

# Noor Educational & Capacity Development Organization (NECDO)

## Annual Report (2017)



“A Step forward for a prosperous Afghanistan through Peace Building, Advocating Human Rights, Gender Equality and Capacity Building”



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## ***NECDO's International Recognitions in 2017***



### ***International Award of Aurora "Awakening Humanity"***

***On May 27-29th Ms. Afghani participate in Aurora Re thinking Humanity 2017 Laureate program where she was shortlisted among five finalist of the aurora prize in the year 2017***

***(<http://www.aurora.awaekninghumanity.org>)***

### ***International Award of Aurora "Awakening Humanity"***

### ***Women International League for Peace and Freedom (Afghanistan Section):***

***Formal inauguration ceremony of WILPF was celebrated in Kabul 10 Jan 2017 in Ministry of Women Affairs of Afghanistan. Ms. Jamila Afghan (chairperson NECDO-Head WILPF Afghanistan Section). Who was chosen as head of WILPF Afghanistan section by general consensus of WILPF members in Afghanistan***



## NECDO National Level Achievements in 2017



### *Peace Building and leadership:*

43 young Women Scholars and Human Rights Leaders were trained in long term course and employed in 30 national and international organizations

400 men and youths & 200 women trained and mobilized to promote and protect women's human rights  
GBV campaign

5000 posters and 3000 brochures on Women Human Rights and EAW were distributed  
WILPF Afghanistan Group eastern zone network was establish in a conference of 120 women from 4 eastern provinces of Ningarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nooristan

120 Imams and scholars were mobilized on Peace and security in a conference held in Heart  
200 Imams, Youths and Women mobilized on peace, respect to human rights and love with humanity in annual conference In Kabul

World Peace Day celebrated  
NECDO Staff Capacity Building programs and workshops were conducted

Emergency response to 300 IDP with special focus on women, person with disabilities and returnee families were assisted through NECDO charity and humanitarian assistance program. The fund was provided by Jirrahe Foundation.

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## ***Acknowledgement:***

NECDO is entering its eighteen years, (2018) of work for empowerment of Afghan women, youth and children leaving behind a really challenging working year (2017) in NECDO's history. During the year 2017 we had great achievements as becoming part of International community by getting the leadership of WILPF Afghanistan group and also one of the five finalists for Aurora Humanitarian Assistance. From the other side, our network of Imams did wonderful activities on the ground but unfortunately, we lost three Imams in our network from Logar, Ghazni and Jalabad provinces. It was a challenging year especially for some of our staff working on the ground as human rights defenders and women's rights activists. The political ups and downs as well as general insecurity were threatening most of our network on the ground in almost 22 provinces. We have the more challenging year ahead with the upcoming Elections parliamentary in 2018 and presidential election in 2019, re-emergence of Taliban, increase of domestic violence with 5000<sup>1</sup> cases registration, corruption and degraded security situation would push back Afghan women movements and the risk for human rights defenders would more increase. NECDO as a step forward for peaceful Afghanistan would continue its struggle with full commitment. We had the major achievements through successful projects implemented during 2017. We are hopeful to have more achievement in the 2018 with professionalism and commitment for a prosperous and peaceful Afghanistan.

NECDO as an active local NGO had good relations and communication with national, international NGOs as well as with Afghan government, especially MOWA, MoRA and MoEC, MoE, MoJ and MoHE. Working in partnership with different women NGOs was an extremely learning experience. We focus on the unity of women activists and human rights defenders in the challenging environment. We believe and push the women movements in Afghanistan to not be dependent on ethnicity, language, family relationships and personal benefits. We are really hopeful that women activists with unity can meet the need of the time and we hope to have major achievement with all challenges for the year 2018. We would like to thank those friends who have supported us to bring the program to its current stage by their technical, financial, moral support and active participation to improve the quality of work, and were able to undertake the initiatives to help needy women & children to improve their living conditions and build upon a peaceful environment, respect, rights, awareness within their families, society, and at a large scale to take part in building up a peaceful Afghanistan. We do appreciate the support of Nahdatul Ulama Indonesia and the respective Embassy of Indonesia, the Development & Peace (CARITAS-Canada) for their support of Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women's Rights, OSA (Open Society Afghanistan) for their technical and financial support for the project (Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse- Training Afghan Women Rights Activists on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Frameworks), Indonesian Embassy on Ulama Annual Peace Conference, UNAMA for Supporting Women from 10 provinces participate in NUA Annual Conference on ADB (Asian Development Bank) for conducting a study on Women Access to Financial Service and Mobility in Kabul, this report will highlight the barriers in front of women to access to financial institutions and ways how to cope with them, which in result will enable the stakeholders make effective policies on women economic empowerment in the country.

