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**Interview with Faranas, Skateistan student (audio transcript).**

Tell me your name, age and where and with who do you live?

My name is Faranas and I am 14 years old. I live with my mother, brothers, sisters-in-law and nieces. My family lives in the middle of Kabul.

Do you remember the first time you saw someone skateboarding? And the first time that you did it?

The first time I came to Skateistan I saw teacher Zahra and she was holding the hands of students. She was teaching them to skate. I saw two other girls, Walhila and Fazila, skating and I really liked how it looked. And then slowly I learned it too.

Since when have you been in Skateistan?

Two years.

How do you feel when you are skating?

When I skate I really like it. It makes me feel very happy and enthusiastic.

And your parents, your family, do they like you skating?

At first my family didn’t agree with me coming to Skateistan. Then, when they saw my interest, my mother said I could go. Still my brothers don’t agree with it. After some time they said it was ok but now they are against it again. My brothers say don’t go to Skateistan but, thankfully, my mother argues with them that I should be allowed to go.