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Annual Report



Cultivating the future of remote communities

In 2024, amidst growing challenges, the Nai Qala Association expanded its grassroots impact across education, nutrition, and the well-being of children, women and family in rural and hard-to-reach communities.

A word from the President



As I reflect on Nai Qala's journey in 2024, I am proud to share a year of meaningful progress, achieved against the backdrop of persistent political uncertainty and a fragile environment. What sustained us through these challenges? I believe it was both Nai Qala's deeply rooted approach, built over two decades, and the resilience shaped by Afghanistan's long struggle with poverty and conflict.

In 2024, we reached over 15'000 direct beneficiaries, expanding to communities even more remote and excluded than those we have served before. Many of these villages had never been visited by an NGO. In such places, daily life is marked by hardship, isolation, and a lack of basic services. Without access to health, nutrition, or even awareness of fundamental rights, communities often turn to myths or local beliefs to explain tragic losses—especially those related to maternal and child mortality.

Nai Qala's work in these settings is not only about services, it is about shifting mindsets. We introduced practical, life-saving knowledge on hygiene, health, and women's well-being. One of our most significant steps forward this year was engaging men in open dialogue around women's health, transforming them into allies for change. Together, these efforts help build safer, more informed, and more united communities.

These accomplishments were only possible through the trust of our donors and the strength of our partnerships. Working in consortium with like-minded organizations allowed us to be more ambitious, to dream bigger, and act boldly. In this fragile context, we are reminded that hesitation is a luxury we cannot afford.

As President, I feel a deep responsibility to lead with clarity and purpose. My role is to keep our team united, inspired, and prepared for the future, to ensure that the spirit of Nai Qala continues through those who have lived and worked closest to its mission.

To our team, thank you, your determination, often rooted in your own shared life experiences with the communities we serve, gives meaning and strength to our work. You carried the vision of Nai Qala into the most isolated corners of the country and made 2024 a success. I am proud of what we achieved together.

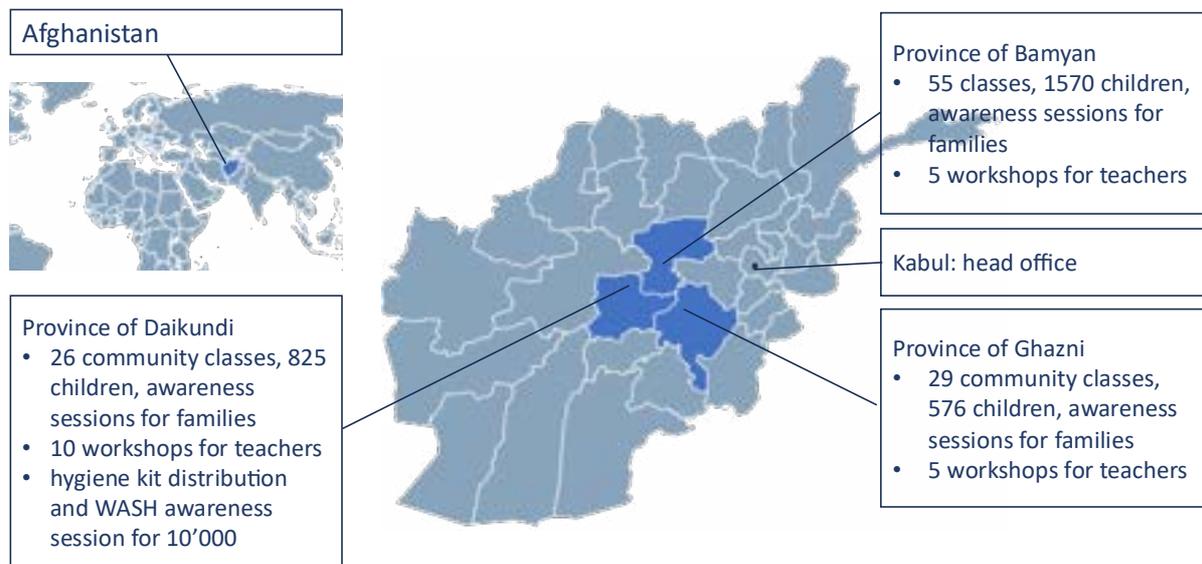
To our donors and partners, your belief in us, despite the complexities of Afghanistan's reality, is a powerful act of solidarity. You stayed committed when others stepped back. Your trust is transforming lives in places the world too often overlooks.

With heartfelt gratitude and renewed resolve for 2025.

