



# 1992 - 2013

## ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

### Development and Humanitarian Services for Afghanistan DHSA

PUBLIC MEDIA

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EDUCATION

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HUMANITARIAN SERVICES

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ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

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CULTURAL HERITAGE



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### 2. Herat Provincial Office

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Azadi, Opposite to Kaj Street, Herat.

### 3. Balkh Provincial Office

**Address** Street No#-2, House No#-78, Guzar e Bagh Mirza Qasim, District 3, Mazar I Sharif,  
Afghanistan.

### 4. Ningarhar Provincial Office

**Address** House 565, Street6, In front of Police Department, Jalalabad Afghanistan.

### 5. Kandahar Provincial Office

**Address** Near to Zaid bin Haris Mosque, Ghazi Mohammad Jan Khan Watt, Behind UN  
Guest House, New City Kandahar, Afghanistan.

### 6. Khost Provincial Office

**Address** Street 1, In front of Shamaly Darwaza, Near Khost Yaqoobi Aday Mosque, Khost.

### 7. Ghazni Provincial Office

**Address** Plan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Street Mahtab, In front of Shamsul Arefien High School, Ghazni.

### 8. Jowzjan Provincial Office

**Address** Street # 2, district-2, Gozar Khirkhana, Shaburghan City.

### 9. Sar e Pul Provincial Office

**Address** District-3, Street No#-2, Against DoRR House, Sar e Pul city.

### 10. Faryab Provincial Office

**Address** District-3, Kocha Tandurk, Maimana City.

### 11. Samangan Provincial Office

**Address** District-1, Street-3 Close to DoRR House, Aibak city.

DHSA covers all 34 provinces of Afghanistan. It has office in 11 provinces of Afghanistan. Meanwhile our voice is heard in all provinces with the help of our 7 radio station and 28 affiliated local radio stations and our two nationwide magazines.

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## istory:

DHSA is a not for profit, non-government, not political, nonpartisan afghan development organization. DHSA was initially established by demobilized afghan freedom fighters in 1992, who laid down their weapons and turned their attention to meet the need of the civilians caught in cross fire.

The mission of DHSA is to redefine development in Afghanistan by promoting a dynamic and capable civil society as a mean to foster local ownership of development, dignity and a peaceful & sustainable future for all Afghans. To achieve its mission, DHSA

is working in the sectors such as; education, public media, environmental protection, Humanitarian services and cultural heritage. DHSA has nationwide geographical coverage as radio Killid along with 28 affiliated provincial radio stations (The Killid group) broadcast programs all over Afghanistan. DHSA is home of diverse human resource of over 200 personnel which include both national and international staff. DHSA has successfully implemented 211 projects since 2002.

Developed in 1992, DHSA is serving the nation through Education, Public Media, Environmental Protection, Cultural Heritage & Humanitarian Services.

### **Early years (1992-1996)**

DHSA came into existence as a response to the violent civil war following the Soviet invasion in 1992, founded largely by demobilized Afghan freedom fighters. Throughout these years, DHSA focused primarily on drawing strength from local knowledge and traditional relationships to fill gaps, caused by a weak national government and absence of public services. During this time, DHSA focused on activities such as water sanitation and irrigation, education, food assistance to drought affected populations, and rural rehabilitation, matching local know-how with the financial and political support from international aid agencies and donors.

### **Taliban Era (1996- 2001)**

During Taliban rule, Afghan Intellectuals, artists and progressive thinkers flee their homeland to take refuge in neighboring Pakistan. DHSA continued its work in exile by adding cultural development to its list of core activities. DHSA established a cultural center, Irfan, and a cultural journal, Sapeda, in neighboring Peshawar, Pakistan for Afghan writers, filmmakers, artists and musicians in exile. One of Irfan's achievements is producing music records of notable Afghan classical & folklore musicians in exile. Siddiq Barmak, the center's film production director, went on to write and direct the Golden Globe winner for Best Foreign Language Film **Osama** in 2004.

