



## **THANK YOU**

**This Newsletter brings very special thanks to SAWA's wonderful members and supporters who contributed so generously to the Face Masks for Afghanistan GoFundMe campaign.**

**Since starting the campaign at the beginning of May, nearly \$6,500 has already been raised – and donations are still coming in every day.**

**SAWA has sent \$5,000 to OPAWC and will follow up with more funds very soon.**

**The link to SAWA's GoFundMe site is:**  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/facemask-for-afghan-worker-by-afghan-women>

**Please continue to tell your friends and colleagues about the campaign!**

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**The following email and photos from Mural, Director of OPAWC, tell the story of how the Face Masks Project is contributing to the fight against COVID-19 in Afghanistan.**

*"I hope you and your family and friends are healthy and safe. We all are well and trying to be at home still.*



*The situation is still very dangerous in Afghanistan. The number of victims of coronavirus is getting higher day by day.*

*"The face mask project is going well, the women in*

*the OPAWC workshop till now produced around 40,000 face masks. And we had some distribution programs among roadside workers and needy people in Kabul and Farah provinces. In Farah, we distributed the face masks to the needy*

*through our health center. Our doctors have given face masks to patients who cannot buy it.*



*"We are trying to distribute the facemasks in all provinces which the virus has spread, but still we had only distributed in Kabul and Farah.*

*" ..... The OPAWC committee decided to divide the project into two parts. The first part is the distribution of face-masks to roadside workers for free in different provinces, and the second part is the production of face-masks for sale to international institutions and NGOs in Afghanistan.*

*Unfortunately, we have not yet received any orders from the institutions, but we are trying to do it. If we succeed in doing so, we will*

*pay 20% of the profits to the women who work with us in this project. For your information, we have provided free face masks only for HAWCA and AFCECO staff for free because of their sustainable cooperation with us".*

*Best wishes and love,*

**Mursal**



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: See next page**  
**It's that time of the year again, and we would love you to renew your SAWA Membership. Please see the next page for details of how to renew.**



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## Membership Application and Membership Renewal

### 1. **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or DONATION**

Please go to <https://www.sawa-australia.org/about-us/membership> and follow the instructions.

Please note that new membership fee covers the period until 30 June and has to be paid in full. New members who join between 1 April and 30 June receive free membership until 30 June and have their first payment allocated to the following 12 month (July to June) period.

Donations can also be made online.

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### 2. **RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE**

Membership is \$30 per year, \$15 concession, or \$5 for students.

Payment can be made online at [www.sawa-australia.org/about-us/membership](http://www.sawa-australia.org/about-us/membership) where you can choose which category of membership you require and your preferred payment option.

While we need membership fees to operate, our administrative overheads are very low, so most of your membership fee goes to our projects in Afghanistan – a great reason to keep your membership active.

Members receive the quarterly newsletter (the SAWAN) by email. Members who prefer to have the SAWAN sent in printed form by mail, and possibly additional copies to give to friends, should select the number of copies they require. Print copy delivery incurs a flat annual charge of \$10 for up to four copies.

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SAWA-AUSTRALIA and the women of Afghanistan  
look forward to your ongoing membership.

