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Dr. Dave Warner

Via e-mail

Dear Dave:

As you know, our Sister Cities Foundation has been providing internet connectivity to the Nangarhar University Medical School and Nangarhar Public Hospital (NPH) for a considerable period of time. Our organization receives its funding from volunteer individuals and thus is not in a position to provide sustainable funding for these internet connections. As of December 14, 2007 we have no longer been able to support the internet connection at NPH and that service has been discontinued.

The connection at NPU had been particularly useful to maintain communication with Dr. Pardis, Director of NPU particularly at times of crisis. This is the primary connection that was used when the US Marines had been involved in an incident just outside of Jalalabad resulting in civilian deaths and injuries. Through this connection we were able to keep NATO Commander General McNeill advised of the on the ground casualties.

This internet connection was also being used to help with Nursing Training and Mid-wifery training as well as general administrative purposes in the hospital.

NPU is one of the largest hospitals in Afghanistan. Giving the substantial support the United States government is providing to help the re-building of Afghanistan, I would hope that providing internet connectivity to strategic location that is providing vital public services to a metropolitan center such as Jalalabad would become a top priority.

I hope you are successful in taking this message to those organizations that can make a difference.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Brown