



Murad Khane, a district in Kabul's historic old city, is an area that has been damaged by neglect and war. It retains much of its original fabric with a network of small streets connecting the bazaar, religious structures, and houses in a layout that represents the area's unique ties to Islamic design and nearly four hundred years of Afghan history.

Since 2006, a NGO (non-governmental organization) called **Turquoise Mountain** <http://www.turquoisemountain.org/>, has taken a leading role in establishing an integrated regeneration project designed to raise the community's standard of living, enhance its economy, strengthen its traditions as well as enhance the district's primary school attended by approximately 140 boys and girls.

HTAC is proud to announce a partnership with Turquoise Mountain in which we have begun to introduce three unique programs into Murad Khane's curriculum – *peace education*, *"Read Afghanistan" literacy program*, and *environmental education*. In the coming months, HTAC will provide updates on our work with this school via our website and future newsletters.