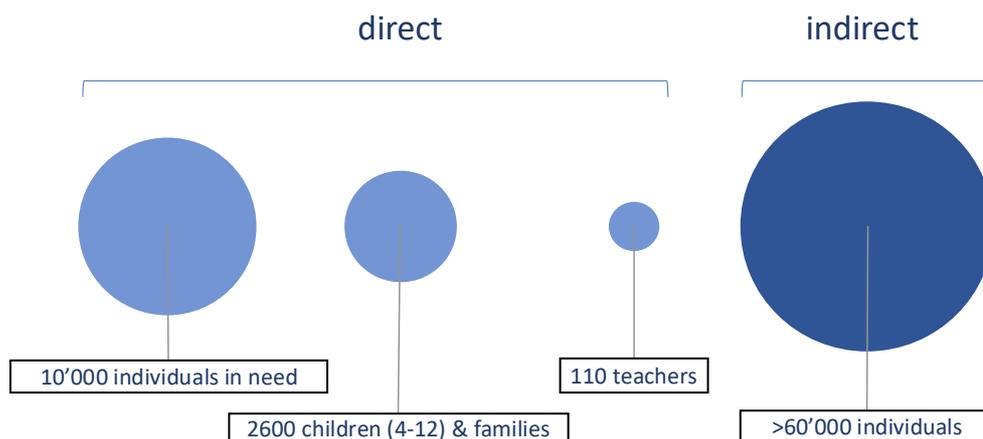
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Where we work



The beneficiaries



Our team



Behind Nai Qala's initiatives stands a dedicated, all-Afghan team working tirelessly to advance education and health in some of the country's most remote areas. In Kabul, eight staff members coordinate operations, supported by six field officers, half of whom are women. On the ground, 110 teachers, of which 106 women, bring knowledge and confidence to children every day, while four health and hygiene trainers help communities move toward a healthier future.



Community-based education class, province of Daikundi

Key achievements in 2024

Our flagship project: community-based education

We are proud to lead a comprehensive community-based education initiative, designed to support children aged 4 to 12 through 110 local classes covering both preschool and primary lower grades. In addition to direct education benefiting over 2'700 children, we have conducted 20 training workshops for teachers to strengthen their skills and impact.

Recognizing the importance of holistic support, we also organized over 600 sessions for parents, addressing vital health and social topics. To further reinforce safe learning environments, we held violence prevention workshops for both teachers and community members.

Our contribution to the DAWAM NGO consortium: WASH soft component

As part of our involvement in the DAWAM consortium of NGO, we have taken charge of the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) soft component. This includes the distribution of 10'000 hygiene kits and the facilitation of 200 hygiene promotion sessions, reaching over 10'000 families with essential health and hygiene information.

Our Organizational Development

Internally, we've made great strides in strengthening our organization. We successfully delivered our strategic plan for 2025–2028, setting a clear vision for the years ahead. Our team in Kabul benefited from 20 targeted training sessions aimed at capacity building. Additionally, we celebrated a milestone as one of our team members took part in a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) program, reflecting our ongoing commitment to professional development.



Beneficiaries of the community-based education program

Education stands at the core

From building our 1st school in 2007 in the village of Nai Qala, we have opened up to soft skills with tutoring of teenagers and capacity building of teachers, the opening of preschool classes since 2017, and expanded our activities to primary community-based education since 2022.

While children's education is the main focus, our education programs at the heart of the communities are an extraordinary entry door to opening mindsets on a variety of topics touching health and social life.

Preschool education

At the heart of Nai Qala Association's mission is creating safe, nurturing spaces where children can play, learn, and thrive. Under the guidance of trained educators, these environments foster creativity, build confidence, and encourage personal growth. In early 2024, our 90 preschool classes graduated over 2'000 children across 100 communities in the provinces of Bamyan, Daikundi and Ghazni.

Feedback from parents and teachers highlights the positive impact of preschool education on the children's development and their readiness for primary school. The children who attended preschool show better behavior, greater social skills and greeting etiquette and an increased attention to their personal hygiene. They are more successful in school and have a more respectful attitude and an increased autonomy.

This program has had a huge impact on long-neglected areas and has had a profound effect on both children and parents. The program helps younger children gain the foundational skills needed for school readiness and success. The parents are involved more and feel a greater sense of responsibility towards their children's education and with increased parental support the children have gained confidence in their abilities and they learn more effectively and quickly.

Community-based primary education

When primary school is too far to be reached, Nai Qala brings education to the communities. A room provided by villagers serves as a classroom, equipped by Nai Qala; a member of the community with sufficient literacy and numeracy skills is recruited, trained and coached by Nai Qala to teach a class of young students between 7 and 12, for their first year of primary school, with an average of 25 pupils per class; these are the main features of the Nai Qala community-based primary program.

