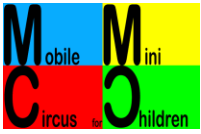


MMCC



Mobile Mini Circus for Children Annual Report 2020





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We are so pleased and honored to bring you one more testament of effectiveness in joyful humanitarian, social, educational, and innovative work of MMCC. Thank you for being part of our network and supporting us in so many different ways and making all these possible for so many children and youth.

2020 was a year dominated by the global pandemic all around the world and Afghanistan was definitely not an exception. MMCC has suffered from the economical results of the pandemic like many other NGOs. The pandemic was however as well a unique opportunity for MMCC to put its pedagogy and approach with its resources in action and save lives in the country. We proudly took a proactive part in the fight against the Covid-19 and even pioneered many activities in this emergency situation in Afghanistan. MMCC once again proved that it is far more than a children's circus and its approach to the youth and children is deeply rooted in recognizing their astonishing positive and constructive resources.

Innovation in Action

A totally shocking new pandemic situation in 2020 paralyzed nearly all the children and youth schools, institutions, and NGOs. However for MMCC with some modifications, adjustments and innovations the pandemic became a source of entire new range of activities. Our youth teams focused on educating the public about the Coronavirus while at the same time protecting themselves, painted social distancing rings in overcrowded public places, produced tens of thousands of masks and face-shields for the hospitals, produced and distributed hand sanitizing unites. MMCC even developed multiple Covid-19 campaigns such as with stilt walkers wearing huge "Coronavirus costumes!!! The main success element of our work is creativity and improvisation which has its roots in our pedagogy itself and inspired from the children and youth. We never see the children and youth as problems or victims but solutions, resources and leaders. Listening to them and adjusting to the ever-changing reality and environment on the ground including security, financial, political, social, and pandemic realities.

Thank you for being with us and looking forward to bringing much more fun, joy and hope to the children and youth who deserve it the most for many years to come.

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Pioneering the Fight Against Coronavirus in Afghanistan

At the very beginning of the pandemic we sent our kids home, supplying some of the junior artists with equipment to continue their trainings at home. We educated ourselves and our teams with all the information about Covid-19 and equipped our centers and our teams against the virus. We selected a group of our youth in Kabul and in our regional centers to start the fight against the Coronavirus!



Our youth transformed our centers in Kabul and Herat to production and training centers. They produced and distributed face shields and different hand sanitizer units, designed and published banners, posters, leaflets, mobilized and managed teams who painted green social distancing circles in different cities, conducted hygiene workshops and developed new campaigns, created public information material on the social media and much more. Some of our main Coronavirus Response Activities in 2020 are as follow:

- 14243 face shields are produced and distributed for doctors and health workers
- 7643 green circles of social distancing in 7 major cities are painted
- 2770 hand sanitizer stations for IDP camps in Kabul & Herat are produced & installed
- 40 bigger Hand-Wash stations are produced and installed in IDP camps & Hospitals
- Hundreds of various informative COVID-19 material such as banners and posters are designed, printed and distributed
- Tens of COVID-19 prevention & hygiene trainings are conducted for different groups of adults & children
- Tens of information campaigns, performances and events organized



Another Successful Partnership with UNICEF

Once again MMCC had a very effective and productive partnership with UNICEF and this time for preventing COVID-19, and making awareness campaigns, for 4259 IDP families in Herat and Kabul settlements (IDP refugee camps).

MMCC has over 12 years of experience in working with vulnerable children in refugee camps and informal settlements in Afghanistan. IDP families often lack access to water and basic hygiene. The main activities of this partnership were as follow:

- Making and distributing hand-washing tippy taps (by recycled plastic bottles) & soap to families in 25 IDP communities in Kabul and Herat. (29862 people in total)
- Teaching Hand-washing and Social Distancing by innovative methods.
- Making innovative informative coronavirus campaigns (coronavirus invaders shows with megaphones).
- The project also included Social Activities and Games with the children.
- Training youth from the communities.
- Introducing and promoting use of bicycles to avoid public transport with high corona risk.



We would like to thank all the contributors who supported our Covid-19 activities in different ways especially:

- Ministry of Health
- UNICEF
- Private Donors
- The Linda Norgrove Foundation
- Good Neighbors International
- Marvel Marketers
- AFGHANISTAN'S OPEN SOURCE MEDICAL SUPPLIES



Made in Afghanistan by **MMCC**



Afghanistan

2020 was a year of radical changes both globally because of the pandemic and also specifically for Afghanistan with its increasing, political, financial and security problems. Our world is rapidly changing and for keeping up with all these regional and global changes, MMCC is reassessing its Afghanistan activities to upgrade our strategies and our National Program. During this year we have developed many of our management, supervision and monitoring systems (offline and online) to cope with the new situation. In 2021 we will upgrade and implement our new strategy to guarantee sustainability of our activities in Afghanistan.

