



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 EAW 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 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 : 22th Feb 2017 one day workshop was arranged according to the plan to make a dialogue between the participation 43 trainees and scholars in Golden Star Hotel. The conference was started by the recitation of the Holy Quran by Ms. Ayesha Nizami and the national anthem by the technical team of the organization. Then Mr. Kakar opened the program & said Welcome to the participants and then 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. And also he introduced the NUA and asked from participants to Then Ms. Shekiba Sadat offered presentation about Democracy in Islamic context, At first she defined democracy then expressed differences between Islam and democracy, then Ms. Narwan talked about Islam and Human Rights and expressed fundamental rights of citizens in Islam, After that Ms. Samira offered presentation about Sharia law and its implementation in Islamic countries, at first she defined sharia law, also cleared the division of Islamic law and also expressed the preparation for implementation of sharia law in Islamic countries. Then Ms. Maryam talked about "How can we pave the way for women who are not allowed to work in government with men, then took Tea & Coffee Break, after that Mr. Ziayee talked about Women social and political association and asked to the Questions of participants about that , then Ms. Freshta another beneficiary talked about Muslim women discoveries and said the Muslim women are understood and very active and they involved in today's exploration in the world, After that took lunch and prayer break, Then the participants were divided into groups and shared their point of views about 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.

Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace

Women Rights in Afghanistan is a step forward and two steps backward due to ongoing conflict and instability. NECDO based on the past 15 years of experience working for women empowerment and elimination of violence, in result of which we came to the fact that without mobilizing Afghan men and youths moving forwards seem unpractical. We also understand that women empowerment is road map for peace and development in Afghanistan. NECDO is thankful to D&P for financial support to the project under the title "Mobilizing Afghan Man to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace". NECDO began the project with full enthusiasm in January 2016 to work for the protection of women rights by mobilizing Afghan man and women to work together for this cause in 4 provinces Kabul, Ningarhar, Parwan and Badakhshan conducting awareness raising workshops, in the light of manual developed by a professional master trainer and had the following achievements so far:

- 16 Workshops were successfully conducted in Parwan (8workshops) and Badakhshan (8 workshops)
- 423 persons got awareness during the workshops (229 male and 194female)
- CWG conference was successfully conducted for 150 persons attended by government and national and international civil society representatives
- CWGs are now working in Parwan and Badakhshan on volunteer basis to protect women rights
- Cooperation among youth groups, imams and women activists strengthened
- Posters on raising of awareness were vastly spread in the Parwan and Badakhshan provinces so far in both national languages
- Got support and admiration of MoWA, MoRA and MoIC for the project on center and provincial levels
- The awareness training and the messages were widely spread in the social media and web pages of the organization and the other friends in the civil society and well as community elders, youth and Ulama groups.

NECDO is cordially thankful to Development &Peace for their financial and technical support of this project and the mentioned achievement which were made possible only with their support.



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Celebrating NECDO membership of WILPF in Afghanistan Conference Report -2017

NECDO WILPF membership celebration conference held in Kabul

Tuesday 21/9/1395- 10/1/2017

Time: 9:00 Am -11:00 Am

Location: MOWA, Zainab Hall Kabul

Participants:

Dr. Fazal Ghani Kakar NECDO MD, NECDO board of directors, employees, members of board of Afghanistan WILPF, Ms. Jamila Afghani Deputy Minister of martyrs and disabled, Mr. Thomas Thedler of UNAMA, expats from International Organizations, civil society entities, government representatives, youth groups and Media

Preparations to organize the conference:

NOOR EDUCATIONAL & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NECDO) started its preparations organizing one day conference to celebrates its membership in WILPF from 10th Jan 2017 preparing the agenda, communicating with government and civil society as well as international and national institutions operating in the country, sending out invitations and making ready the logistics:

Summary of the Report:

In Celebration of leadership and membership of NECDO to the WILPF in Afghanistan that was in the Head of Ms. Jamila Afghani Deputy Minister of martyrs and disabled. The participants of the conference were 70 individuals, they were consist of women, religious scholars, civil activist, Deputy Minister, Members of WILPF, Members of the united nations, Members of NECDO, the legal staff of MOWA, officials of gender, teachers, students, Women's council, Journalists and representatives of media and other individuals which belong to the governmental and non-governmental organizations. The conference was held in the Hall of MOWA on 10th Jan 2017 and was successfully completed WOMEN.

