



SHOCC is a small charity working with trusted partners. We work with managers who have demonstrated need and have clear goals. We will then support a project financially and through tailored advice and encouragement. As a result, our projects illustrate reciprocal philanthropy where we have an ongoing relationship with our partners, treat them with respect and have a two-way, empathetic approach; aiming for projects quickly to become self-sustainable. We have very few administrative costs and 99% of every donated pound goes to our projects.

AFGHANISTAN AND CENBTRAL ASIAN ASSOCIATION RICHMOND [SDG 1,4,5]

PROJECT STATUS: COMPLETED

Project brief: At present there are an unprecedented 68.5 million people displaced within their own countries and 24.5 million refugees. Wars in South Sudan, the Congo and Venezuela have led many to flee to neighbouring lands for safety. In 2020, the UK was home to 12,578 refugees from Afghanistan. This compares with the 1,448,100 in Pakistan and 181,097 in Germany.

Date of entry: 01.03.2023
Project type: Humanitarian
Years of project: 2022
Awarded to date: £1,150

Background: The Afghanistan and Central Asian Association (ACAA) was founded in 2001 by Dr Nooralhaq Nasimi, a refugee who arrived in the UK with his young children in a refrigerated container in 1999. Dr Nasimi is the current Director, providing continuity for the charity in retaining its values and mission, and establishing a sound reputation amongst the minority and broader communities.

The charity opened its new office in Hounslow in 2023. Its recent expansion to Hounslow was prompted by the fact that Hounslow has the highest population of Afghans in London, yet there is no organisation dedicated to serve as a grassroots and frontline charity in Hounslow and the surrounding areas. ACAA is a voluntary organisation that works to empower refugees and asylum seekers, particularly from Afghanistan and Central Asia, from the point of their arrival and throughout their transition to UK settlement. Refugees experience multiple disadvantages ranging from language barriers to being victims of domestic violence and suffering from poor mental health. We understand that disadvantages acting together can make it more difficult for people to integrate and prosper and as such we provide holistic services that cater to the complex and often intersecting needs of our beneficiaries. Over 50% of staff and trustees and 80% of volunteers come from a refugee or migrant background, and many have previously been beneficiaries of ACAA

INPUTS

What will SHOCC contribute? The financial, human and material resources used

ACTIVITIES

How will the inputs be used?
The actions taken or work performed

OUTPUTS

What are the expected tangible results (deliverables) of the activities?

When SHOCC became a charity in 2007, it added another letter 'C' to its name. It did so to reflect its wish to help the disadvantaged in its local area of Richmond upon Thames.
To this end, it has provided financial support for ACAA and other local organisations that help the homeless and disadvantaged.

The funding provided will be unrestricted and ACAA can use it in any way it wishes.

The funding will go towards supporting the Afghan and Central Asian community living in Hounslow. The university student body will be energised to contribute to the various fund-raising initiatives.

OUTCOMES
What short-term changes (1-2 years) are expected from the activities?

Afghans and people from Central Asia living in Hounslow will become better integrated into the local community. Aspects of their high levels of disadvantage will be managed and, if possible, reduced over time.



IMPACTS
What longer-term significant changes (3-5 years) will the beneficiaries experience?

The numbers of Afghans and Central Asians suffering from disadvantage will be reduced in the local area.