### **Post-Taliban Era (2001-2013)**

The political changes brought by the Bonn Agreement in 2001 allowed DHSA to add development of civil society in Afghanistan – through its media, education and various community development projects – to its portfolio, in addition to humanitarian assistance. This era could be labeled as the busiest era of DHSA's history. DHSA was able to implement some of Afghanistan's most innovative, complex, large and result oriented development programs under its five pillars of work. DHSA has implemented 211 projects since 2002.

# **O**rganizational Philosophy:

## **Vision:**

DHSA envision a balanced, educated, environmentally protected, developed and well aware (Socially, culturally and Politically) Afghan society.

**Slogan**  
Pushing nation towards  
positive social change...

## **Mission:**

The mission of DHSA is to work towards pushing a positive social change in society, making people aware and protect environment. We do it by;

- Promoting Education: Working towards both quantity and quality of education in Afghanistan
- Using Public Media: Awareness about diverse social, cultural and political issues
- Protecting Environment: for sustainable development, control use of natural resources and neat & clean environment for living beings
- Preserving Cultural Heritage: Knowledge of heritage for awareness and preserving cultural heritage for tourism
- Humanitarian Services: Helping people in emergencies

## **Values:**

- Diversity: Human beings, regardless of their color, Language, religion, sex, race and location, are connected with a common sense of being human
- Cooperation: A well-coordinated cooperation between all stakeholders is the essence for bringing change
- Voluntarism: Voluntarism and self-help are the golden principle for any society which wants self-sustainability
- Justice: Everyone should be treated equal by law and society
- Transparency: We view transparency both an internal and external phenomena
- Accountability: An NGO should not only be accountable to donor, but to the marginalized as well for whom it is working

## **Goals:**

- Increasing literacy rate through Adult literacy, community based schooling and education for children
- Increasing awareness level of people in the fields of civic, political, social and cultural issues, rights and duties
- Obtaining sustainable development, preservation of natural resources and healthy environment through environmental protection
- Increasing tourism and cultural awareness through preserving cultural heritage
- Making the natural disasters preventing knowledge common and Helping the affected people

# Governance:

DHSA management is composed of three layers; the first layer of management is;

**General Assembly:** It has the highest authority of the organization; it has the responsibility to approve and check plans, strategies and long term policies.

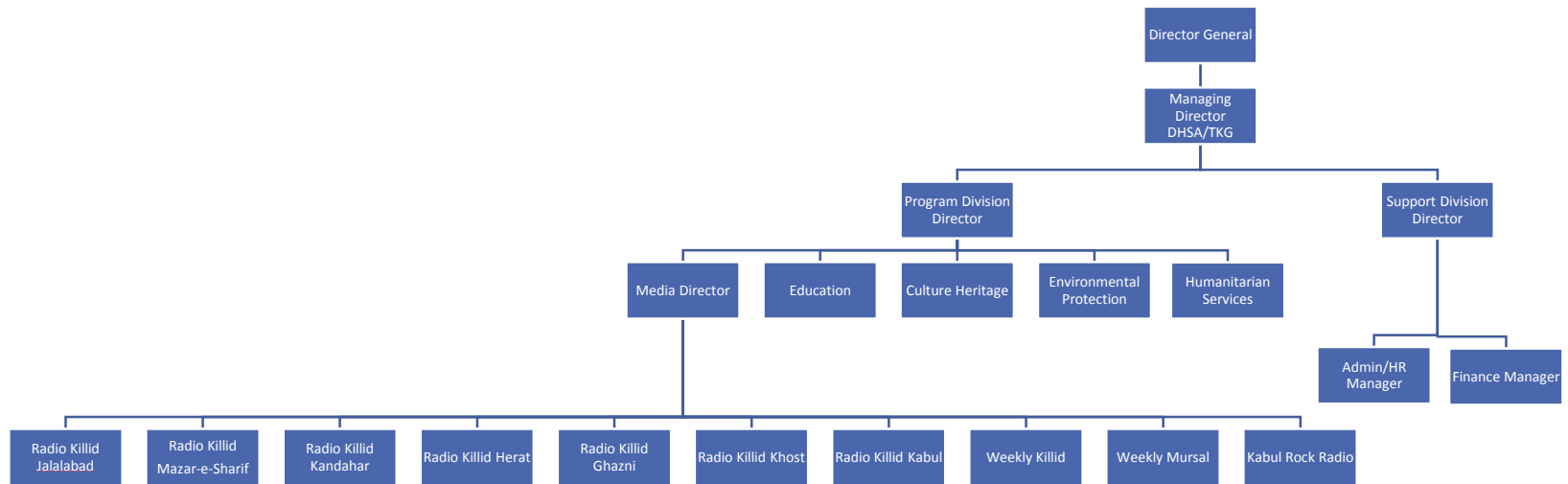
**Advisory Board:** It assists Development & Humanitarian Services for Afghanistan in technical and social problems. This board will adopt positions and plans or policies in different situations and conditions. However, this board has only a consultative role and can make no decisions about the organization.

