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CD4D Ambassador in the Spotlight



Expertise: *Health*

Country of Origin: *Afghanistan*

“Ever since I have been in the Netherlands, I wanted to mean something to the country to which my heart remains connected. In my profession as a doctor, I dedicate myself wholeheartedly to society. I really enjoy doing that.

Thanks to CD4D, me and other doctors of KEIHAN Foundation – an Afghan diaspora organization of which I am a board member – were able to train hundreds of medical students from Kabul Medical University and Paktiya University to prepare them for work in hospitals and future professional careers. I believe that, as a diaspora member, I can contribute more easily to development because of my close affinity with the Afghan culture and language.

The training focused on knowledge transfer and practical experience. In order to act adequately and efficiently as a doctor,

you need a lot of practical training, which is not common in Afghanistan. We used a train-the-trainer system so that the local institutions could continue carrying out the programme.

I have been very blessed to experience many valuable moments during the implementation of CD4D in Afghanistan. One of my favorite experiences is the many discussions about daily life struggles and women's rights with students, understanding and learning about their perspectives, and being in awe of their perseverance and strength to face challenges. Moreover, it made me very happy to see the students flourish during the training. Having a positive impact on their professional career, albeit very small, has been of immeasurable value to me. I will carry their strength, appreciation and happiness with me for the rest of my life as a source of inspiration.” ■



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