



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

According to NECDO plan after every semester we prepare an evolution and we want to know the trainees views about the lessons and trainers methods.

Trainees' views:

Write your Idea about education and the teaching methods of trainers in third semester.

- 1- One of the afternoon trainees said: " the trainers cooperated us with good and new methods in 2nd semester and we thank each of them".
- 2- One of the afternoon trainees said: " the trainers used different methods for improving our teaching and learning , like: lecture method, Allegory method and question and answer method and I am very happy from each of my teachers".
- 3- One of the morning trainees said: " the trainers used very good methods, it is very effective for me, and I am pleased".

Write your Opinion about third dialogue (how), issues, arrangements and other contents?

- 1-One of the afternoon trainees said: " in third dialogue if it is available, from ministry of MOWA invited the competent and authority official to provide sufficient information in relation to their bodies be given to us, so that we can help other women ".
- 2- One of the afternoon trainees expressed her point of view and said: " in my view point it is better that the third dialogue presentations be the subjects not taught, because all the issues we read during the semester and it is not necessary to repeat, and if the dialogue be held in classroom it is so better ".
- 3- One of the morning trainees said: " the third dialogue must be better than second dialogue, and the share of trainees must be more and higher ".

What is your Opinion about establishing a network of you, whether you promising to create a network from you and how do you check your share on it?

- 1- One of the afternoon trainees expressed her point of view and said: " yes, I am an enthusiast of this process and I have an active share in the future ".
- 2-One of the afternoon trainees said: " With the creation of a network it is we can reduce our community problems and I will have an active share in the future ".
- 3- One of the morning trainees said: " ' in my view creation of that network is very and relevant work and I want to have active share on it ".

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.

Role of Ulama –NUA- in Peace and Development

Nahdhat-Ulama Afghanistan has successfully conducted its first zonal conference in Herat for 100 Ulama From Herat, NUA Shura members from Kabul, Representative from Indonesian Embassy, Media groups, government bodies and security department of Herat on Wednesday 1st March 2017 under the theme (Role of ULAMA –NUA- in strengthening Peace and Development in Afghanistan).

NUA Herat committee was appointed by NUA Board of Director (Shura) in advance to organize the event for the date (1st March 2017), the committee had done its job well and did all the arrangements. The issue was put forth through a former letter from NUA to the ministry of Haj (MoRA) and requested for support of the program at the same time MoFA and MoJ were informed by a formal letter from NUA to inform their concerned departments in Herat province.

The media local and national channels were communicated and the conference was given a good coverage both on local and national level.

NUA is thankful to its Herat respectable committee Mr. Jalaluddin Haqani, Mr. Sayed Ahmad Hussaini, Mr. Abdussalam Hussaini, Mr. Maulana Shair Agha Quraishi and Mr. Abdul Wakil Amini for the very good arrangement and communication they did for the conference.

NUA also highly appreciate Indonesian Embassy in particular Mr. Jhony Ahmad for the technical and financial support which made this program possible to be conducted.



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WILPF Members Meeting with Dr .Habiba Sarabi Deputy High Peace Council (HPC)

Meeting held in Kabul

Saturday 3/4/2017

Time: 4:30 pm -05:00 pm

Location High Peace Council Main Office

The Participants: Dr.Habiba Sarabi, Ms. Jamila Safi, Ms. Parveen Dost, Ms. Toorpekai Mohmand, Ms.Zarifa and Ms. Parina Mehrzad

The Agenda:

1. Recitation of holy Quran
2. Introduction of participants
3. Introduction of WILPF Afghanistan
- 4 Conclusion and giving honor membership

Summary:

The meeting was started by the recitation of the Holy Quran by Ms. Parveen Dost then Ms. Parina Mehrzad deputy director of NECDO Congratulate Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy High Peace Council for her Achievements According to agenda Ms. Parina Mehrzad introduced the WILPF Afghanistan then WILPF members had discussed the WILPF work so far. Then Ms. Jamila Safi Member of WILPF gave the honor membership to Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy High Peace Council after that we concluded the meeting.

Explanation:

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Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy High Peace Council for her Achievements According to agenda Ms. Parina Mehrzad introduced WILPF Afghanistan she said, “WILPF is a non-government organization having members in many countries of the globe, WILPF since its establishment enjoined by the women from all part of the world who work for peace, Economical, political and social justice and freedom for women”.

Then Ms. Parina Mehrzad talked about delegation of WILPF membership to NECDO in Afghanistan and Said, “We the people of Afghanistan say no to war, we are proud today that among all civil society institutions NECDO has been delegated the membership of this international movement. We are in more need for peace, freedom & development in Afghanistan, progress & development is impossible without a sustainable peace and allotment of men and women”. In this regard today we don’t limit this delegation only to NECDO, this delegation is a common proud for all civil society organizations and the entire nation and all those who work for peace. She also talked about activities of WILPF during the two years, in below:

Developing a profile, logo, establishment of the committees with TOR rasp, like Administrative & financial committee, Cultural & religious committee, Awareness & legal committee, Coordination & support committee, Media committee, control & Evaluation committee.

WILPF members had discussed the WILPF work so far and they said, “Our aim to bring together women in Afghanistan as peacemakers and enhance their role in the development, freedom and prosperity in order to be able to become active and constructive member of the global movement for peace and freedom”.

Then the WILPF presented the honor membership to Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy High Peace Council the meeting was concluded by the commitment of support to WILPF then the meeting concluded at 5:00pm Kabul time.

NECDO Celebration of 8th of March 2017

Ms. Parina Mehrzad Deputy Director of NECDO welcomed the guests and as per agenda Ms. Maryam Aria talked about that why 8th of March is called women's day. International Women's Day, originally called International Working Women's Day, and is celebrated on March 8 every year. 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.

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.

The earliest celebration was held as a Socialist political event in 1909 in New York City. Declared a national holiday in the Soviet Union in 1917, it spread to other nearby countries. It is now celebrated in many Eastern countries.

After that Jamila Safi one of the members of KNAHR association congratulate all women on this special day and talked about some superwomen such: we are all able to celebrate this day as international women's day due to the sacrifices and fights of those super women. Mrs. Safi also talked about brave women of Afghanistan and said: we are celebrating this day while insurgents have attacked 400Bestar hospital and once again took away lives of many sons and daughters of the brave mothers.

Consequently, Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar MD of NECDO and movement of scholars of Afghanistan firstly, condemned the attack on 400Bestar hospital and shared his points of views about International Women's day as such: celebrating women's day means to show respect, honor support women in order to pave the way for women to be educated and have active role in society. At the last Mr. Kakar by distributing the appreciation letters to the women concluded the program.



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