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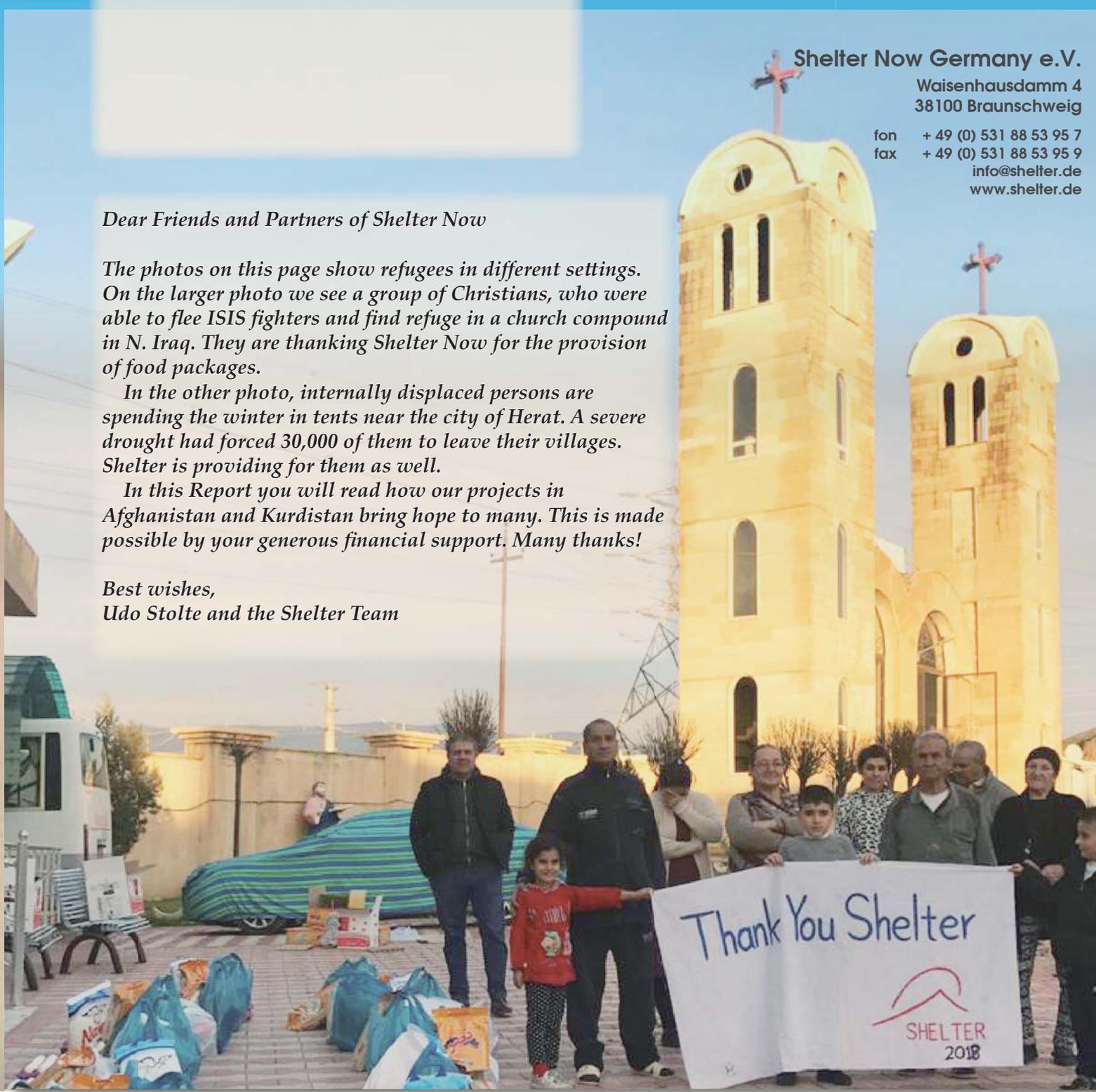
Dear Friends and Partners of Shelter Now

The photos on this page show refugees in different settings. On the larger photo we see a group of Christians, who were able to flee ISIS fighters and find refuge in a church compound in N. Iraq. They are thanking Shelter Now for the provision of food packages.

