



# 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**

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

It is an undeniable fact that Transportation has become an inseparable part of our life and has connected billions of people around the world. One can hardly imagine normal functioning of the society in the absence of telecommunications as it has impacted every aspect of our daily life. The same is true about Afghanistan where access to Transport and financial services has dramatically changed people's lives in the past fifteen years. However, after establishment of a broad-based government under the leadership of Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan began to open for the world and the government encouraged investment in many sectors, including transport and financial institutes. As a result, the number of public & private transport service providers increased over the years and some areas of the country and capital Kabul were brought under their coverage. Currently, dozens of private transportation companies are operating beside of public transportation agency. In addition beside of 4 government Banks, 8 private banks and 6 international banks branches are operating in the country, while Vision Financials Institutes, Barak Bank, Exchange Zone, The First Microfinance Bank are those financial institutes which are operating financial loan to Afghans, beside Private and Public Banks. In order to understand more about the issue, Noor Education and Capacity Building Organization (NECDO) commissioned to conduct an assessment of transport barriers for women and Women's Access to Financial Services in Kabul city. The main aim of the research is to: 1) to know women access to financial services in Kabul, 2) to identify travel patterns and barriers for women commuter. Given the nature of the assessment, time constraints and lengthy bureaucratic procedures; the interviews, FGDs and public survey opinion were only conducted in Kabul. They were carried out with authorities, experts of relevant fields, representatives of Transport companies and other related groups. However, the methodology of the study was designed to counter void of information and negative effects of any of above obstacle. In addition, usages of comprehensive questionnaires and survey forms, as well as review of available literature have helped make this study and its findings rich. The report is structured as follows: Chapter one Introduction to the research. It explains the research background, research objectives, and literature review. Chapter two explores the demographic profiles of the respondents, Chapter three discusses Travel Patterns and use of Public Transport, Chapter Four presents Access to Financial Services and Information and the final section presents Problems and Recommendations.

## 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

NECDO active member Musharikat and the Girls' Access to Education Coalition had advocacy meeting with you and Ms. Samadi IARCSC Directorate of Gender at office

Below are the action points that came out of the meeting:

1. It was agreed that IARCSC Directorate of Gender and the Musharikat advocacy coalitions will have meeting every 15 days or every month for following up the issues of female teachers, kindergarten in the government ministries, etc.
2. Musharikat will share the list of potential female teacher candidates/best possible options identified through survey in 8 districts (one district per province) to IARCSC to be recruited as teachers if not at the beginning of educational year then during the year. Promote: Women in Economy can train the identified female teacher candidates and educate them to pass the exam. IARCSC can provide guidance to WIE on requirements and skills needed for the candidates for the exam. Overall, research/survey is a good approach.
3. The members of the Girls' Access to Education Coalition would like to help the IARCSC during the exam of teacher candidates for the 8000 post by attending the exam centers as observers. The purpose is to have a transparent exam where female teacher candidates should not be sidelined. IARCSC Directorate of Gender will discuss and share this issue with IARCSC management on how to involve the Coalition members in the process. Currently the applications are under screening and IARCSC will inform Musharikat about the exam date and venues.
4. IARCSC Directorate of Gender will share its gender sensitive policy and strategy with Musharikat Coalitions.

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## NECDO Photo Gallery



## Serat Nabi Conference Report

The ceremony started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Qari Jamshid and Then Honorable Mr. Asadullah Hashimi recited Naht e Sharif. Afterward, Mr. Sayeed Salahuddin Hashimi Director of NUA had the opening speech in conference and welcomed all participants and began his speech about the ethics of the prophet Mohammad Peace be upon him. He said: We Muslims always say that we love Mohammad and follow him, but this is just by words practically we do not do that. Sayeed Salahuddin Hashimi said that a group of non-Muslim came to the prophet Mohammad and said that we love Allah and we love Jesus because he was the Messenger of Allah, but Allah reviled a surah and said to Prophet Mohammad if you are saying true follow me and follow my messenger prophet Mohammad if you are agreed in our saying Allah will prize you by his mercy and keep you safe. If a person says that I love Allah, but did not do what Allah said, it is one side love and Allah is well known of our habits. This love is useless and this friendship is futile if I and you are truly Muslims and we love Allah then we have to follow Allah and his Messenger. In the end of his speech He thanked NECDO for their financial and technical cooperation. Then Mr. Rahamattullah Aandar, consultant of religious affairs of the Ministry of information and culture spoke on the amnesty and consecration of the prophet Mohammad. The prophet Muhammad spent all his life on pardon and we divide his life in this regard into two parts. The first part is the life of the war and the second his normal life. One day when they sent their army to conquer Mecca, when Abu Sofiyān became aware of this issue he sent his messenger to Prophet Mohammad and said that please forgive me and he did forgive him for his bad deeds which he did it before so Prophet Mohammad Forgive Him and said that if anyone is inside the house of Abu Sofiyān they will be safe and those who were inside the Kabah they were also safe and secure. This is a good example of the forgiveness of the prophet Muhammad and we Muslims must always do good deeds so that we can achieve Allah satisfaction and be a true nation and a true Muslim. Subsequently Honorable Mr. Qari Mortaza recited Natiya Sharif. After that his Excellency Mr. Enayatullah the Religious Adviser of the president of Afghanistan stated that when Allah order to malaiek that do sujood to Adam all Malaieks to Sujdah but only Eblis didn't, because of he was full of pride and said that Adam is made from sand and I am made of fire so how I can do sujood to him because of this Pride Eblis destroy his life and Allah make his life full of hardship. He added Muslims should not have pride in their lives Muslims should obey Allah and Prophet Mohammad we must make ourselves a true Muslim to be a good example for others. Later, Mr. Abdul Qader Qanat a member of the Movement of the Ulama of Afghanistan and the head of the NUA and religious and jihadist had speech on the values and issue of woman's concern. The Messenger of Allah is mercy for the entire universe and there is no violence in Islam for women and not for men either some of the polytheists say it is violent and do not accept the religion of Islam. Allah has given us some obligations that we as Muslims should obey. These duties are as follows: Respect