At the closure of schoolyear 2023-2024, in March, nearly 400 children graduated from Nai Qala community-based primary education, in 20 classes from hard-to-reach localities in the provinces of Bamyan, Daikundi and Ghazni. All these children passed the national examination, that allows them to join a state school

Merging of preschool and community-based primary education programs

For the start of the 2024-25 school year, we have merged our education programs under the umbrella of child protection. While this merge has no impact on our mission to prepare the youngest children to access primary school and for the oldest too far from a state school, to provide them with primary education, it allows a recognition of the program by the government, an essential step to be operationally active in the country.

We support 110 classes altogether. Most of them continue to prepare children of preschool age for their entry into a local primary school. Where primary schools are not within reasonable distance by foot, we provide education opportunities to children in remote communities, providing safe spaces where they acquire competences in literacy and numeracy, grow their social skills, learn basic healthy behaviors, play and thrive. Some of these classes are multi-level, welcoming both preschool and primary school age children.

Merging preschool and primary education projects enables Nai Qala to engage with communities and local stakeholders more consistently. We use our network of classes and teachers to share vital messages on topics like hand hygiene and basic nutrition, helping families take the first steps toward healthier lives.



Focus on child protection

In 2024 Nai Qala continued its prevention program addressing deeply rooted attitudes and behaviors towards violence and to create a comprehensive, community-wide shift towards non-violent educational practices and parenting.

Nai Qala organized workshops for hundreds of state school and preschool teachers including the directors with a focus on:

- Changing perceptions of violence.
- Teaching alternatives to physical, verbal and psychological violence.
- Identifying and supporting children with specific needs.
- Promoting equal treatment of all children regardless of their background or gender.

The workshop participants raised awareness among their colleagues and with the children's parents who play an integral role in the program. The directors and elders advocated for non-violence towards

children during the community meetings (shuras). The schools subsequently set up action plans for decreasing violence and worked together to find solutions and the teachers followed up with the parents to ensure continuity of the non-violent approach. Nai Qala creates a climate of trust, and the communities are empowered to find locally relevant solutions to the problem and to create a safe environment for children.

The impact goes far beyond the duration of the workshops, which gave participants the opportunity to reflect on the underlying causes for them resorting to violence. We have witnessed how child protection is becoming integrated into the communities, who are nowadays increasingly convinced of the rights of and the need to protect children. Nai Qala is proud to contribute to breaking the cycle of violence that otherwise continues to pass from generation to generation.

Training teachers

Teachers are the backbone of our projects, serving both as educators and role models within their communities. This year, all 110 teachers completed a comprehensive training program. The curriculum included updates on child development, particularly for children with special needs, enhanced teaching methodologies, and essential knowledge on basic health practices. By equipping teachers with these skills, we strengthen their ability to inspire and guide the next generation.

Nai Qala carried out the recruitment of new teachers for the classes in the provinces of Bamyan and Daikundi. There were hundreds of applicants many of whom walked for hours to attend the application test reflecting the strong motivation of these young women together with the hope that Nai Qala brings.

Lasting effect on children and their families.

Our education programs have been yielding positive results. Not only are the children learning how to read and write, but they are also acquiring essential social values such as respect, solidarity, and cooperation. In a society where girls are often not considered equal contributors, these newfound skills are groundbreaking and bring profound meaning.

In some historically and geographically marginalized regions, the impact of the program is more evident in the transformation of the girls' behavior at home. Mothers, who previously only saw a limited future for their daughters, based on their own experiences, now witness a positive change. Daughters show more respect towards their parents and display a different sense of support and empowerment, contrary to traditional gender roles.

Parents are grateful for the program as they observe significant changes in their daughters' attitude. The education goes beyond just reading and writing, it brings a change in outlook and symbolizes a beacon of hope for the community. Without this program, many girls would have been forced into early marriages or sent to work in exchange for money.

Such a success underscores the importance of tangible community support projects. When people experience real changes, they are inspired to adapt and embrace the benefits. This localized approach stands in stark contrast to past failures, where most of the population was overlooked by governmental and international entities.



Hygiene promotion session, province of Daikundi

Partnership for transforming hygiene and health

Afghanistan endures challenges from decades of conflict, climate crises, natural disasters, and economic fragility. The international withdrawal in 2021, dependence on aid, and restrictive policies, especially affecting women and girls, have worsened the situation. Over 6.3 million are displaced, and 23.7 million need humanitarian assistance.

To address these critical issues, the DAWAM (Driving Action for Wellbeing to Avert Mortality) consortium, led by World Vision UK and supported by the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), is transforming lives through integrated health, nutrition, and WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) services. This initiative operates in some of Afghanistan's most underserved provinces, including Badakhshan, Badghis, Daikundi, Faryab, Ghor, Herat, Nangarhar, and Kabul. The consortium unites four international partners and three local partners. Together, we aim to reduce morbidity and mortality among vulnerable groups, including women, girls, and people living with disabilities.

