

industrial field that women can work in and can have the joy or interest to work on.

Ross: So, in this, you're developing the independence of Afghanistan. You're also partnering with people and companies in Germany. Let me ask in terms of people around the world, how do you see other countries' people who want to be friends to Afghanistan? What can they do, and how do you see Afghanistan as being a friend to the world?

Sherzad: Well, our very first mission is to keep our closeness, our friendship and peace between all the regions, between all the countries. Of course, this is something that needs the collaboration of everyone—of all people in the world. So, even right now, apart from Germany, we have a very broad network in other countries as well. Two of our team members are from China. They are living in China and supporting us and doing work from there. We have networks in Spain; we have networks in other countries as well. We have networks in Dubai, and many other countries

What we want is to see that all countries can visit Afghanistan; they can have meetings with us; we can sit together; we can just share the concept of Afghanistan, because it's beautiful that we can have this joint collaboration. We can go on and that will be a positive point for these countries.

For now, it's a mission. I think it's something that even the humanitarian laws and the United Nations goals are in agreement with: that we should all work for the goal of the development of society. Even right now, *Stay In* is focusing on implementing the SDG [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals] goals. The program we have is supporting all the goals except health and water.

So, this is what we want, that every country should take part, because this mission belongs to all of them. Afghanistan is a country which has been through many conflicts, which has been through many bad days, and it needs such support. Every country has witnessed that war has been extensive in Afghanistan. We have fought many conflicts. This is something that the world should take care about. Right now, the education system—which is really important for a country—does not have a good solution or status.

So, I think considering the situation, the world really needs to contribute to Afghanistan through such educational platforms, which are really needed, and crucial for the people.

Ross: Is there anything you'd like to add on that?

Sadati: She has completely said everything that we want to do for Afghanistan, for our nation.

Ross: Is there anything else you'd like to share with our audience?

Sherzad: Just thank you very much for this great interview, our talk and discussion. I'm really glad, and I hope that anybody who is seeing me and hearing my voice, can just try to collaborate and accompany us on this great journey. We will be so happy to have other great individuals as you. Thank you very much.

Sadati: Thank you very much. Thank you for the interview, and thank you for your time.

Ross: Amina Sadati, Zuhail Sherzad, thank you very much.

Afghanistan

Look at this land of rampant peak on peak,
With mass on mass, ridges of rising rock,
The highest passes lonely, hard, and bleak!
Far down below, the people meet to talk;
So small and far—one cannot hear a word,
The Hindu Kush stares down on them unmoved.
And yet it looks as though they have been stirred
To action by a concept they have proved—
Perhaps they're speaking now of human powers,
To find in peace what they have lost in war,
To seed the desert, cross the land in hours,
Greet the East, and reach the sea once more.

They look up at the peaks, as if to show
How far beyond the mountains thought can go.

—Paul Gallagher, Nov. 12, 2023