For women, If we look at the life of the prophet, the first person to believe in it is a woman Bibi Khadija. In the early days of Islam, all women and men worked together for Islam and invited all people to Islam. And during that time a woman named Somaya was martyred by the unbelievers so we realize that women have also duties and responsibilities like men. Allah says both women and men are equal for us and the best one among us is those who have Taqwa and Obey Allah in my Messenger Mohammad. We Muslims should give women's right to them because Allah and his Messenger Prophet Mohammad have given the right of Education and Social work if we do this so we have followed Allah and his Messenger. Then, Mufti sahib Shamsul Rahman Farotan the founder of Islamic center and Research center of the Islamic Ulma talked about the life prophet Mohammad in interacting with the companions. The prophet of Allah had a good manner with Polytheists So it is clear that the prophets policy has been better and more voluble. After the Battle of Messenger of Allah, they returned with the companions toward Mecca on the way they become tired and sat on a side to take a nap during the nap prophet Muhammad takes his sword and hanged it up in a tree. In this time a polytheist and enemy of the Prophet Mohammad messenger of Allah took the sword and shouted loudly that who can save you from me today, then the prophet Mohammad said without Scaring my Allah can save me from you, He was shocked by these words which prophet Mohammad said and the sword Fell down from his hand and the prophet Mohammad take his sword and said to his enemy who can save you know from me the enemy of prophet Mohammad said I know that you cannot kill me then prophet Mohammad invited him to become Muslim the Non-Muslim said to prophet Mohammad now I cannot become Muslim but I will not go back and join your enemy anymore then after some time he become a good a Muslim. Following on the program of honor, Qari Soraya Wardak professor of Al Quran School talked the prophet's wisdom. For a real Muslim the best example to follow is the way of life of the Messenger Prophet Mohammad, it is impossible to recognize Islam without studying the life of the Messenger of Allah, prophet Muhammad lived poorly and died poorly from the world and when he died he said that my poverty is my delight. The birth of the Messenger of Allah was not like the birth of others, his richness in his childhood and during his youth time is the satisfaction of Allah. All his works was clear and scarlet and he did not fear from people because his work was as good as for Muslim nation. He faced many problems in order to reach his goal he faced a lot of troubles the prophet Muhammad always show the way of justice for all Muslims. At the end of the program Mr. Abdul Sattar concluded the program and he said that we Muslim should always do good deeds for Allah's satisfaction. They also thanked NECDO for its financial and technical support. The program officially finished at 1:00 pm.





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## اعلامیه نهضت زنان برای آزادی و صلح (WILPF) در رابطه به حوادث اخیر کشور

نهضت زنان برای صلح و آزادی (WILPF) حملات اخیر تروریستی و دهشتفگانه دشمنان مردم افغانستان بالخصوص حملات چند روز اخیر در نقاط مختلف کشور را به شدیدترین الفاظ تقبیح مینماید و برای شهیدان این حوادث جنت برین، به بازماندگان شان صبر جمیل و برای زخمیان این حوادث شفای عاجل از بارگاه خداوند لایزال خواهانیم و به گروه های مخالف دولت گوش زد مینماییم که دین اسلام به این عمل ناشایست جواز نداده است و از آنها در روز آخرت پرسیده میشود به کدامین گناه کشتید! پس با این اعمال تروریستی تان که تنها مردم افغانستان بالخصوص زنان همه روزه ضرر میبینند زنان بیوه میشوند، اطفال یتیم میشوند و مادران فرزندان را از دست میدهند پایان بخشید. ملت رنجدیده افغانستان هرگز این اعمال شما را نخواهند بخشید و این اعمال تروریستی تان ثبت تاریخ خواهد گردید.

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