



## Books for Afghanistan Program

In 2006 we received official permission from Afghanistan's Minister of Education in Kabul authorizing us to provide Hoopoe books and complementary teaching materials to schools and children in Afghanistan.

These remarkable Teaching-Stories have been told by campfire and candlelight in this part of the world for more than 1,000 years. They were selected and retold by the Afghan author and savant, Idries Shah. We plan to provide bilingual Dari and Pashto Hoopoe titles for distribution to schools, orphanages and libraries throughout Afghanistan.

The need there is desperate. Our aim is to provide as many children as possible with their very own books. Certainly, for at least 95% of them, these will be the first books they own, and they may well be tales that their grandparents recognize from their own childhood. For the older, more conservative Afghans, we hope that repatriating these stories in book form will be a comforting bridge to literacy and the development of skills that the younger generations will need in order to survive and contribute in the modern world.



### Our progress so far...

We have raised funds to cover the translation and layout of five titles as bilingual Dari-Pashto editions, and for Teacher Guides in both languages to accompany each title.

We have hired a Field Officer and ISHK-Hoopoe Books representative in Kabul to handle details in there.

We have signed a Partnership Agreement with the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) to assist us with receiving, transporting and distributing future books. ARCS has a youth program in 24 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces which is supported by the organization's network of 41,000 volunteers including school teachers and government employees.

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250,000 copies of the Dari-Pashto bilingual paperback edition of **THE LION WHO SAW HIMSELF IN THE WATER** by Idries Shah were printed and distributed by ISAF - NATO. **The photos opposite show Afghan girls reading this new translation.**

We have donated 4,400 English paperbacks to International Orphan Care, whose US office is in Laguna Beach and who will handle shipping themselves.

We are in communication with a number of schools and orphanages inside Afghanistan who have placed orders. Our Field Officer and ARCS will continue to collect orders. Our hope is to provide at least 250,000 of all five titles.



#### **YOU CAN HELP:**

By making a tax-deductible donation to this effort: **ISHK, PO Box 176, Los Altos, CA 94023**  
☎ **1-800-366-2595 or 1-650-948-9428** OR **Fax: 1-650-948-2687** **Email: [ishkhelp@aol.com](mailto:ishkhelp@aol.com)** OR use our secure Website **[ishk.com](http://ishk.com)**, click on the “How to Help” tab and choose the “Books for Afghanistan” button.

**BUY BOOKS to help Books for Afghanistan project:** Go to **[www.hoopoekids.com](http://www.hoopoekids.com)** to help by purchasing Hoopoe Books online, and the proceeds go to help this program.

You can also help by holding a storytelling event as a fundraiser for this project. For more information, email **[hoopoebooks @ aol.com](mailto:hoopoebooks@aol.com)**.

#### **IN ADDITION, WE ARE LOOKING FOR:**

- Organizations (schools, orphanages, libraries, etc.) in Afghanistan that might need these books and teacher guides
- Organizations serving the Afghan community that might wish to purchase Dari-Pashto translations of these books for use in the USA and Canada with the proceeds going to support this Program.

Please write to Sally Mallam, Director, at **[hoopoebooks @ aol.com](mailto:hoopoebooks@aol.com)** or by fax at 650-948-9546 if you can help with the above or wish to purchase our Afghan editions.