The Razia Jan Institute

The Razia Jan Institute is the first post-secondary vocational school for women in rural Afghanistan. Opened in March 2017, the institute sits adjacent to the thriving Zabuli Education Center, which provides superlative, free education to girls in kindergarten through grade 12.

GOAL
To support women’s education and livelihood development, the Razia Jan Institute offers skills-based training to graduates of the Zabuli Education Center and community members in Deh’Subz, Afghanistan. Through its flagship midwifery program, the institute increases the presence of midwives—esteemed community workers who provide life-saving pre- and post-natal care and general health support while fostering positive health indicators for Afghan women and children. In addition, successful professional women are vital role models of female empowerment within the progressive movement for gender equality.

AREAS OF FOCUS
Through the Razia Jan Institute, Razia’s Ray of Hope targets four areas of strategic focus:

1. Providing a two-year midwifery program to strengthen community health and create health-sector employment for Afghan women, certified by the Ministry of Public Health.
2. Offering young women in Deh’Subz skills-based training in English language, computer literacy, and personal finance for increased workforce development options and self-sufficiency.
3. Creating a safe and supportive network for Afghan women to continue to seek education, and stimulate economic development and financial security.
4. Encouraging the community to support the educational and skills-based development of women in Deh’Subz for the well-being of families and the larger community.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND
In March 2017, Razia’s Ray of Hope opened a post-secondary school sited adjacent to the Zabuli Education Center to ensure that eager students have a pathway to success, and to further serve the community beyond K-12 education.

The Razia Jan Institute offers midwifery training for women—the first of its kind in rural Afghanistan—and courses and training in English, personal finance, and computer literacy.

Students graduate in two years equipped for careers in health care, education, and business, which dramatically contributes to the welfare and economics of their communities.

The facility is outfitted with midwifery equipment and medical supplies, a fully functional computer lab, and highly qualified staff and medical assistants. Students must also undergo a midwifery practicum at a local hospital or clinic, supporting the births of 60 babies prior to graduation.

The Razia Jan Institute provides a clear pathway to sustainable employment while addressing the needs of a severely medically underserved and resource-limited community.
RAZIA JAN INSTITUTE: PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES

Midwifery Program
The Razia Jan Institute partnered with the Afghan Ministry of Public Health to provide Zabuli Education Center graduates and young women in the district of Deh’Subz, Afghanistan, a certified two-year midwifery program. The Razia Jan Institute ensures that midwifery students receive high-quality training and education to strengthen the network of health care workers in the community.

Clinical Practicum for Midwifery Training
As part of Razia Jan Institute’s two-year midwifery program, all students undergo an intensive clinical practicum in partnership with a local hospital or clinic in Deh’Subz. Graduation requirements for students include the healthy and safe delivery of 60 babies, in addition to other vital midwifery training, knowledge, and skills.

Resources for Students
At the outset of clinical studies, Razia Jan Institute midwifery students are outfitted with free medical lab uniforms, safety equipment, proper shoes, and program-related academic supplies.

Skills-Based Development
In addition to superlative midwifery training, Razia Jan Institute students receive training in the English language, computer literacy, and personal finance to ensure that women in the community are fully equipped and prepared to broaden their employment opportunities in widespread professional sectors. Financial knowledge also has the potential to support the overall welfare of families and the greater economic activity and subsistence of communities—while increasing empowerment and gender equality.

To learn more about changing the world through education in Afghanistan, visit www.raziasrayofhope.org.

PARTNERS
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