**Executive Board:** Executive Board of DHSA consisting authorities and expertise in main and field offices of DHSA; the Executive Board is responsible for the implementation of plans and programs approved by the General Assembly. The Executive Board carries out its duties with the advice of the Advisory Board under the direct responsibility of the Director General or his Deputy.

## List of General Assembly members:

No	Name	Position	Email Address
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8	Ostad Habibullah Rafi	member	
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10	Dr Roshan Wardak	member	

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## **Areas of Operation; Program:**

**Education:** DHSA is working in the field of education from last 22 years. It is working both on self-help basis and through partnerships. DHSA is running not for profit schools in different provinces. Meanwhile, DHSA enjoys the pride of partnering in Afghanistan's most innovative, long term, huge and diverse education programs. DHSA has implemented 24 Education projects since 2002.

**Cultural Heritage:** DHSA is striving to preserve cultural heritage both tangible and intangible. Along with discovering and studying ancient Afghanistan, preserving cultural diversity of Afghanistan is also among DHSA's area of work. Our objectives are rehabilitation of historical sites and preserving folk games, dances, foods, customs, ways of life, stories, myths, artifacts and handicrafts through audio video documentaries, writing books about it, arranging exhibitions, establishing forums and making linkages. We are witnessing vanishing cultures. DHSA has implemented 6 Cultural Heritage projects since 2002.

**Environmental Protection:** Environment in Afghanistan is in critical situation. DHSA is fighting on more than one front to preserve the environment. DHSA has launched a Media campaign for environmental protection since 2009. We are regularly publishing and broadcasting stuff about environment in our two nationwide weekly magazines "Killid" and "Mursal" and through our Radio the Radio Killid. For the provision of safe drinking water and preserving underground water, DHSA is active since 2008. Our efforts ended the illegal drugging of Kabul River. We are part of Advocacy campaigns, as our biggest concern is the escalating interest of Government and Private Sector in the Extractive Industry. This is a potential danger for environment and sustainable development in upcoming years. DHSA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Environmental Protection Agency.

**Humanitarian Services:** DHSA is working in five broad areas; Awareness, Prevention of Disasters, Provision of basic needs, Livelihood and Infrastructure development. Linking with other sources to make disasters preventing knowledge common is done under awareness. Finding potential natural disaster threats and seeking partners to help in preventing is done under prevention. Since 2002, we have implemented 47 projects for the provision of NFIs, FIs and other basic needs of IDPs and Returnees. For example, Since 2002 DHSA has constructed 6,648 Shelters in North and North East. Since 2009 DHSA is partner with UNHCR in North and North East in distributing winterization package in IDPs and Returnees. A number of 16,815 families have been assisted till December 2012. The number of projects about capacity building, vocational training and cash for work reach 14. We were able to implement 27 projects of infrastructure development.

