



NECDO NEWS LETTER

Let 's light a Candle instead of Cursing the Dar kness

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Our Vision

We envision a peaceful & prosperous Afghanistan by mobilizing communities through empowerment, capacity building and polishing leadership potential of women and youths in order to have a just society with skilled, professional human resource potential.

Our Objectives

1. To mobilize & raise awareness among Afghans to eliminate differences and work for long term Peace
2. To empowerment women, men, & youths with leadership potential through research, networking and advocacy for elimination of violence against women.
3. To Empower Afghan women and children (including widows, orphans, and disabled) through vocational, capacity building trainings and arrangement of small self-supported projects leading towards self-reliance.
4. To conduct advocacy initiatives on ERAW with special focus on sexual harassment & child marriage.

Core Programs:

1. *Peace Building Initiative Program*
2. *Advocacy on Elimination of Violence against Women (Sexual Harassment & Child Marriage)*
3. *Educational activities (formal & informal education, libraries...)*
4. *Capacity building (Short term & long term)*
5. *Research*
6. *Media*

Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women

Women's Rights Leaders and Activists

The 3rd Dialogue Session-One Day Workshop of Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women Women's Rights Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Framework On 19th April 2017 one day workshop was arranged according to the plan to make a dialogue between the participants, 43 trainees, and scholars in Marmar Hotel. The conference started by the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar and the national anthem by the technical team of the organization. Then Ms. Jamila Afghani opened the program & welcomed the participants. Then she provided a brief report on the NECDO's activities and achievements of the projects. Also she added that between these 43 trainees a strong network has been build. Our aim for creating such program is to know about your expectations. And also she introduced the WILPF and asked from participants to join with WILPF. At the end she said: "hope to see you all as a leader in the future. Then Ms. Maryam Arya present the presentation about Democracy in Islamic context, At first she defined democracy then she talked about the similarities between Islam and democracy, then Ms. Madina talked about legal petition, defined defendant and claimant how to appeal in court, procedure of appeal and judicial system in Afghanistan. After that Ms. Shabnum presented presentation about Sharia law and its implementation in Islamic countries. Firstly, she explained Sharia Law, also specified the division of Islamic law and talked about the implementation of Sharia law in Islamic countries. Then there was a tea break from 10 to 10:30. Consequently, Ms. Barbie Reynolds vice president director of research & course development on Rebuild Consultants talked about Women's Leadership (Technicalities). Firstly, she defined leadership. Secondly, she talked about what are the leadership skills, Technicalities and also she mentioned some women leaders' names and she taught students why should women be in leadership? The importance of Good Role Models for Women in Leadership, she points out two key skills that every leader needs: 1. Interpersonal Communication 2. Women should be confident be courageous, after that there was lunch and prayer break time from 12 to 1, Then the participants were divided into groups and shared their point of views about bellow issues.



Who we are?

Noor Educational and Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) is a non-governmental, impartial and non-political organization, registered with Ministry of Economy in 2002 with INO.95. NECDO was established in January 2001 by a group of volunteers to help and support needy Afghan women, youth, and children when the Afghan nation was passing through time-tested moments of its history in Peshawar Afghan Refugee Camps. The destructive civil war resulted in material and spiritual losses for the nation. NECDO started its activities with little means, but greatness of purpose, which was based on humanitarian and development assistance. We believe that unity, faith, proper mobilization of youth & empowerment of Afghan communities can reduce the miseries of the Afghan nation. During our social activities in camps, we realized the need for education, capacity building and income generation projects in order to help our nation with sustainable development; especially educating Afghan women, youth, and children were the priorities set forth; with the believe that it is better to light a candle rather than curse the darkness we initiated several projects and implemented them successfully.

National Masculinity Alliance First Meeting Network

MAY 3, 2017

09.00-11.00 Hour

KMO3 meeting Room

Participants: Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster, AREU, ASDHO, Health Net-TPO, MoPH, SCA, Women for Women International-Afghanistan, The Asia Foundation, National Youth Institute, MoWA, NECDO, UNAMA and CAF

Opening:

Mr. Serajuddin Joya, Human Rights and Gender Coordinator of Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) welcomed the participants to the third meeting.

