

# DAAD in Afghanistan 2001 – 2021: 53 Mill. €. - 239 co-operation projects funded – 6700 people supported/trained (in AFG and/or GER)



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- Increasing number of Afghan nationals requesting evacuation support to GER since summer 2021, totalling 700+
- DAAD collects information in lists and forwards it to MFA – pre-condition: Afghan national has been actively involved in co-operation projects, has been a scholarship holder, alumni etc., nomination before the end of the military evacuation!
- German government decides to grant humanitarian visas to:
  - “Until the end of the military airlift, Afghans who were in danger, for example because of their activities in civil society, the media, culture or science, were identified as being at particular risk and put on the list for evacuation by the Bundeswehr. The process has been concluded. Following a proposal by the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of the Interior has issued approvals for admission **for approximately 2600 individuals** in particular need of protection as well as members of their immediate family. These individuals are now being actively contacted by the Federal Foreign Office (via an external service provider) and informed about their approval for admission as well as the next steps. The German Government is not at present planning any further comprehensive admission programs.” (MFA Website)
- Problem: How to get to a German embassy (in IRN/PAK)?
  - “The German Government is, in particular, endeavouring to make arrangements with Afghanistan’s neighbouring countries in order to guarantee safe entry and onward travel to a German Embassy to apply for the necessary documents. Please note that it is currently difficult or impossible to leave Afghanistan for a neighbouring country, and that the situation is in flux. In general, whether it is worth risking the journey by land to the border is something you must decide for yourself depending on your individual circumstances.” (MFA Website)
- Communication via external service-provider (IOM call centre), former employees will be contacted directly by employing institutions



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- DAAD is establishing an “AFG Contact Point” for HE institutions in GER and organizes briefing sessions for HE on all matters related to Afghanistan (including: evacuation, student affairs, university co-operation)
- DAAD works on additional support programs (currently under discussion with German government):
  - Hilde Domin Program for “students-at-risk” (50+x scholarships /year)
  - “bridging scholarships” at German HEI (6 months)
  - “Third-country Scholarships” (Iran, Pakistan)

For all DAAD scholarship holders, DAAD is actively communicating with German embassies on a case-by-case basis in order to facilitate visa appointments and make travel arrangements. DAAD is supporting German HEIs to the extent possible when visa and travel arrangements are concerned.

Thank you for your attention!

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