

## WFP Padova, Italy raises €2000 to support women and children in Afghanistan

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WFP Padova/Italy decided to raise funds to help people of Afghanistan and by the end of December they raised €2000. They decided to give the money to a Journalist, Barbara Schiavulli, who was going to Afghanistan to see and report on the situation of women and children there and to help them as much as possible. Barbara wrote several articles and also an interview on Italian National TV where she reported such touching stories, mentioning and thanking WFP for giving their support so that she could help those people.



### Aziza's House

Here is the link to the article, written by Barbara Schiavulli: [www.radiobullets.com/rubriche/la-casa-di-aziza/...](http://www.radiobullets.com/rubriche/la-casa-di-aziza/...) A few days ago, we went to Aziza's house

Aziza is a 38-year-old woman abandoned by her husband, with five children and no possibility of

working because the Taliban regime imposes that women cannot work. Her story is that of hundreds of thousands of Afghan women.

Her husband said five months ago that he was going to Pakistan to find work, and they never heard from him again. It was not a good marriage, she confides, he did not love her, and he did not love their children either. Now they don't know if he is alive or dead. In a broken voice, she murmurs: «There is an Afghan saying that a man's place is in the house or the grave.» While to us, it seems more like the fate of women.

No one has paid the rent since he left, so she has five months of unpaid rent (25 dollars a month) on her shoulders with a landlord who threatened to kick her out and a brother-in-law who would take little Ubna, only three years old, as compensation for a loan. «I will not let them take Ubna away from me, but I don't know how I will do it. I am waiting for my husband to come back.»

Aziza remains confined to a limbo in which the Taliban, her gender, and traditions leave her no choice. Zaed, eight years old, is listening and is moved, «I want to study and then go to work and not see my mother like this,» he says. What do you want to be when you grow up, we ask. «I will be a Taliban because they are strong, but with me, all the girls will be able to go to school,» he replies.



Thanks to the WFP in Padua, we returned and settled the debt with the landlord, given two extra months and 20 dollars to get food. You can imagine the reaction of the children yourself. Upon notice of our arrival, the children showered as they do on special occasions. Aziza promised that the children would go back to school in March, and some neighbors asked her to wash some clothes in exchange for money. In this way we could be able to save the little Ubina from the brother-in-law that wanted to take her from the mother as a payment.

It is just a drop in an endless sea of pain. But it is our drop. And maybe Aziza will be able to sleep tonight.

Here are more articles where she mentions the help of WFP to buy food and blankets for a poor family with 5 children.

[www.radiobullets.com/rubriche/i-bambini-di-kabul/](http://www.radiobullets.com/rubriche/i-bambini-di-kabul/)

The father was a policeman. but after the Taliban took over he lost the job. 2 months ago he found on the street 4 children wandering by themselves. He said: "Is not good that children are alone" so he invited them to his home. The mother of the 4 children, died after Taliban took over the village, the father is drug addict and cannot take care for them. They had an older daughter that was kidnapped by the Taliban and never came back. The policeman invited them to his home but he had not enough money to help his family too. So Barbara Schiavulli went to buy food and toys for them, and for a month their lives are safe, thanks to the contribution of WFP Padova.

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