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| **Language** | [Kwintessential Cultural Awareness guide](http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/global-etiquette/afghanistan.html) - a guide to language, culture, customs and etiquette  [The Dari Alphabet](http://www.afghan-web.com/language/dari.html)  [The Pashto Alphabet](http://www.afghan-web.com/language/pashtoalphabet.html) | | | | | | |
| **International Aid** | [The Department for International Development](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/afghanistan) in Afghanistan - an overview of the country with maps, links to multimedia, and insights into some of the initiatives uderway in the country.    [Film showing how the Halo Trust](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oHesUQu7D0) is making the countryside in Afghanistan safe for people to live in and farm again, by carrying out demining work funded and supported by UKaid from the Department for International Development. | | | | | | |
| **Education** | [National Geographic: Afghanistan quiz](http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/afghanistan-quiz/) - "This East-West crossroads has long been a hot spot of culture, tradition, and turmoil. How much do you know about it?"  [BBC World Service](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/people/features/ihavearightto/four_b/casestudy_art26.shtml) - education in Afghanistan  [Education](http://www.afghanistans.com/information/people/education.htm) - a brief overview | | | | | | |
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|  | [Afghan song and dance](http://www.chakpak.com/video/farsi%40pashto..-majnon-majnon-majnon-jaan/1133309) - You Tube video | | | [Bacha Bazi dance](http://www.chakpak.com/video/bacha-bazi-in-the-north-of-afghanistan-by-kharkos-uzbaks/6276307) - You Tube video | | | |
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