We want to mention the contribution of our community; our Afghan sisters and brothers who have given their time, money and energy voluntarily to support NECDO in carrying the activities successfully. I would like to thank all members NECDO Board of Directors despite busy life they contributed to NECDO with effective and constructive instructions and suggestions. I like to thank Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar as Managing Director who struggled for NECDO internal management and staff Capacity building as well as all NECDO hard working staff in different projects during the year 2017, Ms. Parina Jahed, and all staff members. We also cordially thank the organizations and individuals who continue with their supporting NECDO financially and technically to undertake the activities planned for the year 2018. May God (Almighty) bless and help us all and I wish us all success and prosperity in the upcoming year and years forward.

***Jamila Afghani***

***Chairperson Broad of Directors NECDO/January 2018***

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<sup>1</sup> Sources to be included

## *A Quick Review the year 2017 Achievements and Challenges*

*By Dr. Fazal Ghani Kakar (NECDO Managing Director)*

NECDO with aim “Light a Candle” is moving forward and continues its journey towards a prosperous Afghanistan. As a dedicated Afghan citizen and the Managing director of NECDO I had to carry the responsibilities despite the challenges of insecurity, lack of funding, high turnover in staff, and facing corruption in government and nongovernment organizations, which caused many hurdles for the progress of the work. A managing Director is not only a position of leadership, but also management, one of guidance, accountability and making of difficult decisions. You lead an internal team, liaise and work with various actors domestically and internationally, report to Board of Governors while also thinking outside of the box for achieving your organizational goals and annual objectives in a fragile and conflict affected state. This requires leadership experience, a strong local and international network, diplomacy and negotiation skills, ability to think outside of the box and resilience to perform and produce results under great pressure.

During the year 2017 we focused to achieve the annual goals suggested according to NECDO’s Strategic plan 2016-2018. We focused on funding and keeping the external relations with different civil society actors, government concerned departments and community influential leaders. The project I really enjoy its achievement was: 1. Mobilizing Afghan Man to Promote Women Rights, Democracy and Peace, with the financial support of Development & Peace CARITAS Canada, giving awareness and mobilizing 600 individuals (imams, community leaders, youths and women activists) in 4 provinces on women rights and protection of their rights which has been effective and brings its fruit slowly and gradually in change of the mind set up of our confined and conservative communities. 2. Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training Afghan Young Women Leaders and Women Rights Activists with the financial support of OSA was a dynamic project successfully implemented in which 43 young women graduates of Law, Sharia Faculty, graduates of Darul Ulum and young women employees of CSOs got trained in 9 month course. These young women through a proper academic program were trained comparatively on modern women studies and Islamic perspective of women feminism. These young women are involved in a network to defend women rights upon their completion of the course. 3. Giving information on Financial Services to Women and their Mobility in Kabul, the project supported by ADB started in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017 and will be ended in the 1 quarter of 2018 is a unique project which consisted a survey and study on women mobility and their access to financial services in Kabul, along with raising awareness through workshop, campaigns and publications is an effective mean towards women economic empowerment and social participation. 4. Our work with WILPF and Ulama network on building peace and eradication of VAW was impressive to me during the year 2017.

We also understand that we have a more challenging year ahead as in the absence of a political solution to the conflict, widespread hostilities are likely to persist throughout 2018. Quite how this will impact population movements is unclear, however possible flashpoints include the arrival of US reinforcements (both human and material) related to the new US South Asia policy – which has already started – and the 2018 parliamentary elections. In this context, it is expected that the Afghan people will continue to pay a heavy price with increase in fighting. From the other side the political instability is getting worsen day by day and people are losing trust on the government. The very good steps taken by NUG on OGP is one of the key tool that we can help Afghan government in this time of need by Government and Public partnership Program through professionals and experts skills contribution to achieve the SDGs by the chosen time line.

