



NAME: Razia Mangal

COUNTRY: Afghanistan

AGE: 43

BUSINESS: Afghani Costume Designing

Bio information

Razia is a self-taught tailor, a skill she has relied on as a way to make income since finishing school. During the civil war, Razia's family were exiled and had to migrate to Pakistan. When no one else in her family had a regular income, she used her tailoring skills to become the sole provider for her family during this time.

Being the eldest daughter of her family, she was responsible for all her brothers' and sisters' wedding day celebration preparations. From there, she took her skills and turned them into a full-time business. With limited funds, she started tailoring bridal gowns. Later, she added wedding planning to assist family and friends who came from abroad back to Afghanistan and Pakistan to have their weddings.

Business information

Afghani Costume Design is a small family owned business that began during the Afghan exile. For more than 10 years, the company has employed 23 women and children; it consists of two (2) tailors, a designer, two (2) market assistants and one (1) communication assistant.

With the style of wearing traditional dress coming back, it gives the company a competitive edge with their high quality produced clothing. The term "Abrishm" means celebrating the human tradition of union and marriage with delicacy of Abrisham (silk), thus preserving the Afghan tradition.

By attending PEACE THROUGH BUSINESS, Razia wants to learn how to increase her business opportunities and improve her business skills.