New members joined meeting and participant's introduction took place, then Mr. Serajuddin Joya shared the meeting agenda, goal and objectives. Below are the meeting proceedings.

The meeting started with the discussion based on the agenda points.

Agenda as Annexure 2.

Agenda follow up:

Agenda Point 1: Sharing and Finalizing Experience Sharing Presentation Template Mapping Assessment Template and Membership Registration Form

Mr. Naimatullah Akbari presented the developed experience sharing presentation template for participants review and comments continues to that he also presented the Mapping assessment questionnaire template for comments and finalization. At the result, it decided that in next meeting two organization partners (Health Net and Women for Women) are going to have their experience sharing presentation in next meeting.

Action Point: Swedish Committee for Afghanistan is going to share both documents with members for their review and comment if any. The members can share their comments by 30th May 2017.

Continues to that Ms. Wahida Rasooli Zahin Human Rights and Gender Senior Officer of Swedish Committee for Afghanistan presented the Membership Registration Form to have members comments and view for finalizing. Most of the participants requested to edit criteria of membership and make it more specific and divide membership into two categories (Temporary members and Permanent Members), at the result all agreed to add it in Membership Registration form.

Action Point: Swedish Committee for Afghanistan is going to share the Membership Registration Form with members for their review and comment if any. The members can share their comments by 30th May 2017. Next Meeting date is fix to be on 3rd July 2017 in KMO3.

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Annual Conference 2017
Role of Ulama
In peace, Development, Respect to Human
Rights and Love with Humanity

Summary:

On Monday 15th of May 2017 NUA Conference under the title Role of Ulama –NUA- in Peace, Development, respect to human rights and love with humanity was held in Safi Landmark Hotel in Kabul City. The conference was attended by 165 Ulama (100 male and 65 women), members of NUA Shura (BD) from Kabul, other provinces, delegation of Ulama from Indonesia, representative from Indonesian Embassy, media groups, Government authorities and member of the security department. The conference was successfully completed in evening on the 16th of May; the Ulama showed their full support to the initiative and declared their readiness to work for peace together with Afghanistan Government for Peace, reconciliation and development. The conference was concluded by a press release which emphasized on the role of NUA in the peace process and asked the Afghan government to create space for NUA in the peace process and reconciliation efforts.

Explanation:

Based on the agreement with the respected embassy of Indonesia to conduct the 2 day annual conference under the theme “Role of Ulama (NUA) in Peace, Development, Respect to Human Rights and Love with Humanity” in Kabul Afghanistan to ensure the role of NUA-Ulama in peace and reconciliation, NUA begin its preparation and contacted NUA committees throughout the country to do arrangement for such an event to be conducted in May of 2017, the activities were accomplished chronologically as below:

- NUA organizing committee do all the arrangements, communication on central & provincial level, preparing lists, sending out invitations, hotel booking and contacting local government authorities and networking with concerned government institutions
- NUA (Shura) develop agenda for the conference and sending out letters of getting support from MoRA, MoFA and MoJ
- Doing all logistic arrangements, printing banners, posters, brochures and copying all the required administrative papers
- Doing time to time communication with participants and the concerned government departments
- Held consultative meetings within NUA Shura (BD) in Kabul for updates and getting further instructions for the betterment of the conference

- Preparations were finalized for the travel of the NUA members to Kabul and moved by the 14th of May 2017 (The delegates were received in Kabul by the organizing committee)
- The conference was held successfully on 15th May in the Hall of Safi Landmark in accordance to the agenda

