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# Afghan Jewelry Project

*Tribal and one-of-a-kind sterling silver jewelry from the villages of Eastern Afghanistan*



The Kuchi tribal pieces and the sterling silver one-of-a-kind jewelry are handcrafted by the Afghans in Eastern Afghanistan out of authentic Kuchi components, lapis lazuli, gemstones and silver mined in the mountains of Badakhshan. Lapis itself has been mined in this area for 6,000 years.

The money from the sale of the jewelry goes directly to the families for survival. This is a welcome relief from the starvation, disease and pestilence of present-day Afghanistan. Up until now the economy has been based only on humanitarian aid, weapons and drugs.

Our goal is to provide a sustainable income for the Afghans, to give them hope for the future, and to detour them from the production of opium. The silver, lapis and other gemstones mined in this area further develop a support industry. With your purchase we continue to employ more and more families and return **ALL** the proceeds from sales during this presentation, establishing a school, a healthcare clinic, hiring a woman doctor, reforestation and irrigation programs.

**A note about the origins of Kuchi jewelry:** The Kuchi tribe wander the deserts and mountains between Afghanistan and Pakistan — nomads who travel with their animals and caravans following centuries-old patterns. Their territory once ranged from India through Pakistan, Afghanistan, the -stans, Russia and back again. However, their way of life has been curtailed by 30 years of war, landmines, and drought.

With your support, from the beginning of the project in **2003** through **March 200-**, we have sent back almost 3/4 **million dollars**. With this money we:

- Established primary girls' schools
- Boys' schools which are also training the teachers
- Founded an orphanage
- Opened a healthcare clinic, hiring a woman doctor
- Cleared landmine fields for reforestation projects and for irrigation programs.

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