In the other photo, internally displaced persons are spending the winter in tents near the city of Herat. A severe drought had forced 30,000 of them to leave their villages. Shelter is providing for them as well.

In this Report you will read how our projects in Afghanistan and Kurdistan bring hope to many. This is made possible by your generous financial support. Many thanks!

*Best wishes,
Udo Stolte and the Shelter Team*

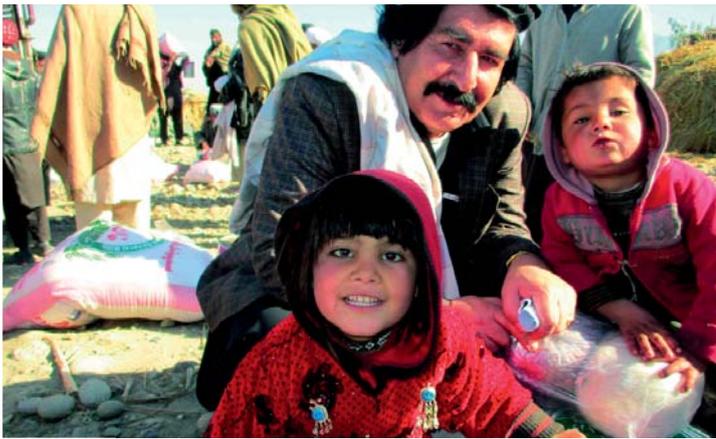


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Food distribution in Kuchi-Nomad camp...



...not only the children are happy.



At Herat airport: Women and peace ...



Fresh fruit for Yezidi kids till summer.

As I write this report Afghanistan is still in the grip of a severe winter. Many of the poorer Afghans fear they will not survive. This has been the situation for many years now, so we are well prepared and able to take action as required.

The Kuchi people - Afghanistan's nomads

This people group spend the winter in low-lying regions where there is little likelihood of snow or frost. Here their animals find somewhat meagre winter grazing grounds. There are, however, extremely poor Kuchi clans with very few animals. If they sell or slaughter them they have none left for breeding purposes. They would effectively destroy their main food source. We have been supporting some of these clans for several winters. They live in Laghman, a remote area east of Kabul. The Afghan government is unable to provide help because the province is largely under Taliban control. Now and then Taliban and IS terrorists demand food, money and even animals from these weak and defenceless Kuchi families.

Kuchi representatives came and asked our Kabul office for winter aid. Your support and a donation from the Braunschweig Friedenskirche (Peace Church) provided the necessary finance to purchase food for 840 families (5,880 persons): Each family received 50 kg of flour, 5 litres of cooking oil, 4 kg of beans, 3 kg of sugar, and 1 kg of tea leaves. This means they have the basic food requirements for the winter. This action, although both dangerous and extremely exhausting for our project team, was well worthwhile. On their return our staff members told us how refreshed they had been by the smiling Kuchi faces and their warm, friendly manner.

The Kuchi families expressed their gratitude for the generosity of the donors. A young girl related her story; "I was really hungry as I had been waiting two days for your arrival and had prayed that God would bring you here safely. Today my brothers and sisters and my whole family are so happy. We have something to eat! Thank you all so much."

Time and again we hear such heartfelt comments from the beneficiaries of our projects.

Christmas surprise for Kurdish refugees – A banking error becomes a blessing

6,500 euros for the transport of school children should have been transferred back from Kurdistan

because the bank had changed the account number of our project partner without informing us. So we transferred the amount again, this time to the new account. We were able to prevent the return transfer and told our partners to use that original sum for the refugees as a Christmas surprise. Both the Christian and Yezidi refugees were overwhelmed and so happy to receive food and winter clothing for the children. Small cakes and baklava were also served. The Yezidis accepted our invitation to join in the Christmas celebrations and felt really relaxed and at home for the first time since the terrible atrocities they had suffered at the hands of ISIS. They no longer felt excluded or inferior. Our project partners reported that the whole event had proven to be a wonderful success for all who took part.

