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## **The Afghanistan Women's National Team and Soccer Without Borders Announce New Partnership**

BOSTON, Mass. -- The Afghanistan Women's National Team (AFFWNT) has announced a new partnership with Soccer Without Borders (SWB), a Boston-based organization that uses soccer as a vehicle for change in underserved communities across the globe.

The AFFWNT is currently preparing for the South Asian Football Federation Cup (SAFF) in India this November. In order to compete at this tournament, the team is fundraising for travel, training camp and gear expenses. The relationship with SWB will help increase the team's visibility in receiving tax deductible charitable donations to advance their efforts. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the AFFWNT, may do so here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/AFFWomensFund>.

"Both Organizations found each other based on their shared belief that soccer is one of the most powerful ways to bring people together across the world," said Kelly Lindsey, former U.S. Women's Team member (2000-02) and current head coach of the AFFWNT. "The Afghanistan Women's National Team is eager to develop a foundation of support that will allow the program to build a platform for consistent growth and development in the country. We believe Soccer Without Borders can help us pave the way."

"For the last ten years, Soccer Without Borders has worked to build a more inclusive and equitable world through soccer. The determination of this team, many of whom have been forced to flee Afghanistan for their own safety, is an example to young people everywhere that with resilience, hope, and perseverance, anything is possible," said Soccer Without Borders' Co-Founder and Executive Director Mary McVeigh. "We are thrilled to partner with the Afghanistan Women's National Team to help advance their goals."

Working alongside current kit sponsor, hummel, both the Afghanistan Women's National Team and Soccer Without Borders aim to change the world through sport. "The AFFWNT is eager to

work alongside our new non-profit partner, SWB to make the dream of competing in this November's SAFF Championships a reality," Lindsey said.

For more information on the partnership, please contact Marley Reifert at [affwntmediarelations@gmail.com](mailto:affwntmediarelations@gmail.com). Visit the AFFWNT on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @AfghanistanWNT.

**About Soccer Without Borders:** Soccer Without Borders is a USA 501(c)(3) non-profit that uses soccer as a vehicle for positive change, providing under-served youth with a toolkit to overcome obstacles to growth, inclusion, and personal success.

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**About the Afghanistan Women's National Team:** The Afghanistan Women's National Team is the official football team sponsored by the Afghanistan Football Federation. They are currently training in California and Hong Kong to prepare for the upcoming SAFF Championships in India this November.