



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 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 Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal

Framework

One-Day dialogue between women activist and Islamic Scholars, which was conducted on 28th December 2016 with the participation 43 trainees, trainers and a guest from OSA. The program was facilitated by Mr. Kakar, the Managing Director of Noor Education and Capacity Development Organization in the Golden Star Hotel.

The program started by recitation of a few verses of Holy Quran by Ms. Maryam Arya, and then the national anthem played by NECDO technical team. Then, Mr. Kakar provided a brief report on NECDO activities and achievements of the project. Also, he added that between these 43 persons a strong network has been build. Our aim for creating such program is to know about your expectations.

Ms. Nazifa, Master trainer, talked about how a Muslim woman became PM of Romania and for the first time in the EU. Though the population of Christian in Romania is 90% and they only have 1% Muslims, still she won because she was honest and a high qualified leader. After, that Ms. Farzana one of the beneficiaries of this project talked about gender from the society's perspective and from Islam perspective and talked about gender issues in Afghanistan. Then another beneficiary Ms. Ashya talked about Human's rights and GBV. And some other beneficiaries talked about Surat-Annisa, leadership and law enforcement agencies. Then the participants were divided into groups and shared their point of views. The program was ended by group photograms



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

During month of November 2016 NECDO were contacted two workshops in Badakhshan. 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 two workshops were held in directorate of MORA of Badakhshan. The participates 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 conducting such programs because Badakhshan is a remote area and they lack such programs. Most of the participates 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's responsibilities in family
5. Gender
6. Peace and Conflict management and resolution
7. Democracy
6. Evaluation



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EVAW & GBV (16 Day) Campaign 2016

Workshop conducted for 48 women activists, scholars and leaders

Details:

One-Day training program which was conducted on 3rd December 2016 with the participation 48 Female Leaders, Religious Scholars, and women's rights advocates (who are the direct beneficiaries of OSA project for Women Leaders). The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Kakar, the Managing Director of Noor Education and Capacity Development Organization in the Park Start Hotel Kabul.

The workshop started by recitation of a few verses of Holy Quran by Ms. Maryam Arya, and then the participants were introduced one by one by Ms. Parina Mehrzad, Deputy Director of NECDO.

Then, Mr. Kakar provided a brief report on NECDO activities for combatting violence against women. According to him, for 16 years, this organization has been operating in Kabul and provinces to develop capacity of women. He added that these activities include raising awareness of people in rural areas through religious scholars, establishing scholars' movement, and some recent programs such as Women as Religious Leaders and Scholars, and Women's Rights Advocates which is conducted for 45 young women. These activities also include training on Mobilizing Afghan Men to Support Women's Rights, Peace and Democracy implemented in 4 provinces of the country in order to eliminate violence against women.

Mr. Kakar promised to continue working on such campaigns through creating networks. Talking about eliminating violence against women, he added: In Islam, Allah (SWT) prohibited this indecent act and provided a clear verse which determines a high position for women. Therefore, Islam has initiated this campaign 14 centuries ago and has determined all the rights for a woman which includes the rights to live, right to get married...

Inherit, get education, and own properties. It is because Islam is a religion of conciliation and peace and if all the provisions of Islam are observed, violence will end.

Consequently, **Ms. Nazifa Stanikzai** discussed about Gender Based Violence and said: Violence against Women or Gender Based Violence is defined as in United Nations' Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women:

"Violence against Women" means any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.

Also, information were given about types of violence, causes of violence, ways to prevent violence, views of Islam regarding violence (provisions about women's rights in 9 chapters of Holy Quran), and finally some statistics about registered cases of violence. During this year, 389 cases are registered in Kabul, and 1276 cases of violence are registered in provinces. In Human Rights Commission, a total of 50,000 cases are registered.

Then, **Professor Mr. Noori** talked about role of youth in elimination of violence against women and invited them to eliminate violence against women through more accurate methods so that a woman can get her rights in a way that the social order of her family is not damaged. They should provide more accurate and planned guidance to such women.

Esteemed **Sayed Salahuddin Hashimi**, Leader of Afghanistan's Scholars Movement (NUA) described Islam's prohibition of violence against women as follows: Before civilization of Islam, violence was accustomed among Arabs in different methods. For example, some of them would bury girls alive. But, after of Islam revealed, Allah (SWT) prohibited violence and provided several clear verses about protection of women's rights in Holy Quran so that people can live in the light of that. They actively did the group work and they answer to the all questions.

The participants also signed pledge to work for the elimination of violence and SAY NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

What is 25th November?

25 November each year marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and is the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign. Historically, the date is based the day of the tragic 1960 assassination of the three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic; the killings were ordered by Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo (1930–1961). In 1981, activists marked November 25 as a day to combat and raise awareness of violence against women more broadly; on December 17, 1999, the United Nations (UN) adopted the resolution making November 25 the official date.

NECDO Statement on GBV Campaign



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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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