

Women's clinic in Afghanistan provides medical assistance

Fresenius associate completes his largest aid project

After almost two years of construction, the Shafa Women's Clinic in the Afghan mountain village of Tarpas has opened its doors (see also fit international 2/2006, page 12). In the summer it was officially handed over to village residents. Since then one doctor, one midwife and one nurse have been caring daily for 20 female patients or so in the clinic, which was financed entirely from donations.

The project initiator, Fresenius employee Syed Ahmadyar, who works in the mail center at the Bad Homburg corporate head office, is glad that "his" clinic can now provide medical assistance to inhabitants of this remote mountain region. Ahmadyar would like to pass the village residents' gratitude on to all the Fresenius employees who have supported the project with financial or material donations.

The Shafa Clinic - Shafa meaning "to heal" - has eight beds and is primarily a maternity clinic, helping some 2,000 inhabitants in the region bring healthy children into the world. The electricity supply is still somewhat unstable, Ahmadyar says, since sufficient financing has not yet

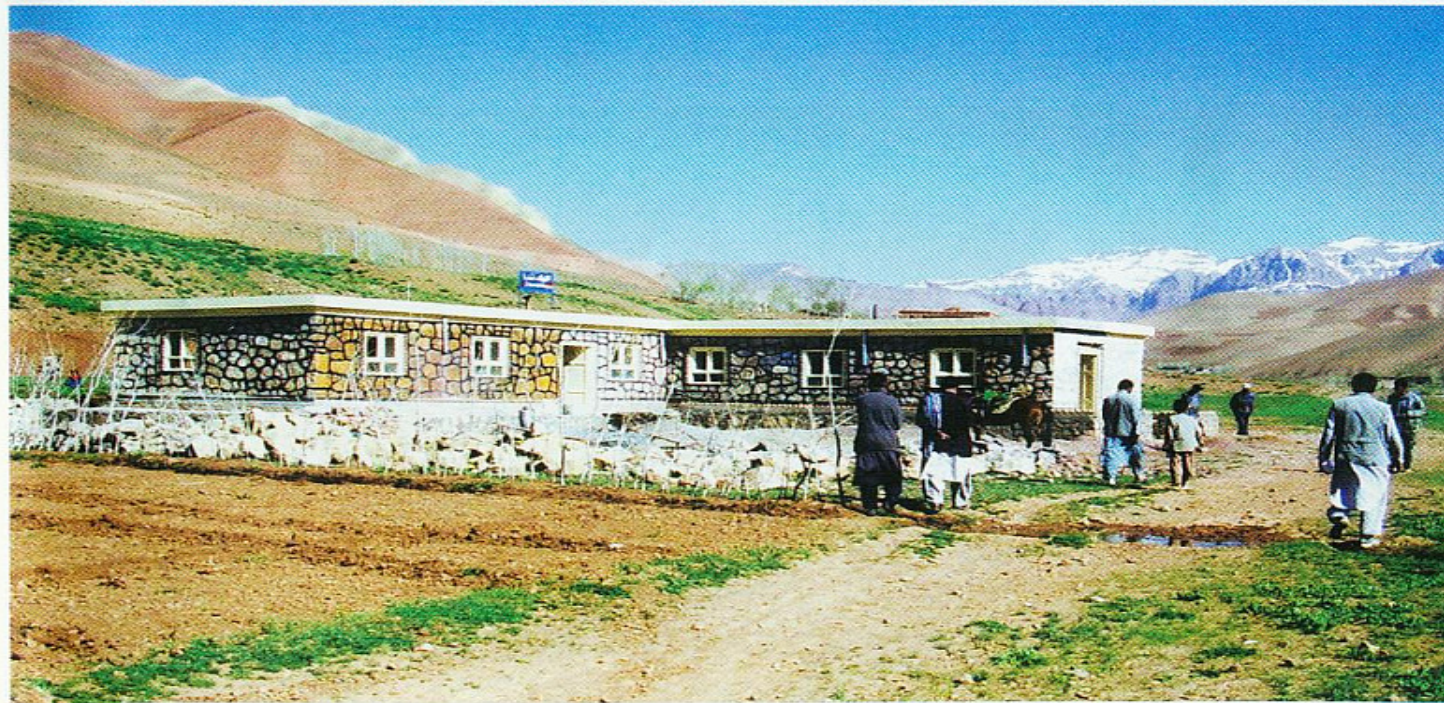
been organized to build the water mill in the river behind the clinic. Therefore, additional donations are always greatly appreciated - also to pay for container shipments from Germany. ■ CM

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