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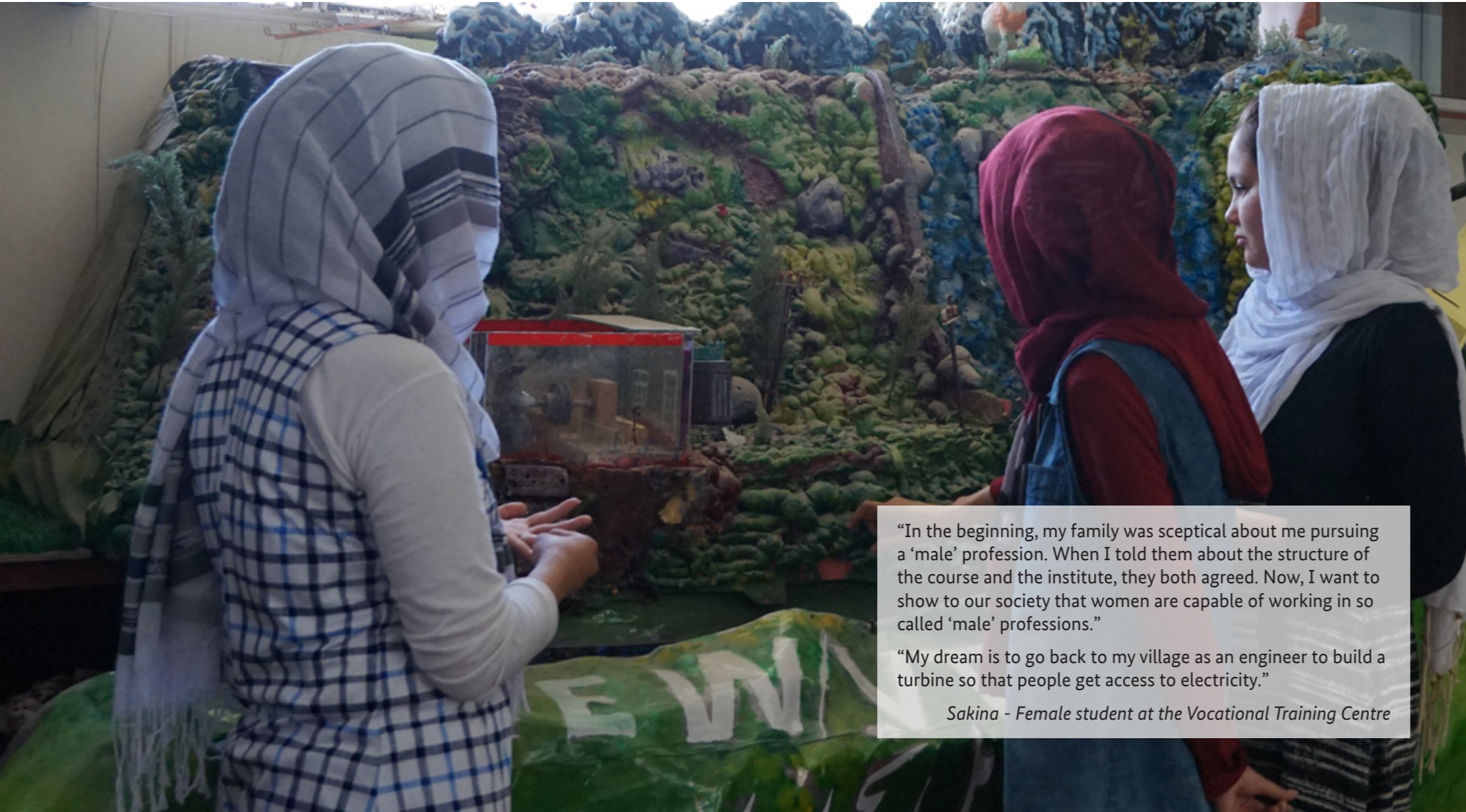
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## Renewable Energy Engineer

A Profession Aspired by Both Women and Men



“In the beginning, my family was sceptical about me pursuing a ‘male’ profession. When I told them about the structure of the course and the institute, they both agreed. Now, I want to show to our society that women are capable of working in so called ‘male’ professions.”

“My dream is to go back to my village as an engineer to build a turbine so that people get access to electricity.”

*Sakina - Female student at the Vocational Training Centre*



“Afghanistan doesn’t have enough female engineers. I chose to become an engineer in the field of renewable energies because we have great potential in this sector. In doing so, I can bring electricity to the people and support my country.”

The training centre provides a setting that makes Farzana feel at ease attending classes with male fellow students: “Teachers as well as male fellow students accept us and are very polite. We are like brothers and sisters.”

*Farzana - Female student at the Vocational Training Centre*

### FACTS & FIGURES

- The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) has three departments: electricity, renewable energies and water resources departments.
- 71 students have already graduated in renewable energies.
- Currently, 67 students are enrolled in the renewable energy programme, 13 of them are women.
- The Afghan-German Cooperation supports the VTC both financially and technically via the programme Institutional Development for Energy in Afghanistan (IDEA).
- IDEA has been active in Afghanistan since January 2015.

