

## “Afghan Sign Language [afg] (A language of Afghanistan)

- **Alternate Names:** Afghan Sign, AFSL
- **Population:** 1,000 (2012).
- **Location:** Balkh Province, Mazar-e Sharif; Bamyan Province, Bamyan city; Herat Province, Herat city; Kabul Province, Kabul city; Kandahar Province, Kandahar city; Laghman Province; Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad city and many surrounding districts; Parvan Province; Takhar Province, Faizabad; The vast majority live in Kabul and Jalalabad.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Classification:** Deaf sign language
- **Dialects:** None known. Influenced by American Sign Language [ase] used by foreign workers in some of the deaf schools in Afghanistan.
- **Language Use:** Home, university, work. Children through adults 50 years old.
- **Language Development:** Taught in at least 3 schools for the deaf in Afghanistan. Taught in primary and secondary schools. New media. Videos. Dictionary.
- **Language Resources:** OLAC resources in and about Afghan Sign Language
- **Other Comments:** Muslim.”

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