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Preface

Dear reader! This booklet which has been directly written about children's life condition in the war torn country of Afghanistan contains a History Research, a Review of Child Rights, and Extra Information about children, especially those who are working in the brick factories located in BAGRAMI and DEHSABZ countryside areas of Kabul city. Additionally, for evidence, there are some interviews and photos of children, families, and owners of these brick factories.

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Minor age children assigned to perform overbearing and tiresome tasks



The Afghan society context leans on some traditional customs including multiplicity of children and family which is also consistent with Islamic instructions and Sharia and even multiplicity of offspring has been advised in Islam. On the other hand, tribal issues and strengthening family roots cause that families focus on having more children especially boys. Having more children especially male children is part of family honor without noticing unpleasant outcomes. As an assurance it is advised to use enough from the bestowed gifts of God. Obviously, society needs young generation and without new, energetic and dynamic generation the society will be incomplete.



Based on a preliminary survey published in the news by media population of Afghanistan is estimated more than 26 million. Children both male and female are forming more than a half of this population.