



# NECDO NEWS LETTER

**Let's light a Candle instead of Cursing the Darkness**

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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 EVAW 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

## **Bringing Finance Information and Assistance Services to Women in Kabul**

NECDO implemented a project to help mitigate lack of access to finance information and institutions. This project had 3 components; a research study on travel patterns of female travelers in Kabul; provision of on-site finance information and referral service for women; and finance literacy and life skills training for women.

The conducting research is a survey which will has open and close ended questions in questionnaire, the questionnaire will ask from 200 respondents in crowded areas, the collected data will be analyzed in Statistical Package for Social Science SPSS.

The finance information brochure will be made according to the research findings, in the same time the project team will open on-site finance information service in 3 crowded areas of Kabul city for 7 continuous days. The project team will present on-site fiancé information to clients according to their needs and from brochure, which is responding the findings of the research.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> component of the project is increasing financial knowledge of women, the project team and selection committee will select 60 women trainees. The selected women will be trained in 3 batches, each batch 20 women. The trainings will be conducted for 3 half days and 9 hours.

In addition, the online helpline will be opened for those women who have problems in financial science, the Gender and Finance Information Officer will answer the calls and will help those women who call to number. This project will cover a brand campaign for helpline and on-site financial service as well.



**Our Goal:** Seeking Allah's pleasure by supporting our people through the light of education, empowerment & Community mobilization for a just society.

## 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.

## Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace workshops

One workshop was contacted on November of 2017 in Kabul. The participants were students, civil society activists, women right activists, local leaders, government employees from gender department, scholars, NGO employees, and other men and women from different areas. These four workshops were held in directorate of women affairs of Kabul. The participants were very active and hardworking, they were very successful during the workshops and they were much interested learning what was taught in the workshops. They were very thankful and pleasant from NECDO for contacting such programs because Kabul is a remote area and they lack such programs. Most of the participants were very active so they were selected as CWG (community working groups) members.

The training agenda are the following

1. Violence against women in Afghanistan
2. Short review of EVAW law
3. Five core rights of women in Islam
4. Muslim women responsibilities in family
5. Gender
6. Evaluation



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## NECDO Photo Gallery





**Strengthening and expanding WILPF –  
Afghanistan Group in Ningarhar (Eastern  
Zone)**

**Explanation Report:** The magnificent and outstanding conference entitled Development of the Women's Movement for Peace and Liberation in the Eastern Zone under the chairmanship of Dr. Fazal Ghani Kakar, founder of Afghanistan's Nazat Uluma, on 2017/11/16 in the Spin Ghar Hotel. The program started by the recitation of some verses of the Holy Quran was launched by Rabia one of the participants. Consequently, Dr. Fazal Ghani Kakar welcomed the guests and introduced the WILPF Afghanistan Group and about peace. Mr. Kakar stated that "ولصلح الخير" peace is treaty and Allah has incorporated peace in anatomy of humans, if this anatomy works in the human body s/he will always try to live in peace and contribute in bringing peace in society and if the activity of this anatomy diminishes the problem of the loss of peace in humans is high. Human beings naturally like to live in peaceful in environment. Allah (SWT) also invites human beings to live like this system and live peacefully. He also said about the purpose of the conference, the first goal is to share this movement in the eastern zone and civil society in the eastern zone and the second goal is the importance of the eastern zone in peace, and later he introduced WILPF. After that Mrs. Torpekai Muhammad, Director of Secondary Education of the ministry of education and responsible of WILPF communication group, talked about women's role in peace. She said peace is a basic need for everyone and living in a peaceful environment is precious especially for the countries have been in war for several years. The countries which have a peaceful environment always emphasize on peace and talk about. But the countries that need such discussions and negotiations have been far away from it. She added that women play a significant role in peace because they can start peace from their own families to the international level. The first thing a woman can do is to make the environment and inspires her children to study and work for the society.

Subsequently, Mrs. Anisa "Emrani" Director of Women Affairs in Nangarhar province Peace and development. She said that Women in Islamic society have a status because they are mothers, sisters, and wives. They have a special value and their words are acceptable for men so they can play vital role in bringing peace. The government needs to provide work for women and young people, because of all the problems and disputes are arising from unemployment and illiteracy, and lastly I request from office to give greater role for women in national and international affairs. Later, Mawlawi Atiq Al-Rahmanm "Fazli" said that Allah (SWT) in Surah al-Nisah states that "there is no legitimate gathering unless it directs the people to the right path and peace", and asked the ladies to read the Qur'an and they know their rights. Mr. Awrang Samim talked about women's role on peace in east zone. Mr. Samim stated that peace is a human necessity. Today, all the progress that has taken place in the world and the countries are progressing is from the blessing of peace that they have in their country. We could achieve peace, provided that we start peace from the family level, women play an important role in fostering peace in the family, which has an impact not only on the family, but also on the community. I strongly emphasize that if you understand our responsibility and originality, we will naturally be peaceful. I would like to explain the role of women in peace by sharing of experiences of women Ladies in the City of Manchester; females of Manchester City were able to end the war without any harm to the city, during this seven year interior war of American and today America is the biggest power in the world. Today America uses this strategy. Hayatullah Talebzada, the WAW Director, talked about the role of women in civil society. The Hadith of the Prophet (pbuh) stated that Muslim is a Muslim brother and the Muslim term is not only for men only. Women are also included in it. In order to live in a peaceful society Muslims should not humiliate each other. At last, Communication Committee of east zone was set up with eleven members (6 from Nangarhar, 3 from Kunar and 2 from Laghman) to carry out their activities in the eastern zone represent the Women's Movement for Peace and WILPF Afghanistan Group. And the conference successfully completed

## NECDO Board of Director's Meeting minute

On 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, NECDO invited the board of directors in a meeting to share the implemented activities result and take their idea on how the organization can be sustainable in future.

The meeting participants were, Ms. Jamila Afghani, Mr. Amanullah Hotak, Mr. Faramarz Jahanbeen, Mr Ahmad Zia Anwari and Ms. Parina Jahid.

The meeting started by recitation of holy Quran then, Ms. Parina Jahid welcomed to the participants. Ms. Parina Jahid presented the NECDO activities from Jan 2017 until Nov 2017. Followings are the presentation detail



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هر نوع خشونت، تبعیض و تخطی از تعلیمات والای دین مبین اسلام و قوانین نافذه کشور در مقابل زنان افغان را به شدت تقبیح می نماید و هر نوع خشونت در مقابل زنان را مغایر دین و فرهنگ اصیل افغانی می داند. به مناسبت پیشواز کمپاین محو خشونت مؤسسه تعلیمی و انکشاف ظرفیتهای نور (NECDO) در پهلوی تمام زنان افغان به سطح فرد، خانواده، جامعه، نهادها و دولت می ایستد و از تمام افراد ملت میخواهد تا برای همیشه به خشونت علیه زنان نه بگویند، تا باشد با داشتن جامعه عاری از خشونت همه با هم در انکشاف و ترقی کشور ما نقش خویش را ایفا نماییم.

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### Polyclinic Agreement:

The agreement for the construction of a poly clinic was officially signed between the Embassy of Indonesia and NECDO as (IA) in Kabul on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017. We hope this Polyclinic will help in reduction of the problems of the community in the area through provision of healthcare facilities. (INSHALLAH)



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