Social Circus Activities

Because of the Covid-19 school lockdowns and restrictions in social gatherings most of our social activities have been radically reduced. We sent all our kids home and our summer festival was naturally canceled. During the lockdown we have been connected with many of the junior artists and supported them by supplying them with juggling equipment etc.

Our winter program which was ended almost before the pandemic became a big problem was a great time of joy and education for over 1100 children. It brought educational, artistic and cultural activities to many underprivileged kids with a unique experience of belonging and a taste of joyful childhood. All the parents and community leaders were invited for the final ceremonies and performances.

The winter program was organized in 9 locations (Incl. IDP camps) in 5 provinces. The deprived kids, safe and secure from the bitterness of the winter enjoyed learning different School Subjects, English, Computer, Environmental Protection, Artistic, Social and Life Skills but also about Covid-19 and how to protect themselves.



Urban Challenge Youth Activities

Urban Challenge – the Youth Program Urban Challenge (UC) is a space and an entire infrastructure for youth to meet, learn and get support to grow their ideas. UC is located inside our Gol-e-Sang Center in Dehburgi, Kabul.

Urban Challenge now after 3 years of developing itself is successfully transformed into an innovative, active, inspiring, dynamic and productive meeting point and facility for Afghan youth. With continued support of GIZ, Urban Challenge in 2020 organized multiple workshops and capacity building of both individual youth and more youth teams. A unique feature of the UC youth program are the 'Mini projects' in which the teams learn the full circle of a project from developing and pitching the idea to writing proposals, making a small budget and implementing the actual activities. With small financial support through the mini project program, the UC youth have been implementing projects such as peace building, Parkour for peace, photography, rap music, bicycling and cleaning the city among much more. Besides their own team activities, this year the UC youth have been the main drive of our activities related to prevention of Covid-19.



Oxygen Team, Climate & Environment Action

This year the pandemic has limited most of the social gatherings including the classes and campaigns which are the main activities of Oxygen Team and the youth activists of climate and environment. Beside limited organized events they have been more active online by both participating in various youth meetings and representing Afghanistan as well as making their own online campaigns.

The main focus of Oxygen Team are:

- Learning the basics about climate change, air pollution, bio-diversity, plastic and garbage etc.
- Acting by making awareness campaigns, Fridays For Future and social events
- Impacting via media and by requesting those in power for solutions

The team organizes classes and conducts workshops on Environmental problems and climate change and works closely with Kabul University, NEPA and other relevant partners. It also representing and organizing Fridays for Future which is a global youth movement against Climate Change in Afghanistan.



MMCC in Netherlands

MMCC-Global's sister organization in Netherlands is working on expanding our network of friends and fans in Netherlands. We have already initiated developing projects with the Royal Dutch Embassy in Kabul through facilitation by MMCCNetherlands. The pandemic has naturally slowed

down their plans but still they keep promoting our work and have different plans on hand for introduction and promotion of MMCC for the Dutch audience. To see and read more about MMCCNetherlands please visit their webpage: www.MMCCNetherlands.org



Finances & Supporters

We are thankful to all our global friends who show trust in what we do by donating and making all these to happen. In addition to the individual donations, MMCC highly appreciate private sector support such as this year Fight4Sight.

MMCC continues to supervise and support AECC and the social circus and youth activities in Afghanistan. Financially MMCC also continues to have tight bonds with AECC. An agreement is signed between the two organizations by which MMCC financially secures the basic needs of AECC's National Program, mainly with money collected from private donations. Some of the larger partners and supporters of MMCC this year are: UNICEF, World Bank, Mustard Seed Trust, Culture-Of Resistance, Fight4Sight, Linda-Norgrove-Foundation, Dignity for Children, and International Juggling Association (IJA).

MMCC's fiscal year is January-December. 2020's financial accounts are now in the process of being audited as usual by a certified external auditor.

A few key figures* from the financial statement 2020:

- Total Income: 217,494 USD
- Total expenses: 238,880 USD

**Note: Figures refers to MMCC Afghanistan only. Minor adjustments may occur as part of financial audit. Annual report to be updated when annual financial audit is completed*

Join the Journey

There are many ways you can join us in our journey of making the world much better place for and with children and youth of war. Here is some suggestions:

- 1. Promotion: Sharing this report, our webpage & social media to let the world learn about our work.**
- 2. Connecting: There are resources you are aware of, then you can introduce us to them.**
- 3. Fundraising: Create a fundraising in www.globalgiving.org/fundraisers It is made so easy, just register and find our project "Back To Life" and start fundraising.**
- 4. Donation: On our webpage or www.globalgiving.org/projects/BackToLife**

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