**Public Media:** DHSA's public media wing is made of eight local radio stations "Killid Radio", two nation-wide magazines "Killid" and "Mursal", was established in 2002. The editorial policy is based on Afghan ownership of Afghan process. Our core principle is that Afghans have the right to be informed and be heard. The wing also enjoy the pride of establishing "Killid Group" having 28 affiliated radio and "Afghan Independent Media Consortium".

## Capacities of Organization:

DHSA is home to some of Afghanistan’s most innovative & diverse development projects such as the TKG public media & communication initiative, the first Kabul International Music Festival, Kabul Rock Radio, an accelerated learning & teacher training project, a “Call for Transitional Justice,” rehabilitation of historic sites such as the 19th century pavilion at Bagh e Babur Gardens in Kabul, a “media is development conference” and various public communication campaigns to protect the environment, the most recent of which has lead to an end to the illegal drudging of Kabul River.

### Human Resource:

Province	Number Of Staff		Total
	Male	Female	
Balkh	24	4	28
Ningarhar	19	2	21
Khost	15	0	15
Kandahar	14	0	14
Hirat	14	4	18
Ghazni	12	1	13
Kabul	83	22	105
Samangan	2	0	2
Faryab	7	0	7
Sar e Pul	3	0	3
Jowzjan	2	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>230</b>

### Assets

The following table illustrates the price of assets owned by DHSA/TKG.

SN	DESCRIPTION	Net Value
1	Vehicle	\$ 49,518.00
2	Tools and equipment	\$ 150,854.00
3	Office equipment	\$ 374,940.00
4	Computer and accessories	\$109,880.00
5	Furniture and fixture	\$ 76,079.00
6	Library books	\$ 4,280.00
7	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 765,551.00</b>



## Experience

DHSA has an experience of 22 years in Afghanistan. The organization has worked throughout the reign of last three regimes; Mujahidin, Taliban and New democratic government. Since 2002 DHSA has implemented 211 project under its five programmatic areas. Some of the worth mentioning projects are named in the following;

- Afghanistan Primary Education Program, USAID/CAII for four years
- Quality Education for Girls program, Oxfam Novib for 4.5 years
- Building Education Support System for Teachers (BESST), USAID/CAII for six years
- Afghanistan Basic Education Program, USAID/CAII for one year
- Education support Program, BRACK for one year
- Rehabilitation of Historical sites
  - Rehabilitation of 19th Century Pavilion at Bagh-i-Babur Gardens
  - Rehabilitation of 17th Century Mullah Mahmood Mosque in Kabul's old city
  - Rehabilitation of 18th Century Shrine of Shah Shahid
- Cultural Journal "Sapeda"
- Cultural Centre "Irfan"
- Media Campaign for environmental protection since 2009
- Constructed of 6,648 shelters for returnees and IDPs since 2002
- Distribution of winterization package in 16,815 families since 2009
- Transitional Justice project since 2009
- Creation of the Afghan Independent Media Consortium (Almost 60 radios, TV broadcasting facilities in 11 provinces, the main Afghan news provider, Killid's 3 magazines and 3 websites)
- The establishment of "The Killid Group" composed of Killid radio & 28 local radio stations
- TKG is core partner of Tawanmandi

## Financial

DHSA was able to implement large budget projects in Afghanistan. The following table illustrates our capability of managing large budgets.

S.No	Year	Amount	Currency
1	2009	5,528,194.00	US Dollar
2	2010	6,293,620.00	US Dollar
3	2011	6,523,767.00	US Dollar
4	2012	3,986,501.00	US Dollar

# **M**embership in Networks:

## **The Afghan Independent Media Consortium:**

Public media wing recently led a substantial initiative; the creation of the Afghan Independent Media Consortium together with Pajhwok Afghan News and Saba Media Organization. Opened to all independent media, at its current stage, the Consortium means almost 60 radios, TV broadcasting facilities in 11 provinces, the main Afghan news provider, Killid's 3 magazines and 3 websites. TKG and the Consortium constantly build partnerships with NGOs, research centers and think-tanks working in access to justice and human rights; ownership building through surveying the implementation of reconstruction projects; peace-building work throughout the country.