Conference Activities

- The conference commenced with the recitation of few verses from Holy Quran by Mr. Qari Muhammad Murtadha member of NUA Kabul Committee followed by national anthem of both brotherly countries Afghanistan and Indonesia, followed by welcome speech of Mr. Hashemi Head of NUA. Later the remarks by Mr. Lukman Hakim from the Indonesian Embassy, followed by introduction to the goals and objectives of the conference by Mr. Kakar who introduced the goal and objective of the conference to the audience through a power point presentation.
 - During the tea break a group photos was pitched by the participants, delegates, Ulama and NUA Shura members (male and female)
 - **The program went in accordance to the plan and the agenda the speeches of the delegates from Indonesia were welcomed by the participants and in particular the dynamic speech of his Excellency Mr. Arief Rachan the ambassador made the eyes of the participants full of tears**
- The speakers supported the 5 principals of NUA (Moderation, Social Justice, Tolerance, Balance and Participation)
- The provincial committees thanked NUA shura (BD) for the initiative and appreciated the support of respected embassy of Indonesia for the technical and financial support to facilitate the conference, they all in their speeches emphasized on the role of Ulama in peace and showed their commitment to work together with the Ulama in the country for this holy cause, they said peace is as blood for the life of development and progress even the worship cannot be fulfilled without peace
- The Financial self-reliance plan was introduced by Mr. Kakar through a power point presentation and the committee of NUA in the provincial committees was given the responsibility to work for ensuring the plan.
 - The election for the 2 next years was contested among 4 Shura members, Mr. Sayed Salahuddin Hashemi, Mr. Dr. Muhammad Sulaiman Nesary, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Sarwari, and Mr. Ahmad Noor Wqef. 118 participants Mr. Hashemi selected and program is closed.

TOT for Mobilizing Afghan Man to Protect Women Rights D&P-Trainers

As per agenda Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar MD-of NECDO welcome the Trainers and Staff then trainer's introduce themselves to each other's Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar introduced the AF 3226 project for the year 2017 and then give information about the manual to the trainers. Then Mr. Kakar pointed out about the new Methods for trainers and the trainers thanked from Mr. Kakar and they are told these are a good and new Methods which methods when introduce? To know about it for a good teaching. After the refreshment they TOT program concluded at 2 o'clock.

Brief description on AF- 3226

NECDO is implementing the AF- 3226 was the time table workshop introduced?

The project was signed in Jan 2017 and will end in December 2017. The project covers Kabul, Khost, Balkh, Kapisa provinces. The major beneficiaries of this project are Mobilizing Afghan Men to protect women rights Peace and Democracy. With the following goal and objectives.

Overall Goal of the project: To enhance local communities' resiliency, cohesion and capacity to promote a peaceful transition by conducting activities to support and protect women rights, the ability of traditional dispute resolution bodies to resolve disputes in particular related to women issues and to bridge the gap between these bodies, communities, CSOs and formal justice and other government officials.

Objectives:

To train 400 influential men (Imams and Community leaders) and youths and 200 women activists in 4 provinces of Kabul (2 districts Shakar Dara and Farza), Balkh (where during this year there has been 20% increase in violence against women- there have been 900 cases registered this year), Kapisa (where the violence of divorce, women burning has increased), Khost (where honor killing increased and less cases of women get registered due to traditions)

To establish 4 networks (1 in each province) of men and youths who will work and protect women rights on volunteer basis

- To develop a standard training manual on mobilizing Afghan man to protect woman rights based on national and international laws, conventions and declarations as well as five core rights of women in Islam (Right to Education, Right of Marriage-Divorce, Right of Ownership and possession, Right of social and political participation, Right of Inheritance) in Dari & Pashto languages
- To hold one provincial workshop (Conference) in each province by the end of workshops and will bring together the beneficiaries to share their views and to make working strategies and establish their network (CWG)

NUA/ With deep sorrow and Grief announces that one of its Members Maulana Abdul Ghafoor From Logar Province Was Martyred by the enemy of Peace and Development of Afghanistan NUA Consider it a big loss, and prays to Allah (SWT) to shower his soul with mercy and forgiveness. NUA is also committed to continue his path working for Peace and development of the country and will not restrain from this holy mission.

In preparation for the AURORA PRIZE a film making company visited Afghanistan on 17th April 2017 to develop a documentary on the activities of NECDO for the period of one week both internal and external activities of NECDO were documented and the documentary was released during Aurora Prize Ceremony.



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