Nai Qala's role in the province of Daikundi

Nai Qala, in partnership with Action Against Hunger, is implementing DAWAM's WASH activities in five districts of Daikundi Province. This initiative sought to reach 10'000 beneficiaries through hygiene promotion and the distribution of essential hygiene kits. Daikundi, one of Afghanistan's most remote and isolated regions, faces significant challenges, including poverty, conflict, and cultural barriers that restrict access to healthcare and health education. These barriers disproportionately affect women, particularly in the area of menstrual health, which remains a stigmatized and poorly understood issue.

Hygiene promotion and awareness

Nai Qala's hygiene promotion activities address a wide range of topics, including proper handwashing, safe water management, infection prevention, food safety, and menstrual hygiene. These efforts are

spearheaded by a dedicated team of four hygiene promoters (two women and two men), who work alongside co-facilitators to ensure cultural sensitivity and inclusivity.

In 2024, Nai Qala led 229 hygiene promotion sessions, reaching more than 8'000 individuals across the target districts. These sessions provided practical knowledge and resources, empowering participants to adopt healthier practices and break harmful taboos.

Empowering women and dispelling myths

One of the most significant achievements of Nai Qala's work in Daikundi is the empowerment of women through menstrual hygiene education. Many women had never received accurate information about menstruation, leading to fear, shame, and unhygienic practices. For example, some women reported using unclean cloths and drying them in unsanitary conditions, exacerbating health risks.

Through Nai Qala's sessions, women expressed relief and newfound confidence, as shared by a participant: "As a mother, I am grateful for the clear explanations. The lessons have dispelled shame and empowered me to support my daughters' hygiene practices".

Beyond menstrual health, the sessions also addressed deep-seated myths, such as a shocking belief that newborns should not be washed until being toddlers for fear of bad spells. By providing clear, evidence-based guidance, Nai Qala continues to challenge these harmful practices, making a lasting impact on community health.

Looking ahead

Nai Qala's partnership with Action Against Hunger under the DAWAM consortium exemplifies its commitment to addressing the multifaceted challenges facing Afghanistan's most vulnerable communities. By integrating health, nutrition, and WASH services, Nai Qala is not only improving immediate well-being but also laying the groundwork for sustainable, long-term change in Daikundi and beyond.

Importantly, once men understand the significance of menstruation and its role in women's health, they become powerful allies in promoting hygiene practices and reducing stigma. Many men who participated in Nai Qala's awareness sessions expressed a newfound appreciation for the health needs of their daughters, sisters, and wives. This realization fosters supportive relationships and reinforces the understanding that maintaining women's health is a guarantee for healthier families and future generations. By breaking these barriers, Nai Qala encourages men to take an active role in ensuring access to proper resources and support systems for women.



Community-based teachers, province of Daikundi

Women's empowerment

By providing income to over 100 female teachers, Nai Qala is not only supporting livelihoods but also reshaping gender roles within families. As earning members, these teachers gain newfound respect in their communities, challenging traditional perceptions of women's roles. Standing before mothers and fathers in meetings, they earn recognition as educators and leaders. The community begins to see female teachers as role models, inspiring girls to pursue education. With this growing respect, women gain confidence to speak up, participate actively, and step into leadership roles, driving lasting social change.



Community-based teachers, province of Ghazni

Engaging men in social change

Our women's empowerment approach starts with community-wide transformation, where men play a key role. In Afghanistan, social norms generally exclude men from conversations about women's health, but real progress requires their active involvement.

Nai Qala engages fathers, brothers, and community leaders in shifting these norms. Through targeted training, men learn about maternal health, hygiene, and nutrition, gaining the knowledge to support their wives, daughters, and sisters. Beyond health, they are encouraged to advocate for girls' education, recognizing that an educated daughter strengthens both her family and community.

By breaking taboos and fostering understanding, Nai Qala empowers men to become allies in both health and education. When fathers champion their daughters' right to learn, and when men see women's well-being as a shared responsibility, lasting change takes root, building stronger families and a more equitable future.



Hygiene promotion session, province of Daikundi

Story from the field: one man's journey to understanding women's health in Afghanistan

Deeply rooted traditions discourage men from discussing women's health. Topics like menstruation, pregnancy, and maternal care are seen as inappropriate, leaving many men uninformed about the realities women face.

Haidari, a health trainer, grew up in this culture of silence. Before joining Nai Qala, he had never openly discussed about women's health. Even when giving water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) training, discussions about menstruation and maternal care were absent. Pregnancy was treated as a private matter, rarely spoken of, even in emergencies.

