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Teacher Learns New Tricks



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Hameda, Herat MMC Trainee

“I learnt computer skills, now I am able to use a computer for my daily tasks.”

Hameda is 36 years old and after 13 years in teaching, is now the head teacher at the Goharshad Begum female school. She also volunteers with civil society in Herat. Hameda has a computer at her office but couldn't use it. Her students told her about the free training at the MMC and she took the Introduction to Computer Training.

The 30 year war in Afghanistan left many people without an education but especially are women who were banned from education and work during the six years of the Taliban regime. The education system is being rebuilt but many teachers are still not familiar with new technology such as computers.

“I participated in computer skills training in this center, through this training I became familiar with a computer and its usage which is very important to my daily life as well as my task in school, now I am able to use a computer for my daily tasks.”

Now other teachers also want to participate in the MMC trainings to learn new technology including using MS word and the internet.

“Teachers are the ones who don't have money to pay for computer classes, so it is a good chance for us to benefit from free MMC services and learn how to use the computer.”

Hameda says, her family can't afford to buy a computer but sometimes her nephew brings his laptop and she likes to work on it, look at family photos and write in MS Word.

Hameda now wishes to learn how to use the Internet to access information and use social media as a civil society activist.

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