## **The Killid Group (TKG):**

TKG is another initiative of Public Media wing. The group is composed of 28 local radio stations. DHSA help these radio stations in their capacity building and sharing knowledge and programs on regular basis. The Radio Killid Network's unique blend of public service-oriented programming (cultural, political, developmental and educational programs), news, entertainment and music reaches millions of listeners and many of its original programs and public service announcements are shared with 28 affiliated other, smaller and financially strapped, community radio stations throughout rural Afghanistan.

## **Civil Society Monitoring Network for Natural Resources:**

Civil Society Network for Monitoring Natural Resources of Afghanistan is formed for the purpose of monitoring effective, transparent, balanced, sustainable, peaceful utilization of natural resources for economic and social development of Afghanistan. Besides being member of the network, DHSA is member of oversight committee for programs in the network. The network focus on the areas pertaining to natural resources such as Extractive resources, Land, Water and air, Forestry and ground vegetation and Wildlife.

## **Civil Society Consortium:**

CSC is a consortium of Afghan organization aiming at bringing unity and solidarity among civil society organizations and empowering civil society to effectively take part and influence national agenda and decision making process at the national level. CSC is trying to establish a sustainable and effective partnership among Civil Society entities. CSC's founders believe that national prosperity will be maintained and ensured through joint action of civil society organization, private sector and public sector.

# Donors:

DHSA has worked with a spectrum of donors and partners. These donors and partners ranges from international donors to Afghan Government ministries, from international partners to national NGOs. The following table shows the donors with whom we have worked so far.

UNOCHA	UNAMA	UNOPS	UNHCR
UNICEF	UNODC	WFP	MoWA
CANADA Fund	Oxfam NOVIB	Asia Foundation	IFES
Japan Embassy	IRC	Muslim Aid	AREA
OFDA	ECHO	IOM	DFID
USAID	MoH	GOAL	US embassy
European Commission	Caritas Germany	IEC	Action Aid
ICMC	Netherland	Swiss Peace	Tawanmandi
Internews	PACTEC	MSI	CAII
ACSF	JEMB	PADCO	OSI
IDRC	WRN	ISAF	USIP
Goethe-Institute Afghanistan	BRACK	ASI	GTZ
IRD	IMS	ASGP	MISFA LTD



## Acknowledgments:

DHSA enjoys the honor of satisfactory completion of its programs and projects. Our valuable asset is the satisfaction of both donor and beneficiaries. DHSA is one of the Afghan NGOs which is greatly appreciated by grass root level beneficiaries. Due to its professional endeavors, DHSA has gained the trust of both donors and ministries. The following certificates and appreciation letters demonstrates our claim.

- The Ambassador's Small Grants Program to Support Gender Equality in Afghanistan (US Embassy Afghanistan)
- Community Center for Disabled Afghanistan
- Integrity Watch Afghanistan
- Provincial Directorate of Education, Khost Province, Government of Afghanistan
- Provincial Directorate of Refugees and Returnees, Jowzjan Province, Government of Afghanistan
- Provincial Directorate of Refugees and Returnees, Faryab Province, Government of Afghanistan
- UNHCR Sub office Mazar Sharif, Afghanistan
- International Organization for Migration
- Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Government of Afghanistan
- Directorate of NGOs, Ministry of Economy, Government of Afghanistan
- Ministry of Public Health, Government of Afghanistan
- Future Group International
- Ministry of Information and Culture, Government of Afghanistan
- Ministry of Women Affair, Government of Afghanistan
- National Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Afghanistan
- United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)
- USAID
- Creative Associate International