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ECE® Aid Updates

Dear Friends,

This past month we've witnessed some very painful images and stories coming from around the world. The devastating earthquake in Haiti on August 14 has wreaked havoc on an already complex and tenuous situation. Likewise, the plight of Afghanistan's people continues to unfold as the world scrambles to provide assistance to those caught in an exceedingly unstable environment.

There is still more that can and will be done to assist refugees everywhere. However, ECE and ECE® Aid wanted to take action immediately to show support and to help where we could. You can read more about our response to the Afghanistan crisis below.

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Whether you are able to donate to ECE® Aid at this time or not, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support to communities across the world.







ECE will begin by donating 25 ECE-funded fee waivers through our ECE® Aid participants to newly displaced Afghan refugees. We are working with our international, national, regional, and community partners to find further solutions as the dire situation in Afghanistan continues to unfold.

In response to the instability of what is currently happening in Afghanistan, ECE will begin by donating 25 fee waivers through our ECE® Aid participants to newly displaced Afghan refugees. These fee waivers will be funded directly by ECE. As the situation continues to unfold in Afghanistan, and as more people are resettled in the U.S., we will make every effort to assist as many people of forced displacement as we can. We continue to ask for donations and are working with our international, national, regional, and community partners to find other ways in which we can support more people.

ECE® Aid Recipient Story

Wahidullah from Afghanistan

Wahidullah is a civil engineer from Afghanistan who has completed his initial goal of employment as a quality controller at a construction company in Colorado.

<u>Refugees to College</u> assisted Wahidullah in creating an action plan that suited his needs. During the



process Wahidullah was informed that he could receive a free ECE® evaluation report that could help provide recognition of his Shaikh Zayed University degree, a U.S. equivalency recommendation, and confirmation that his academic documentation was authentic.

Services provided by ECE through Refugees to College could also eventually help Wahidullah continue his quest to ultimately acquire a Professional Engineering license and/or a master's degree.

"[My] bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Afghanistan [is] approved!" - Wahidullah

Congratulations to Wahidullah as his academic and professional journey continues in the U.S.

You can read more stories from Afghanistan and elsewhere at our ECE® Aid stories page.

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