

Khaled Hosseini, Author of the international bestseller *THE KITE RUNNER*, 2008:

“Afghanistan is a country still reeling from nearly three decades of war, anarchy, massive displacement and unimaginable human suffering. These calamities have left behind over a million dead people, a devastated infrastructure, and the destruction of nearly every meaningful institution. But perhaps the greatest tragedy is that the violence in Afghanistan has created a generation of orphans, who are the most vulnerable of the vulnerable. This is a group without face or voice.

I applaud Shikiba Babori, who with her project, *Orphans in Afghanistan*, gives us insight into their daily struggles and gives them an opportunity to tell us about their dreams, thoughts, and needs. She has created a platform to give these children a voice, and a chance to draw them out of anonymity. I hope that her project brings to light the urgent needs of this vulnerable group and leads to meaningful public dialogue.”