

Widow fulfills her dream of education for her children

AFGHANISTAN – In the course of her country's turbulent past, Homiara's husband was killed in an explosion. She was forced to take her six children and flee her home. When she returned, her home was gone. Now living in the capital, Kabul, Homiara joined CARE's poultry program. With the money she earns selling chickens and eggs, Homiara sends her children to school. Rona, her 15-year-old, wants to become a doctor. "I hope my children become educated and have a good life," Homiara says. "Before, women had to hide their faces and could not work. Now, I feel very positive about the future."

FAST FACTS

- As a result of the Taliban's ban on girls' education, millions of girls were deprived of schooling for at least five consecutive years (1996-2001).
- Of the 876 million illiterate adults in the developing world, two-thirds are women; in Afghanistan, only 21 percent of women can read and write.
- CARE supports girls' education projects in 34 countries.



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