

I suffered but I just remained silent – a collection of voices

I'm an Afghan girl trying to be a light in the midst of darkness. I don't want to speak about or describe the situation in Afghanistan because the world already knows, and it doesn't need me to say it again. Right now, I want to share with you the feelings of my homeland in this situation. So, let's join together:

„My feelings and my days are cloudy these days, like a dark cloud that covers everything and refuses to leave, darkening everything with its presence. Yes, it is me who feels confused and homeless. Yes, it is me who feels sorrow and depression. I feel like nothing can make me happy. I live far away from the people I love and the things that are important to me. I can't see them and speak to them, and every day I feel lonelier than before. Even when I try to be busy, nothing can make me feel happy. Everything feels dark, and I don't know how to emerge from this situation. Sometimes I feel like no one can understand how I feel, and nothing can bring me peace.“

„When I lived in Afghanistan, I felt like a captive. With thousands of dreads and fears, I went outside. The situation and the circumstances there blocked my development. Now that I have left Afghanistan, I feel like I am flying toward my development.“

„I live in Iran, and the current situation of my girls in my homeland hurts me, even though I am not in my country. The situation is such that I cannot return to my country, yet I cannot forget or give up on my homeland.“

„I had big dreams for my future, but now with the closing of schools and universities, I feel a deep frustration. I feel like I will lose my potential over time. I am part of a community that cannot receive an education, which will lead to a backward future. But despite all this, I will never lose my hope.“

„Let me give you an example: Imagine you are on a journey through a desert. From the beginning to the end, you have many dreams and thoughts. At first, the journey goes well, but suddenly, when you least expect it, a storm comes and changes your path. You don't know where you are, and you lose the way you intended you take. You are confused and have no goal. You need someone to help guide you back to your desired path. This situation has had a similar effect on me, and now I am lost and don't know what to do. I have lost the way I wanted to take.“

„I am full of sorrow, and I feel like I have no hope for my future or my life.“

„Our situation is like this: we are weary and perhaps alone.“

„There is no hope, and fear of a dark future looms over me.“

„I am tired and weary, and I wait for a bright future.“

These are the feelings of girls around me. As you know, these are the only a small part of the struggles and pain faced by the girls from my homeland. All the girls around me try to remain hopeful for a brighter future.