May 2019 Featured Grantee
Razia’s Ray of Hope Foundation

Deh'Subz, Afghanistan
Introducing Razia’s Ray of Hope Foundation

Built on the knowledge that education is the key to positive, peaceful change for current and future generations, Razia’s Ray of Hope provides learning and growth in a safe, nurturing environment, empowering girls and women through education and resources so that they may work toward brighter futures -- in their own villages and beyond.
About the featured grantee

- Founded in 2007
- Flagship program: Zabuli Education Center, a K-12 school for 100 girls. 625 students today:
  - 93% attendance rate
  - 85% retention rate
  - 99% pass rate
- In March 2017, Razia’s Ray of Hope Foundation opened the Razia Jan Institute
- In December 2017, 300 families attempted to register their daughters for 50 kindergarten spots
Where in the world?

Afghanistan

- Size of Texas, population 37 million
- Decades of war devastated the country’s healthcare system
- Schools: 30% lack safe drinking water, 60% no toilets
- Living standards among lowest in the world
- Rampant corruption
- 38% literacy rate
- Taliban remains serious challenge
Life challenges of the women served

- Women endure threats, torture, rape, child and forced marriage
- Health system in near-total disrepair
- Only 48% of pregnant women receive prenatal care, lack access to clinics, labor and delivery services, medical equipment, trained health care professionals, and control over their health care
- 37% literacy for girls; 66% for boys
- 19% literacy for women; 49% for men
- High rates of infant and maternal mortality
- 3 million die before one month of age - majority are preventable
What are we supporting?

Two-year midwifery program for 20 women at Razia Jan Institute

• Classroom and hands-on training
• Direct support of mothers, pregnant women, and infants
• Instruction in English, computer training, and financial literacy
• Graduation requirement: assist in the successful delivery of at least 60 live births
What are the expected outcomes?

- Improved health and wellness
- Increase in self-sufficiency
- Confidence in managing finances
- Greater fluency in English
- Increased computer literacy
- More respect and equality for women
- Enhanced perception of education
- Improved quality of life
- Enhanced livelihoods

Direct Impact: 20; Indirect Impact: 2,100 women and children receiving care
Budget
DFW’s grant of $41,040 will be used for:

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<td>(Teaching and supervision</td>
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Share your thoughts

1. How might the RJI program lead to interest in other educational opportunities?

2. Why do you think RJI graduates are seen as leaders in their communities?

3. What might be the long-term effect on gender equality?
May’s Sustained Grantee: Grandmother Project

Strengthening Communication Between Generations of Girls and Women to Promote Girls’ Holistic Development (Senegal)

- Expands and strengthens GMP’s Girls’ Holistic Development Program to promote girls’ education and decrease child marriage, FGM/C (Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting), and teenage pregnancy
- Convenes a series of All Women Intergenerational Forums with girls, mothers, grandmothers, and female teachers to discuss topics of importance to girls’ well-being and education
- Promotes change through culture and using existing strengths of open dialogue between generations

Direct Impact: 495 women; Indirect Impact: 1,800