We understand the challenges and we will keep moving forward with the hope of contributing to peace and development of our beloved motherland.

The major plan for 2018 NECDO has to play a major role in the implementation of 1325 by raising fund and implementing project at least in 5 major zones of Afghanistan. The need for sustainable peace is as important as need for water or oxygen. The NUA of network must play a crucial on bottom to top approach as the top bottom approach has not been effective in Afghanistan. We emphasis on the importance of the role of women in peace building by promoting their ability and capacity throughout the process of peace building, in order to ensure peace and stability especially when the upcoming election is very much challenging as war lords, are prominent and hardliner opposition are also getting in the political scenario. We struggle to mobilize community's influential leaders, imams and youth to promote and protect women's right with especial focus on the right of political participation. We also struggle to work on the crucial need of society for the returnees and IDPs through multidimensional activities.

We also plan to bridge the gap between government and public by establishment of a consortium under title of "Building Prosperous Afghanistan" which will be an umbrella network bringing new energies, expertise and different filed to work with Afghan government Institutional capacity building.

Sexual harassment and violence against women is a dilemma with all struggle and investment by international community we had the highest number of cases recorded. The need to work in more of collaborations with like-minded organization and outreaching the programs in the remote areas are necessary.

The last but not the least our role as country representative of WILPF is important international Identity. We will struggle to implement the already set up plan of action for the year 2018-2019 through member's contribution and fund raising.

**The lessons we have learned during the year 2017 are many but I would like to share the key few points:**

Working together with other like-minded organization is making the movement powerful and long lasting impact is given to the society. Unfortunately, still the civil society is more of project oriented and therefore, mostly, NGOs are working with mindset of inside the box. We need to change this notion to a social movement. We should struggle for ourselves and our society

The second best learning point was that in most of our activities we tried to bring in those vulnerable community members that have no link with NGOs and have been deprived of social activities. Many young girls, adolescent women, teenagers, women government employees and benefited from our programs, one can see the changes in their communication, behavior and abilities, that some time one feel sorry that how many women with wonderful abilities have no opportunity to show up her skills. We will focus on outreach program on regular basis.

Zarina who is a young active women coming from a poor and prodigious community in our (Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse) but she was the most intelligent woman, she was having high numbers and she got high scores in internship program as well.

Ms. Gulmina was a woman of 50 years old and we had no plan for high age to set in the class but she begged us to not enrolled her, as student but give her space to learn and bring positive change in her life. We did not enroll her in our class but she was the most committed member of the training sessions. That is why we see the provision of opportunities for women will further strength their social participation

Bringing a new and positive understanding of Islam is a must in our society; working with Egyptian and Indonesian scholars was added value to our work. Our Imam Network (NUA) members got more moderate approach of Islamic teachings.

NECDO “our office, our home” strategy was very successful in internal management where we had employees from all ethnicity background, with gender perspective and multidimensional work environment. It was wonderful that our awareness on the issue of sexual harassment at work place has empowered us to provide protection and safe environment for all our employees.

With hope for a better tomorrow for all of Afghans, we would take another step forward with hope, commitment, transparency and love for peace.

Wishing everyone a successful year and I thank NECDO’s Board of Director for their time o time contribution and support especially Dr. Faramarz Jahanbeen who provided it us a lot of technical support and professional contribution. And I thank all NECDO’s staff, volunteers, internes and sister network for their important contributions. Fore, sure without their contribution we could not achieve. What we have on hand now.

