



Graduate Women International
Empowering women & girls through lifelong education

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The 2015 UNHCR “Nansen Refugee Award”

The 2015 UNHCR “Nansen Refugee Award” celebrated Aqueela Asifi, an Afghan refugee pioneering education for Afghan refugee girls. Living in Pakistan, Asifi has created a school that give refugee girls the opportunity to achieve a brighter future upon returning to Afghanistan. In addition to offering the girls a pathway out of poverty, her education efforts also have a strong potential for education in future generations.

GWI advocates for women’s rights, equality, and empowerment through access to quality education. Aqueela Asifi’s mission to offer education to Afghan refugee girls directly coincides with GWI’s mission to encourage and enable young girls to pursue secondary education, advancing the status of women and girls from a social and economic standpoint.

WWW References for more Information

UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award - <http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/nansen>