

## WHERE WE WORK

Many of the villages of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan where we work have been plagued by poverty, illiteracy, and violence for centuries. Because of this, other organizations don't—or can't—work here. But Central Asia Institute is at home in these places, often high in the mountains, off the beaten path.



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[www.caet.org.pk](http://www.caet.org.pk)

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A fun, easy, and free service-learning program that brings cultural and philanthropic education to students, educators, business, clubs, and individuals all over the world.

It's easy: Register today at [penniesforpeace.org](http://penniesforpeace.org) and we'll send you a FREE toolkit with standard-aligned K-12 curriculum. **Start today!**



### GET INVOLVED

Want to do more? Contact [info@centralasiainstitute](mailto:info@centralasiainstitute) to learn more about fundraising, service-learning programs, sponsorships, or opportunities to be a CAI advocate.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP

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## MISSION

*To empower communities of Central Asia through literacy and education, especially for girls, promote peace through education, and convey the importance of these activities globally.*

## Two decades of education and hope

Central Asia Institute (CAI) has initiated and supported over 400 educational projects over the last 20 years. These programs have changed hundreds of thousands of lives for the better. It's crucial that this work continues so that future generations of girls and boys have the same opportunities to succeed.



## WHY IT MATTERS

Until children, especially girls are educated, societies won't change. Education is the antidote for ignorance, poverty, and war.

- More than 573 million women and girls worldwide are illiterate.
- The child of a literate mother has a 50% greater chance of surviving past age 5.
- Of 57 million children of primary school age who aren't in school, 31 million are girls.

## WHAT WE DO

CAI does everything to help children succeed in school, from before they're born, until after they graduate.

**School Building, Maintenance, Equipment, and Supplies:** CAI provides funding to build new schools, repair and improve existing schools, and purchase equipment — such as uniforms, furniture, and school supplies — for students and teachers. Each project involves local people in all phases: initiation, implementation, and sustainability.

**Public Health:** Students can't go to school and learn if they aren't healthy. Maternal healthcare, infant wellness, nutrition, and hygiene programs; disaster relief assistance; and clean water systems are all provided by CAI.

**Teachers' Salaries & Training:** CAI organizes teacher trainings and pays teachers' salaries when support is not provided by the government.

**Women's Literacy & Vocational Centers:** CAI supports literacy centers, where women of all ages get free lessons in reading, writing, and math, bringing them to about a fourth-grade level of education. These centers also teach hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, and money management. CAI also supports vocational centers that train women in sewing, weaving, knitting, and provide equipment and materials when needed.

## WHY GIRLS?

**Women share their knowledge with their families, children, and communities, amplifying the impact of one school or educational program tenfold. So, although CAI educates girls and boys, she is the key. If a woman is educated...**

...her family will be smaller and healthier.

...her children will be 50% more likely to go to school.

... her earnings are more likely to be spent on her family.

**Quick Learning Centers (QLC):** These in-home classrooms focus on completing learning in a shorter period of time than formal schools. The duration of a QLC program is two years, during which learners complete four grades. This program uses the national curriculum and classes usually run for 3 hours per day. These centers are helpful for students who have had their schooling interrupted, have no formal schooling, or who are unable to attend a formal school program.

**Student Education Support Program (SESP):** CAI's innovative and popular SESP offers free after-school lessons in core subjects.

**HER Scholarships:** CAI awards primary (ages 7-12), secondary (ages 13-15), and advanced-education scholarships to ensure promising students are able to complete their studies.