That changed when Haidari received training from Nai Qala. He learned about menstruation, pregnancy care, hygiene, and nutrition, insights that reshaped his understanding of the challenges faced by his wife, mother, sisters, and future daughters. Now, as a health trainer, he shares this knowledge with other men, breaking long-standing taboos. His story resonates with many who, like him, had never discussed these issues before. By raising awareness, he is fostering stronger families and healthier communities.

This shift is life changing but Haidari's journey is just the beginning. Through education and open dialogue, organizations like Nai Qala are breaking the silence, paving the way for a future where health is a shared responsibility, not a taboo.



First aid training, Kabul

Participations, collaborations, and partnerships

Nai Qala is both proud and deeply grateful for the partnerships and collaborations it has built with like-minded NGOs and associations that share our vision and values. These alliances have been instrumental in amplifying our impact and promoting a collective, coordinated approach to tackling complex challenges.

By actively participating in platforms such as the Education Cluster, the Education in Emergencies Working Group, and others, we have not only expanded our network but also contributed to meaningful dialogue and shared learning. These spaces foster a sense of trust and legitimacy among members, allowing for the exchange of insights and best practices.

Collaboration has enabled us to pool resources, share expertise, and align strategically with other organizations. This synergy leads to more sustainable and effective solutions—solutions that are grounded in local realities but strengthened by global perspectives.

In 2024, several of our partners offered valuable training and capacity-building opportunities, helping to further equip our team with knowledge and tools to enhance our work. We are especially thankful to:

- ACBAR
- ActionAid
- Action Against Hunger
- Aga Khan Foundation
- ASCEND
- BBC Media Action
- Community World Service Asia
- IMMAP Inc
- INSO
- Save the Children
- UN WOMEN
- UNICEF
- World Vision
- The many external experts who have given their free time to enhance Nai Qala's capabilities

These contributions have played a key role in building our internal capacity and reinforcing our commitment to driving meaningful, lasting change. As we move forward, Nai Qala remains dedicated to deepening these partnerships and working collaboratively to advance our shared mission.

Conferences

In 2024, Nai Qala Association actively participated in several key conferences and meetings that offered valuable opportunities for networking, knowledge exchange, and professional development. These engagements helped strengthen partnerships and brought fresh perspectives to the organization's work.

Key highlights include:

- **DAWAM consortium engagements – Herat & Doha:** Nai Qala played an active role in DAWAM events throughout the year. In July, Ms. Rahim gave a presentation at the DAWAM meeting in Herat, focusing on the vital role local NGOs play in supporting international organizations—drawing on Nai Qala's own experience of working closely with both communities and global partners. Later in July and October, Nai Qala's President traveled to Doha, Qatar, to take part in the DAWAM Consortium Meeting, contributing to strategic discussions and strengthening ties within the network.
- **Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week – Asia Pacific (Bangkok, December 2024):** Ms. Rahim represented Nai Qala at this major regional forum, engaging with humanitarian organizations from across the Asia-Pacific region. The event offered space for collaboration and dialogue on shared challenges and innovative responses in the humanitarian sector.

These events not only enhanced Nai Qala's visibility on regional and international platforms but also created opportunities for new partnerships and learning that will continue to support its mission and impact.

Organizational structure

Strategic direction

After months of analysis, speaking with partners and donors, listening to employees and beneficiaries, the Nai Qala Association's board launched its new strategy plan.

Nai Qala Association's 2024–2028 Strategic Plan charts a renewed commitment to empowering remote and marginalized communities in Afghanistan through a community-centered, holistic approach. Anchored in its core belief in the transformative power of education, Nai Qala will continue expanding access to quality learning for children, especially girls, by building and supporting schools, strengthening community-based education, and enhancing teacher capacity. In parallel, the organization will deepen its work in health awareness and basic healthcare services, particularly for women and children in areas with limited access. A growing emphasis on human and children's rights, gender equity, and livelihood opportunities rounds out this integrated strategy, building the foundation for long-term resilience and dignity in the communities Nai Qala serves.

This new phase of work is grounded in nearly two decades of community trust and results-driven implementation, despite the ongoing challenges posed by Afghanistan's shifting political and social landscape. Nai Qala is strengthening its internal capacities, diversifying funding sources, and reinforcing its advocacy voice to ensure it can continue to reach those most in need. The strategy

prioritizes flexibility, local ownership, and sustainability—ensuring that even under difficult conditions, communities can maintain momentum toward better futures. With this roadmap, Nai Qala aims not only to respond to immediate needs, but also to foster lasting, community-led change across education, health, and livelihoods.



