



**Jakey\* was 12 when he fled Afghanistan alone on foot to find safety.**

**“I travelled on foot; it took me one year.** I first went from Afghanistan to Pakistan. After that I went to Iran, after that to Turkey. From Turkey to Bulgaria, and then I arrived in Serbia. And now I’m here.”

Now 15, Jakey is staying in a refugee camp in Bosnia and Herzegovina. **He fled Afghanistan because he was afraid of being taken away by armed forces.**

**“It's a really difficult situation [in Afghanistan] for boys that are 15 or 16. They [armed groups] can just come and say you need to be a soldier. If you say no, they can kill you.”**

He told Save the Children the journey to Bosnia was very difficult, with snow on the road. But when he arrived at the camp where he's staying, Save the Children helped to assign to him a legal guardian who could help look after him.

“When I first arrived, I was scared and tired and I didn’t have anybody, but now I know some people here. I met Amila, my legal guardian.”

In the future, Jakey wants to be able to study.

“I speak Pashtu, Urdu, Farsi and Punjabi. **In the future I would like to study English.** I hope to reach Belgium or Switzerland.”

*\*name changed to protect identity*