



PARSA 2016 Fact Sheet

Founded in 1996, PARSA is a non-governmental organization working directly with the disadvantaged people of Afghanistan. PARSA supports communities as they make their own development solutions, focusing on promoting social change and a healthy and fair society for all people but especially women and children. PARSA's capability is in our staff, and we provide a uniquely direct, personable, and measurable link between Afghan-led community initiatives and international donor resources.

PARSA Facts:

Budget:
1.2 million USD

Main Office: Kabul

Regional Offices:
Bamiyan, Ghor

Operating in:
14 provinces

Paid Staff: 71

Volunteers: 55
(Scout Masters)

Legal Status:
Registered NGO in
Afghanistan

Registered 501c3
non-profit in the U.S.

Donors include:
U.S. Embassy
German Embassy
(via Shamsa Village)
War Child Canada
IOM/CCI
USAID-IDEA NEW
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PARSA Focus: Developing Local Ownership for Building Healthy Afghan Communities

PARSA Approach: We enter a new community and begin programs focused on one of the following three branches:

**Building
Youth Leadership**



Trains the leaders of tomorrow through our PARSA Afghan Scouts programs that we took over in 2008.

- Over 1800 youth in 14 provinces
- Acknowledgement by the Ministry of Education
- Our 55 Volunteer Scout Masters run the program across the country
- Local police partnerships in 6 provinces
- Voice of Afghan Youth TV/radio program created by Scouts for Afghan Youth
- Rural Youth Development (PRYD) "Learn and Earn" economic program in agriculture education

In 2016, PARSA is looking for funding support for:

- Expanding our Afghan Scouts
- New learning centres for TA
- Training Centre for PRYD program

**Building
Economies for Women**



Centers on our Trade Afghan businesswomen network that trains women in business and creates a national market for their products.

- 320 women currently earning an income through TA in Bamiyan and Kabul
- Trained over 2,000 women in 4 provinces
- "Learn and Earn" programs in battered women shelters to support transition back to community

**Building
Healthy Families**



PARSA's psychosocial programs, which offer training for Afghan professionals who work in social protection programs with vulnerable Afghans.

- Training staff in IDP camps, womens' shelters and orphanages
- "Healthy Afghan Girl" programs in local schools
- "Peer based counseling" support groups for women entrepreneurs

