



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

Conducting On-site Finance Information Services:

The second component of the project is the operation of an on-site finance information and referral service exclusively for women. According to the project the on-site finance information services should be operating in at least 3 locations in Kabul city. At each site, the finance booth will open for 7 continuous days (including weekends and holidays) at 10 hours daily. The first on-site finance information booth has conducted in female park (Bagh-e-Zanana). The first booth was conducted during Saturday Feb.24- Friday March.02.2018, for the seven continues days, 10 hours daily. In this finance information services booth, NECDO employees` provided information about access to financial institutions, financial services, bank accounts, loan accounts, starting business, and financial rights of women from Islamic prospect.

Totally more than 100 women from various professional backgrounds received these on-site financial information services in this booth. The two remaining on-site financial information services booth will be conducted in the month of March. Women who received the information learned more about financial institutions and their services. Women were motivated to start new business, to become self-sufficient. In addition, they suggested preparing micro finance services to them.

During this on-site financial information booth, our employees presented information about bank accounts, loan accounts, credit cards, debits cards and all those products which banking financial institutions and non-banking financial institutions are presenting to customer.

This report is covering the end of March, we conducted two booths in the month of April, which will be shared the information in the final report. The financial information campaign will be continued till 15th April. 2018on.



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, youth, women to Protect Women Rights Workshops

During month of March 2018 NECDO were contacted one workshop 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. This one workshop was held in NECDO main office. The participatans was very active and hardworking, they were very successful during the workshop and they were much interested learning what was taught in the workshops. They were very thankful and pleasant from NECDO for conducting such programs. Most of the participations 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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Meeting Minutes of WILPF members with Dr. Habiba Sarabi

The meeting started by introduction of participants then Ms. Jamila Afhani Head of WILPF Afghanistan group thanked Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy director of High Peace Council for giving her time to this meeting then Ms. Afghani introduced the WILPF Afghanistan. After that WILPF members discussed the WILPF work so far, they promised further commitment and support for Afghanistan's action plan on UNSCR 1325- women, peace, and security and the meeting concluded.

Explanation:

On Tuesday of 24/2/2018 at 11:00 was the meeting of WILPF member with Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy director of High Peace Council. First Ms. Jamila Afhani Head of WILPF Afghanistan group thanked Dr. Habiba Sarabi deputy director of High Peace Council for giving her time to this meeting then Ms. Afghani introduced the WILPF Afghanistan. WILPF Afghanistan she said "WILPF is a non-government organization having members in many countries of the globe, since WILPF's establishment it is joined by the women from all part of the world who work for peace, economic, political and social justice and freedom for women. Our aim is 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". Ms. Afghani also mention that WILPF USA section very interested to have cooperation with high peace council and WILPF Afghanistan group. Ms. Sarabi was very glad to hear that and she said I'm going to visit USA in 7 March 2018 and I love to see with WILPF USA section. Ms. Sarabi also said that HPC will make a database to add the name of organization who are working for peace and also she express their interest to WILPF Afghanistan group to work together for implantation of 1325 at end. Ms. Jahid gave her a letter to Ms. Sarabi which is attached in the report then the meeting was concluded by the commitment of support to WILPF Afghanistan group at 11:30Am Kabul time.

To respected high peace council,

Peace is a basic need for living beings that it is existence is important not only for humans but for all living beings including water and soil. This is a truth that no reasonable person can underestimate it and what is far better than that almighty lord has mentioned in the holy book that peace is good. Four generations of Afghanistan is living war and insecurity, this is our duty to pave the grounds for peace for our future generations to in security and peace. For the first time in Afghanistan, we are a number of women, men and youth come together with a commitment to work for a world where is no war, peace prevail for everyone and freedom for women alongside with our sisters in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) where many women and men made their strong commitment against war, injustice and have struggled to make the world destitute from weapon and war. WILPF is not only working in Afghanistan but it has international sections by the name Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). WILPF is grateful and proud that you are the member of this movement. We see you as ensign and representative of peace and women in the high peace council. For sure Lack of women authorities in this council is recognizable. And women who are newly introduced in this council are only coming from specific references that can never represent from different categories of active women. Hope they should pay attention regarding this issue. For better achievements and successes of this council the active women who do not have part or cannot be part of it should be supported and make ways for them. At least a board of consultancy should be organized for women for the different areas to work voluntary as a consultant and monitor. In order to urge from their experiences for bringing peace and security. At the end your contribution is need for implementation of 1325 because Afghanistan is responsible before international community and also this convention is requiring women's active participation in peace process.

Best Regards,

WILPF /Afghanistan Group,

NECDO with its leadership, staff and offshoots offers whole heartedly congratulation on the occasion of 8th of March Womens International Day to all Afghan women and the women of the world. HAPPY WOMEN DAY 8TH OF MARCH 2018.

Nahdhatul Ulama of Afghanistan's Statement about Islamic community Conference on Afghanistan's Peace

﴿وَإِنْ جَنَحُوا لِلسَّلَامِ فَاجْنَحْ لَهَا وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ﴾ (سوره الأنفال، الآية 61)

Translation: And if they incline towards peace, then incline you also and put trust in Allah. Undoubtedly, He is the One Hearing, Knowing

Nahdhatul Ulama of Afghanistan is a social, non-political and non-affiliated organization which consists of 6600 Ulama, scholars and intellectuals. NUA is active in 22 provinces of Afghanistan, operating for permanent and durable peace in the country for many years on volunteer and impartial bases. Through this declaration NUA is supporting every steps and effort for the purpose of durable peace in the country and according to the mentioned Verse of Holy Quran we request from all the involved parties in war to take action for permanent and stable peace in the country. NUA is supporting the initiative of peace negation and the offer by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for peace talks with Taliban. We believe that negotiations and discussion are the only way to end the demolition and desolation war in the country.

NUA announce its support to the peace conference of Ulama in Jakarta and request from all of Afghan Ulamas in both sides to participate in the conference and support the peace process for the sake of ending the conflict in Afghanistan.

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