Best Regards

Dr. Fazal Ghani Kakar



*Project: Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training Afghan Women Rights Activists on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Framework*

*"43 young women Trained in 9 month long Course as women Advocates & leaders from National, international laws and Islamic Perspectives"*

## 1. Purpose of the Project:

The main purpose of this grant is to empower 40 women, who works for protecting women's rights in the society, through providing advanced trainings on women's rights in Islam and debate skill required in

## 1. Summary of the Project:

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 in result of which we came to the fact that without mobilizing Afghan women and youths moving forwards seem unpractical. We also understand that women empowerment is road map for open society of Afghanistan. NECDO is thankful to OSA for financial support to the project under the title "Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse- Training Afghan Women Rights Activists on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Frameworks" NECDO began the project with full enthusiasm in July 2016 to work Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse- Training Afghan Women Rights Activists on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Frameworks" to work together for this cause in Kabul province conducting workshops, Training Session in the light of manual developed by a professional master trainer and had the following achievements.

## 2. The Project Achieved Activities:

NECDO has enrolled 43 women in leadership, women rights activists and women scholar program from different CSOs and the first semester was successfully completed.

The trainees got 9 months of trainings on 3 three half days in a week in to two groups

Three of internship was given for the trainees in to other national and international and government organizations

NECDO has begun to establish a network from the trainees (43 women) to work as women rights' defenders from Islamic perspective in their organizations and social life.

NECDO also prepared training material for trainees, a handout for the trainees, a guide manual for the trainers

Establishing network with Egyptian embassy in Kabul by bringing in 2 Egyptian scholars who provided 7 lectures overall on the concerned issues and bring in moderation

4 dialogues were conducted between local scholars and the trainees where the concerned issues related to women rights were discussed, that had a good impact on the understanding and knowledge of the trainees in regards to the new women studies

23 of the trainees who were jobless got employed by the organizations where they were introduced for internship

A network of these trainees was established and formally announced in a press conference planned on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 in Kabul Serena in the presence of high rank government officials, ministers, Country Director ADB, Country Director OSA, Director NECDO and members of the network in the presence of national and international media. This network work on volunteer basis and raise the voices on the violence against women by protests and campaign in all the country

### 3. Subjects and Topics Covered During the 9-Month Course:

No	Subjects	Topics
1	<b>Violence Against Women in Afghanistan</b>	-Violence from national law and from Afghan constitution perspective Violence against women from Islamic point of view -Islam condemns violence against women -How to overcome violence (various ways)
2	<b>Leadership</b>	- What is leadership? - Leader -Traits, qualities and characteristics of leaders. - Deference between male and female leaders. -Success story of deference leaders. - Few inspirational slides also taught.
3	<b>Gender &amp; Development</b>	- Premium of human rights and women rights in Islam. - Human rights in Islam and previous militaries. - Species of human rights in Islam and status law. -General information about gender in the context of Afghanistan. -Definition of gender. - History of gender. - Rules and activities of men and women in Afghanistan. - Rights and responsibility of wife and husband inverse of each other. - Women rights in Islam. - Species of women rights in Islam and status law
4	<b>Introduction to law enforcement agencies in Afghanistan</b>	-What are the law enforcement institutions in the country - How can women reach to these agencies
5	<b>Tafseer (Interpretations of H. verses)</b>	A comparative interpretation of Sura-Al-Nissa (4 <sup>th</sup> Chapter of Quran on Women) keeping in sight the newest approaches the scholars have in the Islamic Feminism
6	<b>Lecture by the Egyptian Scholars</b>	Introduction to Islamic feminism  Citizenship and Women rights  Women rights in the light of Shaira and Constitutions  Women in Muslim Constitution

***The lesson we have learned from this project was the following main points:***

1. Working on youths has two sided impacts one giving hope for those who do not believe in stability of Afghanistan and secondly we utilize the unused energies and thus, youths get self-confidence to be a true leader for tomorrows.
2. Women need to understand their rights from Islamic perspective, from the international conventions and to be empowered to help others and provide support to others is important and our youths in this program made us to understand that it was the best project that polished the hidden qualities and abilities of youths
3. Women who got awareness on both modern women studies and Islamic feminist perspective are better able to work within the communities in Afghanistan and have their impact on the change of mentalities within the conservative circles.