The office, a behind-the-scenes pillar of our operations

At the heart of Nai Qala’s operations is our dedicated team in Kabul and coordinators in 3 provinces, a dozen committed employees who handle the administrative and logistical backbone of our work. Their efforts ensure that field operations run seamlessly, from coordinating resources to managing finances and overseeing progression of projects. In a challenging environment, they work tirelessly behind the scenes, enabling teachers, trainers, and community workers to focus on delivering education and health programs. Their dedication, resilience, and efficiency make it possible for Nai Qala to reach the most remote communities, turning vision into action every single day.

Strengthening employees’ capacity for greater impact

Throughout 2024, Nai Qala remained committed to building the skills and expertise of its team, ensuring they have the knowledge and resources to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Team members participated in a range of professional development workshops covering critical topics such as gender and PSEA (Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse), safeguarding, labor laws, humanitarian negotiation, HR management, complaint and feedback mechanisms, accountability, data analysis, project design, communication, community engagement, and fostering a respectful work environment. Additionally, training sessions were conducted on WASH soft components for hygiene promotion, basic health and nutrition, first aid, early education, and parental support. Each of these learning opportunities strengthens Nai Qala’s ability to operate effectively and deliver impactful programs. We are deeply grateful to our partners for making these workshops possible.

A key highlight of 2024 was the success of Eng. Ehsas, project manager at the Nai Qala Association, who completed and earned a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Education in Emergencies, a program led by the Humanitarian Leadership Academy, Save the Children, and the University of Geneva. This prestigious course provided a collaborative learning experience and valuable insights into supporting children’s education through different humanitarian approaches.

Investing in continuous learning empowers our team to manage projects with greater confidence, adapt to evolving challenges, and implement innovative solutions. By strengthening our internal capacity, Nai Qala is better positioned to create lasting change and serve communities more effectively.

Story from Kabul: overcoming barriers with resilience and advocacy, building inclusion

At 11, Qasem’s carefree childhood ended abruptly when he fell into a well. Though rescued, he was left paralyzed. With limited medical options in his village, his family sought help across multiple hospitals until the confirmation of his spinal cord injury. His future seemed uncertain, but through a home care program, his home was adapted, and he continued his education through homeschooling.

Determined to build a life beyond his disability, Qasem pursued IT studies at Kabul university. However, opportunities for people with disabilities in Afghanistan are scarce. After a brief teaching role ended due to funding cuts, he faced yet another obstacle, society’s exclusion. A chance encounter with Nai Qala’s president, Mrs. Rahim, changed that. Inspired by his resilience, she offered him an internship. Nai Qala adapted its office for his needs, ensuring accessibility and reliable transportation.

