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## Kaiser technologist's gives gift of education back to Afghanistan



Green Villages Schools is the creation of Mohammed Khan Kharoti, a 59-year-old Afghan who was born a nomad and was illiterate until he was 12 years old. Now a Nuclear Medical Technologist at Kaiser Permanente, Mohammed dreams of an Afghanistan with the types of opportunity and education seen in the United States. Afghanistan has suffered great injustices over the years and it is Mohammad's firm belief that only through education can Afghanistan emerge from the darkness it has endured.

Mohammed established his first school in his home village (with a population of approximately 5,000) while the Taliban still controlled his country. This first school had six girls and ten boys in the first grade. It grew quickly to 15 girls and 60 boys by that summer, splitting into two grades taught by men who had finished high school in Afghanistan. With a population eager to learn, the schools in Shin Kalay have grown tremendously. In only a few years, Green Village Schools has managed to turn a school that started in a small guest room into the educational center of a large village with over 450 boys and 200 girls attending daily. Congratulations and kudos to Mohammed from Kaiser and Philips for his truly remarkable humanitarian efforts!

