

AFGHANISTAN: FINDING MISSING LOVED ONES

Afghanistan has been the scene of constant armed conflict and is experiencing an upsurge of violence following the Taliban's return to power. The latter took over the country in August 2021 after government forces collapsed and President Ashraf Ghani fled abroad.

At a time when thousands of Afghans are forced to flee far away from their loved ones, bearings and memories, the French Red Cross has been actively mobilising since the evacuations began, in order to provide multiple solutions to their needs.

If you have lost contact with your loved ones or are without news of your family due to the current situation in Afghanistan, the French Red Cross Restoring Family Links Service may be able to help.

You can contact us:

- By email: recherches@croix-rouge.fr
- By telephone: 01 44 43 12 60 from Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

For other queries, you can:

- contact the crisis and support centre of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs + 33 (0)1 53 59 11 10 /: alertes.cdc@diplomatie.gouv.fr
- consult information sites: Watizat Association: <https://watizat.org/>; Gisti [*Information for Afghans wishing to seek refuge in France*](#)

How can you contact or find your loved ones in Afghanistan?

As part of its humanitarian mandate, the French Red Cross, through its Restoring Family Links Service, has boosted its people linking and search operations to meet the needs of Afghans separated from their families.

- **Do you want to stay in touch with your loved ones in Afghanistan or neighbouring countries?** We can facilitate, where possible, telephone communications for people recently evacuated or already in France. We can also collect oral or written messages directly from people and pass them on quickly, where possible, when all other means of communication have been exhausted.
- **Are you looking for your loved ones following a separation directly linked to the current crisis?** Search requests can be recorded and will be forwarded for processing.
- **Are you looking for your loved ones following a separation before the current crisis?** These searches in Afghanistan have been temporarily suspended, but it is still possible to record a new search request which will be processed as soon as the situation allows.

- **Has your search request already been recorded?** We will continue to process it, but with significant delays.

The Restoring Family Links Service is gradually informing all those concerned.

The online search site **Trace the Face**, which helps trace separated families, is used. It can be viewed in Dari and Pashto if you are looking for your loved ones by clicking [here](#).

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