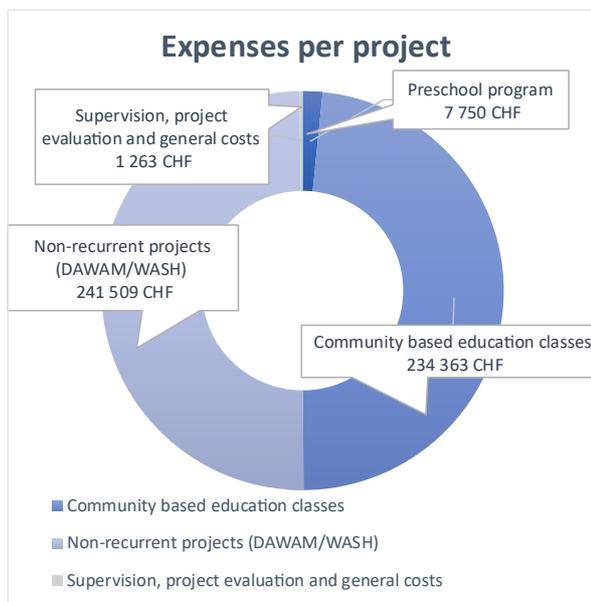
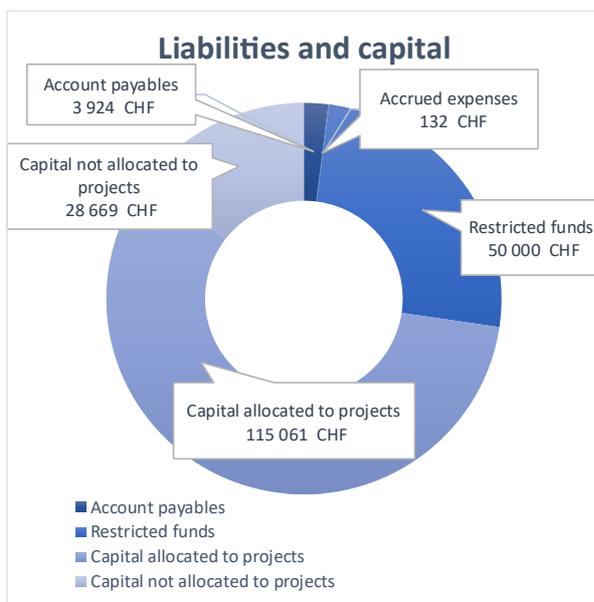
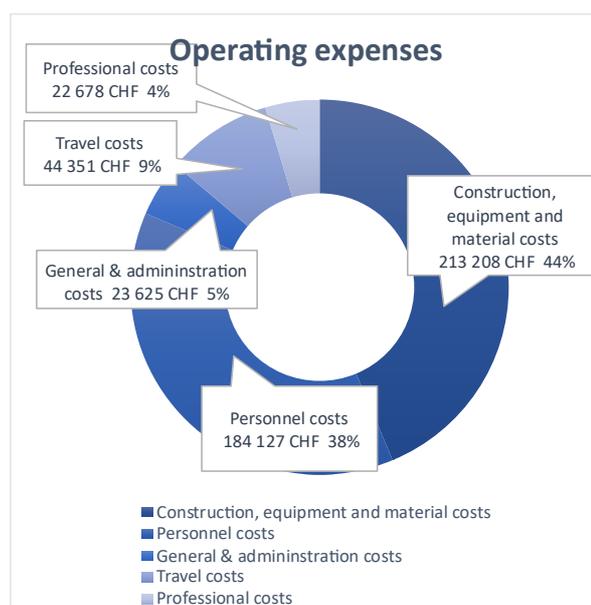
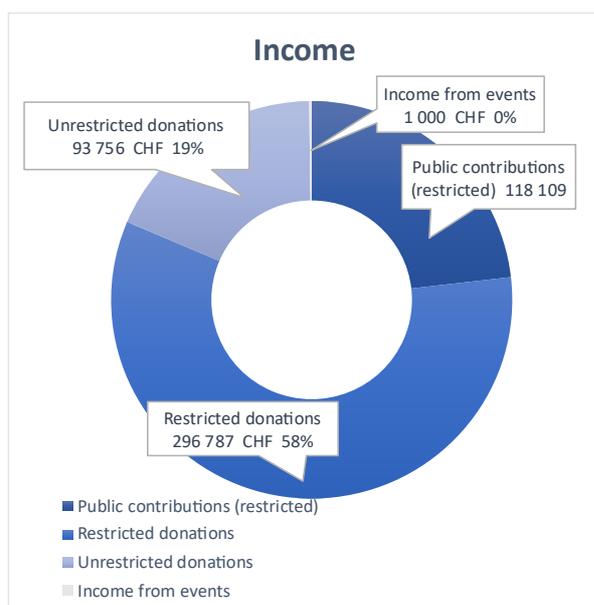
Despite persistent societal stigma, Qasem found an advocate in Mrs. Rahim. Her own struggles as a woman in an exclusionary society resonated with his experiences. Encouraged to assert his presence, he reclaimed his dignity, refusing to be sidelined. As his confidence and skills grew at Nai Qala, he deepened his expertise and, in 2024, completed an on-line Certificate in Human Resource Management through Strategia Netherlands. Today, Qasem leads HR and IT at Nai Qala’s Kabul office, drives his own adapted car, plays wheelchair basketball, and advocates for disability rights.

His journey is a testament to the power of inclusion. Physical rehabilitation is only part of the challenge, true change requires shifting societal perceptions. At Nai Qala, we stand with Qasem in breaking barriers, proving that with the right support, individuals with disabilities can thrive and shape their communities.



Nai Qala’s head office and provincial team, Kabul

Financial report 2024



Commentary on the 2024 financial statements

In 2024, Nai Qala experienced significant growth in its resources, with total income reaching CHF 509'652, an increase of over 30% compared to 2023. This growth is primarily driven by a rise in project-specific donations, particularly in the areas of community education and health.

Operating expenses amounted to CHF 487'989, reflecting the expansion of activities in the field. Despite higher costs, the association maintained strong financial stability, with a positive operating result of CHF 21'663 and a modest net surplus after variations in restricted funds.

Restricted funds increased significantly from CHF 22'584 to CHF 50'000, reflecting growing confidence from our institutional and private partners. The association's capital remained stable at CHF 143'730, ensuring continuity in our commitments.

These results, based on accounting books, as of December 31, 2024, demonstrate Nai Qala's ability to mobilize resources, manage them responsibly, and translate them into tangible actions in service of Afghanistan's most remote communities.

All donations are tax deductible in Switzerland.



Pre-writing activities, community-based education

Our actions towards the Sustainable Development Goals

At Nai Qala, education is the foundation for lasting change, directly impacting multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through preschools and community-based education (CBE) classes, Nai Qala increases access to quality learning (SDG 4), ensuring safe, inclusive, and effective environments for children in remote areas. Early education not only boosts school attendance but also fosters lifelong learning. This approach also addresses gender disparities (SDG 5) by encouraging girls' education in rural communities. By integrating boys and girls into the same learning spaces, Nai Qala promotes a cultural shift where boys grow up recognizing the value and contributions of girls in society.

