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**ISHK-HOOPOE BOOKS
FOR AFGHANISTAN
We are receiving requests
from schools and orphanages
all over Afghanistan!**

Dear Supporters

Children in Afghanistan are in desperate need of materials to support their education. News from Kabul most recently said that many schools have had to close down through lack of staff and supplies. Schools are now so scarce that 5,000 students attend each school and do so on a rotation basis. This grants every child only two hours of schooling a day, classes start at 7AM and end at 9PM. Afghan children have very little materials to work with and certainly have never set eyes on a book of quality.

Nevertheless, school children from about the age of nine are reading. Please help us to provide a book for every one of these young people. If we can circulate Hoopoe titles among school children throughout Afghanistan, it will help them to achieve literacy and their dreams.

As you know, early this year we finally received formal written permission from the Minister of Education in Kabul to provide Hoopoe Books and complementary teaching materials to the school children of Afghanistan.

We have an excellent and enthusiastic team inside Afghanistan working to help our project. **The Afghan Ministry of Education is 100 percent behind it, and we are receiving help from the President's office, as well as from private citizens.** We are making great progress:

- The translations and layout for four Hoopoe titles have now been completed and are being prepared for the printer.
- The teacher guides are being translated and finalized with the help of Afghan educators.
- We have arranged for the internal distribution of the books once they land in Kabul.
- We are seeking companies and other organizations to help us ship the books to Kabul from either Hong Kong or the US. If you know of anyone who might help with this, please let us know.

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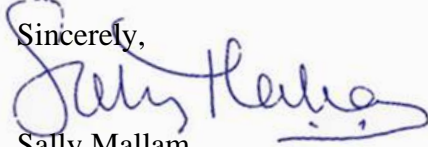
- ❑ At the time of this writing we have orders for 50,000 copies of each of the four titles we have translated and 4,000 copies of each of our titles in English. Orders continue to come in daily.

Unfortunately, as most of you know, we are unable to proceed with printing until we have the funds to do so. Now is a great time to print, as paper prices are comparatively low. But we still need to raise \$60,000 per title for four titles at the quantities above, exclusive of shipping.

Please donate what you can to help us return these wonderful stories in book form back to their homeland. Please ask your friends and family to help, too. All donations are tax-deductible and every \$1.20 collected will provide a first book to an Afghan child.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Sally Mallam

Director

Hoopoe Books/Share Literacy

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