

Story

KS 2, 3 & 4 – Roz's story



Fourteen-year-old Roz Mohammed lives in the deserts of northern Afghanistan. He is a goat shepherd and even though he knows how to care for animals, Roz dreams of going to school in 2015. He wants to put his herding skills into being a teacher.



Roz eating his lunch

Roz lives with his family in the Buz Arigh area of Balkh Province, northern Afghanistan. His three younger brothers go to school and so did Roz before his mum and dad became ill: "I left school when I was eleven because my family could not afford it. My father isn't able to work and he can hardly walk, my mum is also too weak and my three brothers are small".

Today, Roz works as a shepherd and makes enough money for his family to eat. He says, "I am now a shepherd for a landlord. Each day I get up at 6am. For breakfast, I have bread with black tea. I then work by taking the livestock to graze. I do this all day, so I take my lunch with me. I finish at 7pm. I then have dinner with my family. This is usually potato soup".





Going to school in Balkh Province, Afghanistan

Roz is a good shepherd. He enjoys being with the animals in his care and learning to guide them and keep them healthy. “Even though this life is difficult, I am very happy, as my younger brothers have recently joined school. And when my family situation improves, I will re-join school.”

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