Then, Mr. Kakar MD NECDO introduced the WILPF and welcomed the guests, followed by a demo given by WILPF members and Mr. Nazir Pazhwak, Ms. Nargis Jamal on the aims and mission of Afghanistan WILPF.

Then Ms. Jamila Afghani deputy minister of martyrs and disabled talked about history of WILPF, then Ms. Aziza "Adalatkhwah" head of law at Ministry of MOWA read the Message of Ms. Dilbar Nazari minister of MOWA, then Mr. Naem Qaderi read a poem about peace, & Ms. Parina Mehrzad Deputy Director of NECDO talked about activities of WILPF during the past two years, At the end of the program Ms. Parwin dost reading the statement, the conference after the pledge and a group photo was concluded. At the end of the program Ms. Parwin dost reading the Press Release and the statement of the conference:

1. Afghanistan government reiterated the 1325 action plan in 2015 but until now doesn't have a practical commentary; we demand enforcement of the 1325 action plan.
2. We demand the women strengthen subscription in sustainable peace process.
3. We demand Background subscription of women leaders as men leaders in peace negotiations process.
4. We demand allot to the civil, human rights & women rights activities in sustainable peace process.
5. We demand serious measures for proved of war across the country by applying of practical, real and firm mechanisms for social justice.
6. We demand rehabilitation services and reintegration of that war affected, and asks for the restore a normal life for them.

Conclusion:

The participants was given a familiarization with WILPF and Its goal, objectives & activities in Afghanistan, and they Pledged to strive toward sustainable peace, the conference was concluded with a group photo.



What is 8th of March?

International Women's Day (IWD), originally called International Working Women's Day, is celebrated on March 8 every year.[2] In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women for their economic, political and social achievements. An effective Women's Day was the 1975 Icelandic women's strike which paved the way for the first female president in the world, Vádis Finnbogadóttir. In some regions, the day lost its political flavor and became simply an occasion for people to express their love for women in a way somewhat similar to a mixture of Mother's Day and Valentine's Day. In other regions however, the political and human rights theme designated by the United Nations runs strong political and social awareness of the struggles of women worldwide are brought out and examined in a hopeful manner. Some people celebrate the day by wearing purple ribbons.

NECDO's Statement on the Celebrations of 8th March

مؤسسه تعلیمی و انکشاف ظرفیتهای نور

NOOR EDUCATIONAL & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
(NECDO)



Noor Educational & Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) offers its wholehearted felicitations on the occasion of 8th March Women's International Day.

NECDO is committed to support Women's rights and works hard to eliminate all sorts of violence and discrimination against Afghan women through women economic, social and political empowerment as well as awareness raising, women literacy programs.

NECDO believes in working together with other Civil Society organizations, individuals, associations and the government on local and national level to protect women rights and provision of equal access to livelihood.

مؤسسه تعلیمی و انکشاف ظرفیت های نور (NECDO) مراتب تبریکی خویش را به مناسبت 8 مارچ روز جهانی زن ارائه می‌دارد

که متعهد به حمایت از حقوق زنان است و برای از بین بردن تمام انواع خشونت و تبعیض علیه زنان افغان از طریق توانمند سازی اقتصادی، اجتماعی و سیاسی و همچنان افزایش آگاهی دهی، تدویر برنامه های سواد آموزی برای زنان سخت تلاش می نماید و معتقد است که در همکاری با دیگر سازمان های جامعه مدنی، افراد، انجمن ها و دولت در سطح ملی و محلی برای حمایت از حقوق زنان و ارائه دسترسی برابر به امرار معاش زنان فعالیت نماید

د نور تعلیمی او د ظرفیتونو د ودی مؤسسه د مارچ اتمه د پنځو د نړیوالی ورځی په مناسب ځپل د تبریکی مراتب وړاندی کوي

NECDO چی د پنځو د حقونو ملاتړ ته ژمنه ده او د پنځو پر وړاندی د هر ډول تاوتریخوالی او تبعیض د له منځه وړلو په برخه کی د اقتصادي، ټولنیز او سیاسي ودی او د پوهاوی د کچی د لوړولو، د سواد زده کړی لپاره د پروگرامونو د نیولو په برخه کی نه ستړی کیدونکی هلی ځلی کوي او پاور لري چی د مدنی ټولنی نورو سازمانونو، افرادو، اتحادیو او دولت سره په ملی او محلی سطح کی د پنځو د حقونو او هغوی لپاره د ژوندانه د معیشت د یو شان لاسرسی د برابرولو په برخه کی فعالیت وکړي



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