# SHELTER-REPORT Winter 2020

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Dear Friends and Partners of Shelter Now

In Central Asia people with limitations belong to those Corona – losers who especially suffer. Many deaf families in Uzbekistan are meanwhile completely impoverished and starving. Out of desperation some have begun eating grass. We are helping them by handing out food parcels.

A few weeks ago the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). In our new Winter-Report you will find why we are so thankful and delighted that WFP received the prize.

Warm regards Udo Stolte and the Shelter <u>Team</u>





Shelter Now – Rebuilding lives – Restoring hope!

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Shelter Now workers distribute WFP-food...



...to people who had to flee from drought.



Thousands of internally displaced persons awaiting allocation.



Those who fled are registered and precisely controlled.

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This year's Nobel Peace Prize goes to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced their decision in Oslo a few weeks ago.

The number of people suffering from hunger had been falling since the year 2000, but in recent years it has been clearly rising again. This year the Corona-Pandemic has additionally contributed to the increase. According to the organisation, World Hunger Aid, 33.8% of Afghan citizens are undernourished. Sadly, Afghanistan finds itself on place 10 worldwide.

Shelter Now has been cooperating with the WFP for many years. This year alone we have implemented WFP projects for 2.32 million euros. This amount has enabled us to distribute food to 273,000 people. Shelter Now Germany, on its part, contributed just 11,000 euros.

We are happy and thankful that the award went to WFP and feel we share in this honour. We sincerely want thank our supporter. Without you we wouldn't be able to carry out this vital work.

35 years ago we were already implementing food distribution projects in Pakistan financed by WFP. I can still well remember our bakeries in the refugee camps. We built them because beforehand 40% of WFP's flour had been stolen and then sold in the bazars. Of course, this was illegal. Our answer to this corruption, which of course had nothing to do with the WFP, was to make "wetfood" from "dry food". In this way, besides other basic foods, the refugee families always only received enough flour for two weeks. From this they made dough every day, which was then baked in the ovens free of charge. No one canmake much business with prepared bread. It is for personal consumption only.

Correspondingly we produced milk out of milk powder enriched with vitamins and then distributed it to around 18,000 refugees daily.

Our work among Afghan refugees in Pakistan with bakeries, soup kitchens, schools, clinics etc. earned us high praise from the Foreign Ministry in Berlin at that time for our exemplary humanitarian aid.

We also partnered with the WFP on other occasions such as the reconstruction of villages and

water systems in Afghanistan. The workers were then paid in kind (Food for Work).

### Corona Losers

#### We support the deaf in Uzbekistan

We received particularly disturbing news from one of our partners in Afghanistan some time ago. He had a good contact to a deaf person in Uzbekistan, who is linked to many other partially deaf people. In Central Asia it is hard for those with these impairments to find suitable jobs that will enable them to feed themselves and their families. This problem got much worse when the Corona-Pandemic arrived. Many were suddenly totally without income and were starving. We even discovered that some of them had begum to eat grass! It's hard for us to imagine.

We could of course not ignore their request for help. 20,000 euros would be needed for a food distribution project. I urgently sought funding. Half of the financing surprisingly came from the organisation: "Voice of the Martyrs". Now there was another problem to solve: In Uzbekistan there were no Non -Government - Organisations (NGOs), which we are. In addition, no bank is allowed to pay out money that comes from an NGO like ours. So we had to find a private person to act as a trustee on our behalf, who then transfers the money to another private person. We checked this with our auditor beforehand as normally we could not pay money to a private person. But in this case there was no alternative, so the auditor was in agreement. Thus we were able to transfer 12,000 euros to start the project. As I write this we have transferred a further 5,500 euros.

#### Our project partner sent the following report:

"A family was in great despair as a result of the pandemic. They had no source of income and felt neglected and totally alone. The mother and the father were constantly fighting over small matters, which sometimes escalated into physical violence. Their situation was so bad that they were about to separate. Our team visited their village and heard about this deaf family, so they went to see them. The parents were confused and couldn't understand why this food was sent to them. The thought they had to give some back. When they had realised that the gift was motivated by Christian love for others they began to cry with tears of joy. They asked us to stay and tell them more about the reason for our visit."



Deaf families in Uzbekistan receive food parcels.

If you want to help such people who are suffering under the pandemic, we want to distribute basic food parcels as well as fruit for the winter.

## Fruit for Ezidi kids as well

In recent years we have distributed fresh fruit to Ezidi children who had fled their homes. As a result, in recent winters hardly any of the kids have caught colds. We would like to start this project again for the coming winter months.

#### Winter aid projects

As in every year we reckon that poor families in particular will need food for the winter. You can participate in this project.



This family must not go hungry in winter.

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Some organisations have unfortunately been affected by Corona so that there has been a big drop in donations. It is easy to understand that many supporters can no longer give as before. As yet this not been the case with Shelter Now. Praise God!

We thank you whole heartedly for your faithful support.

This coming Christmas will certainly be different for many. But in spite of everything we want to wish you a blessed Christmas season and New Year.

With our best wishes, **Udo Stolte and the Shelter Team** 

Help for?	Support? Funding:	Amount in euros?	Project (Project no.)
Impoverished family in Afghanistan	A food parcel	50,	Winter aid Afghanistan (6000)
Deaf people in Uzbekistan	Fruit for the winter	75,	Fruit for the deaf in Uzbekistan (9000)
Ezidi kids, -Families	Fruit for the winter	80,	Fruit for Ezidis (8010)



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Fresh fruit for Ezidi kids last winter.

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