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The Afghan Women's Writing Project aims to mentor and provide a platform for the voices of Afghan women, often heard only through the filter of their men or the media, or silenced altogether in fear and violence.

In the rainy season of Pakistan, the news of my grandmother's death made our lives rainier. This season showed me my father's tears for the first time.—Meena

Let me cry, my dear friends. Life is more complicated than we thought.—Elay

Novelist Masha Hamilton founded the Afghan Women's Writing Project in 2009, but the genesis of the idea came a decade earlier, with a video smuggled to the outside world that showed an Afghan woman in a burqa being executed on a Kabul athletic field.

I remember the rockets and bombs. Explosions were their voices... I became separated from my family. It was not dark so I do not know how, in a second, I lost my family in the afternoon.—Seeta



When I bear daughters, more than two or three, they try to name my baby Bas Bi Bi, which means stop bringing girls.—Freshta

The project is supported by American women poets, novelists, screenwriters, essayists, memoirists and journalists from around the country who mentor and work in collaboration with the Afghan women in secure online classes. The developed work is published at www.awwproject.org. A broader team of volunteers also coordinate and enable the project.

She laughed very loud and said, "No, you're not a loser. You're the best. You just have to kill silence... You have to grab your rights."—Shogofa

I have a beautiful world in my dreams, where women and men work together, and no one says that this woman is bad because she works with men.—Seeta

Many Afghan participants in AWWP must make extreme efforts to gain computer access to submit their writings. We are raising funds to supply all AWWP Afghan writers with laptops, and to build Afghanistan's first women-only Internet cafe. To donate via credit card online, use this link:
<http://computers.sola-afghanistan.org>

Who asks about my identity? I am lost on the pages of history books. Look at my tired face, And the dried tears in my eyes. My first name is 'Afghan woman.' My last name is 'Suffer.'—Roya

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