila is a member of a women's tailoring cooperative and now earns a steady income. She can provide for her family and is building a future free from exploitation.

“Hagar became a source of rejuvenation in my new life” - *Tanzila*



Prevention

Hagar's prevention programme in Afghanistan educates and equips families and communities to stop exploitation before it starts. Through awareness events and training workshops, Hagar's team scales prevention efforts to reduce human trafficking, slavery and abuse.

2024 Impact



75% increase in knowledge of child rights and human trafficking prevention through 8 community outreach events



107 children and their families received mediation support to reduce the risk of harm during the reintegration process



110 women in Hagar's Restoring Lives through Livelihoods program trained on human trafficking awareness and how to protect themselves and their families.

A Hagar Counsellor provides individual counselling to the clients.



Empowering Communities to Protect Children

Despite restrictions on awareness programmes, Hagar Afghanistan trained community members including leaders, health workers, teachers, and parents.

Through eight targeted sessions, participants gained critical knowledge on child rights, human trafficking, smuggling, types of child abuse, trauma-informed care, and victim identification.

The training also emphasized the importance of child protection policies and referral procedures for shelter services. The training has not only educated individuals, but also cultivated new advocates for child protection.

Equipped with these insights, participants are now fostering safer environments and collaborating with child protection organizations.

“I learned a lot about child protection and our shared responsibility within the community. I will share this information with my family and friends.”

-Training Participant



Systems Strengthening

Hagar's systems strengthening programmes in Afghanistan equip local communities and national leaders to influence change. We do this through capacity-building, advancing survivor leadership, and partnerships with the government, NGO and for-profit sectors.

2024 Impact



Hagar strengthened its ties with government entities by signing Memorandums of Understanding to aid collaboration



110 women received technical support to register their business officially



12 key Hagar staff received training from the UN Women and UNICEF to enhance their ability to work within established systems



Strengthening Child Protection

Hagar Afghanistan reached a major milestone by becoming an official member of the Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CPAoR).

This vital network, which unites NGOs, UN agencies, and governments, enhances child protection in humanitarian settings by offering crucial resources, expertise, and collaboration opportunities.

With CPAoR membership, Hagar gains access to technical guidance, best practices, and tools to strengthen interventions for vulnerable Afghan children. This support enables the organization to design and implement more effective, sustainable child protection programs tailored to local needs.

Beyond direct program improvements, this membership also amplifies Hagar's voice on child protection issues at national, regional, and global levels. By working alongside leading organizations, Hagar can influence policies and resource allocation to ensure Afghan children receive the support they need.