Fresh fruit until the summer

Benjamin, our Shelter Now leader in Kurdistan discovered that Yezidi kids were not getting enough vitamins. He had an idea. In his country, the Czech Republic, churches began raising money, as did churches in Germany. Since December we have gathered enough to be able to distribute bananas, apples, oranges and mandarins to over 250 children every two weeks! We hope we can keep this up until the summer.

Drinking water – essential for life

Last autumn when I visited a camp of the Chalou people group in Kabul I noticed, among things, that the people were drawing contaminated water from a shallow well. This caused widespread sickness in the camp. We set about collecting money for a deep well. A good acquaintance from the "IWAO" (International Water Aid Organisation) called me when I returned to Germany to inform me that a school wanted to collect money to support a humanitarian project in the wake of a catastrophe. The IWAO project was, however, already completed. My friend asked whether I knew of some other suitable project. The call was just at the right time. I immediately told him about the need of a deep well in the Chalou camp. So the pupils of the Julius-Springer-School in Heidelberg worked hard to collect money for our project. In addition, the IWAO contributed a large amount towards the high cost of the 165 meter well.

Nuristan

A drinking water project has also been completed in Nuristan. This province is to the east of Kabul and beyond Laghman. It is extremely remote and mountainous. Many villages don't even have access roads. A



Nuristan: Fresh water in Almi village.

request came from one especially remote village where they had no drinking water. They asked us install piping to carry clean water to their community. The villagers had to descend 350 meters down to the river and then climb up to their homes again carrying 20 litre canisters full of water. Moreover, the river water was contaminated and the infant mortality rate very high. We have a policy to be careful with our donations, especially in villages we haven't worked with before. So, to begin with, we only delivered a small amount of water piping. It was the right decision. Despite the assurances of the village elders the pipes were not made available to the whole village, instead they kept them for themselves.

While this was going on, the village of Almi, two hours away, heard about our activities and immediately mobilised all the families. Highly motivated, they began to build a water reservoir for the village from their own resources. We were impressed and decided to carry out the whole project with this village. Today the 110 families (770 persons) have a clean water pipeline from the water reservoir above the village feeding 12 tap points inside the village. None of these tap points are more than 10 metres from the houses. Even the young children now have direct access to wonderfully fresh, clean drinking water.

Our primary school shall become an APL school

What is APL? In English it is the abbreviation for "Active Participatory Learning". It's a creation of our partner organisation, 'Rebuild'. Now we are working together to break new educational ground – at least for Afghanistan, where there is really only frontal teaching: The teacher reads a sentence and the whole class repeats it in chorus. In contrast, APL can be best compared with the widely known Montessori educational theory. The motto of this method is "child centred". This means

that the pupils play an active role in determining the lessons.

This in turn means intensive further training for the teachers. So far, three teachers have completed this training. Two others are currently taking an intensive course during the three month winter break. In addition, they attend qualified accompanying seminars. In our last Shelter Report I described how enthusiastic the children and parents are about the success of the new teaching content and methods. We already have enough reason to be satisfied.

But, we still have ambitious plans. We would like to relocate the whole school, preferably to a building specifically designed for these teaching methods and curricula. Moreover we require appropriate teaching and learning materials. We are well aware of the fact that these plans can only be realised with considerable funding. Parents will also be asked to make a small contribution. The standing of the school will grow quickly. We also expect that many children will be enrolled at the school whose parents are able to make a higher contribution towards the cost.

In this way the school will eventually become self sustaining. This could be a model for education in the new Afghanistan. Something to look forward to!

Again and again I find myself amazed at you, our supporters. Without you we would be totally unable to do our work and a significant spark of hope would be extinguished in both Afghanistan and Kurdistan.

With our sincere thanks and warm regards,

Udo Stolte

and the Shelter Team

Who to help?	What to do?	How many euros?	Name/ Project-no.
A pupil in Afghanistan	Schooling for one month	50,-- (optionally per month)	„Pupils“/6200
A family in Afghanistan	Permanent access to drinking water	57,--	„Well“/6402
A large family in Afghanistan	Permanent access to drinking water	280,--	„Well“/6402
An Yezidi family in Kurdistan	Fresh fruit till the summer	70,--	„Fruit“/8010

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