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**Supporting Girls' Education
in Afghanistan**

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Traveller's guide: Afghanistan



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Pashto and Dari are Afghanistan's two main languages.

Afghanistan is more than twice the size of the UK but has less than half the UK's population.



Kite flying is a national sport in Afghanistan with an 800-year-old tradition. Children make kites out of paper, then have battles, trying to knock each other's kites out of the sky.

Tall mountains and dry deserts cover most of the landscape of Afghanistan. Many Afghans live in the fertile valleys between the mountains. Only 20 percent of the land is used as fields.

The country is rich in the vibrant blue stone, lapis lazuli, which was used to decorate the tomb of the Egyptian king Tutankhamun.



Meet Rabia

On the next slide you will meet Rabia*. She lives in a small village in Afghanistan. Her village is far from the nearest school and, like many other girls in Afghanistan, she faces extra challenges when trying to access her right to education.

The Taliban, who hold power in Afghanistan, have stopped girls from going to secondary school. For some girls, even getting to primary school can be difficult, especially if, like Rabia, they live in remote areas.

UNICEF supports **Accelerated Learning Centres** to help more children, especially girls, access their right to education. Rabia and the other girls in her community can now attend a school closer to home. Built with UNICEF's support, these centres help children catch up on their education, learning to read and write and studying up to six subjects.



Rabia attends an accelerated learning centre, which reaches girls left behind by the formal education system. Unicef/Naftalin

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