Beyond education, Nai Qala's initiatives contribute to economic stability and well-being. By employing teachers from remote communities, Nai Qala provides a steady income to hundreds of individuals, reducing poverty (SDG 1) and strengthening local economies. Health and hygiene education in class fosters lifelong habits (SDG 3), as children influence their families' hygiene practices. The DAWAM project, which focuses on health education, further enhances community well-being by promoting preventive healthcare and hygiene awareness. Additionally, discussions with parents on nutrition create awareness about the importance of feeding children properly, gradually shifting harmful practices such as feeding children last or letting them go to bed hungry (SDG 2). By addressing multiple SDGs simultaneously, Nai Qala drives holistic, community-wide change, ensuring a healthier, more equitable future.

Looking ahead: our commitment to sustainable change

The Nai Qala Association remains steadfast in its mission, fueled by the strong support of local communities and a renewed commitment to creating long-term, sustainable change. With hope and determination, we look toward the future, envisioning a world of prosperity and peace.

Our focus for the coming years is guided by the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, developed in 2024, which outlines our vision for growth and transformation. This plan highlights key areas for continued impact, including expanding access to quality education, particularly through community-based programs where state schools are inaccessible, with an emphasis on girls' education. We will also enhance teacher capacity to ensure that all children benefit from quality learning experiences.

Building on the success of existing health initiatives, Nai Qala will continue to raise awareness about health and hygiene in remote areas, ensuring that families have the knowledge and tools to thrive. In parallel, we will expand livelihood programs aimed at creating job opportunities, especially for women, strengthening economic stability across rural communities.

Aligned with our strategic priorities, Nai Qala will continue to promote and protect the rights of women and children, advocating for gender equality and social cohesion in every community we serve. With resilience and empowerment at the core of our approach, we are committed to transforming the lives of Afghanistan's most marginalized populations. Through innovative projects and sustainable programs, we are laying the foundation for lasting, positive change that will benefit future generations.

Thanks to our donors

Our achievements were made possible thanks to the much-appreciated generosity of our donors.

We are deeply grateful to all our donors for their unwavering support, which has enabled us to aid remote communities in Afghanistan. Their trust and commitment have brought hope for these communities, and we are deeply thankful for their role in helping us make a tangible difference to our beneficiaries' lives.

Thank you! Your support is invaluable.

This year we are especially grateful for the generous contributions from:

In Switzerland and Europe

- Service de la Solidarité Internationale, Canton de Genève
- Rotary Club, Nyon
- Private Foundations, small and middle size companies, not for profit organizations,
- Dozens of individual private donors and families

In Afghanistan

- FCDO, and Action against Hunger
- UN Women





About Nai Qala

Nai Qala Association's statutes established it as a Swiss-based non-for-profit organization since 2007 that is formally registered with the Ministry of Economy in Afghanistan. Nai Qala Association's board is made up of experts in humanitarian and development activities. The dedicated in-country team of Afghan staff with specific skills runs the organization's office in Kabul and oversees the daily activities both in Kabul and in the field. The President, Mrs. Taiba Rahim, a trained teacher has a hands-on approach and implements and monitors closely all the projects

Nai Qala Association is committed to empowering marginalized remote communities in Afghanistan through education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities, with a special focus on women and girls. Over the past two decades, Nai Qala has successfully constructed 12 schools and a health center and provided learning opportunities to neglected communities, impacting annually over 10'000 students and 100'000 community members.

Our Mission

We catalyze transformations at the individual, family and community level by improving access to quality health and education services, by providing livelihood opportunities to very low-income members of the community in under-served areas and by advocating the voice of the under-represented at national and international levels.

Our Vision

We nurture an educated, healthy and balanced society in which women and men lead social, cultural and economic changes in an inclusive manner that enables their children – boys and girls – to thrive, focusing on neglected parts of Afghanistan.

Hope for a dignified future

As we look to the future, our commitment to Afghanistan remains steadfast. In the face of diminishing aid and global attention, we stand resolute in our mission to support communities paying the price for the world's neglect. Now is not the time to turn away from those in need. Instead, we must embrace change, foster resilience, and share responsibility. Together with courage and dedication we can drive positive change ensuring these communities are not forgotten and create a better future for the region.



Let us together preserve and protect the progress that has been made over the past 17 years.

The people of isolated regions deserve an opportunity to show their potential so that from within their own country they can play their part to influence and to create a different future for their region and Afghanistan as a whole.

Join us for an educated, healthy, and balanced society for rural Afghanistan

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