## Community Mobilization Section Activities in the year 2017



*Project: Mobilizing Afghan Man to protect Women Rights,  
Democracy & Peace*

*Implemented in Kabul, Khost, Paktia and Balkh*

*600 Direct Beneficiaries*

*More than 5000 Awareness Poster Distributed*

*Manual on Protection of Women Rights Produced*

## 1. Summary:

NECDO in partnership with Development and Peace (D&P) successfully implemented the project “Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace” referred to as AF-3226. The project started in March 2017 right after the agreement was signed between both parties (NECDO & DP). The project covers four provinces of Kapisa (Northeast), Kabul (Districts), Khost (South) and Balkh (Northeast). The project Goal is to enhance & promote women rights, peace and democracy by conducting awareness training, and establishment of community working groups (CWGs) and to bridge the gap between the Community elders, religious leaders, you groups and women activists.

### The project Objectives:

To Develop a standard training manual on mobilizing Afghan man to protect woman rights based on national and international laws, conventions and declarations as well as five core rights of women in Islam (Right to Education, Right of Marriage-Divorce, Right of Ownership and possession, Right of social and political participation, Right of Inheritance) in Dari & Pashto languages.

To identify 200 Imams, 200 youths, 200 women activist, for establishment of CWGs in 4 targeted provinces.

To conduct 6 trainings of 2 full days for 150 individuals in each province total of which is (24 trainings of 2 days in 4 provinces comes-6 two day workshops in each province)

To hold one provincial workshop (Conference) on annual base and bring together the beneficiaries to share their views and build strategies, Provincial Workshop (Conference) will be conducted for the whole direct beneficiaries.



## 2. The Project Achieved Activities:

NECDO in 24 (6workshops x4 provinces=24) two day awareness raising workshops conducted in 4 provinces of Kapisa, Kabul, Khost and Balkh as covered 600 influential people of the community, such as Imams, Community leaders, Youths and Women Activists who gave a strong Written and verbal commitment to NECDO during the workshops and CWG conference to work and advocate for the protection of women rights in their respective communities

In each of the trainings NECDO training team had to take written and verbal commitment from each of the trainee and participant to work with 10 more people within their communities through sharing the knowledge and information he/she got in the training and encourage them to be part of these social change of attitude towards women in their communities, thus 6000 people from different walks of life are now volunteer advocates for protecting women rights, democracy and peace.

As the workshops successfully completed in 4 provinces based on the project activity plan developed, we now have 4 CWGs (Community working Groups) from among the men, women and youths who got awareness in the trainings held and are interlinked in CWG to fulfill their commitments, they have signed at the end of the training. NECDO trainer by the end of training selected the most active and alert participants to become member of the CWG in each province.

NECDO has developed a database with the names, addresses, contacts of all the beneficiaries of the project in result of this now NECDO is able to mobilize a large number of men and women in the 4 provinces to defend women rights and do campaign (GBV in particular) or protest any violence within a short period of time. And work for the MDGs and SDGs.

Based on the plan developed by NECDO at the start of the project the objective was successfully achieved NECDO has covered 600 people Imams, youths and women activists in 4 provinces of Kapisa, Kabul, Khost and Balkh, However, the figures differed from one province to the other

Province	Male	Female	Total
Kapisa	100	50	150
Kabul	103	47	150
Khost	73	77	150
Balkh	66	84	150
Total	342	258	600

4CWGs were established according to the plan and now they are active in their respective provinces. NECDO has all the contacts and address in its database and do follow up time to time for mobilization.



## **We learned that change in behavior is not an easy job but it is possible**

### **3. Changes in Behavior:**

A change in behavior takes place for a large number of influential individuals who affect others, especially on the issue of elimination of domestic violence against women. Based on the evaluation and follow up from the beneficiaries in the project many cases were narrated on change of behavior in the communities towards women rights. As the following few factual stories were narrated by the members of CWGs:

Sikandar Khan one of the direct male beneficiaries of the project workshop from Khost province said: “I had decided to not allow my daughter Sakina to go to school after the 6th grade, when she was 14 years old, now in this workshop I understood how important is the education in particular for women, and this is her right, why should I deprive her, God will ask me if I do so, look you told us about the 5 rights of women in this workshop (right to education, right of inheritance, right to marriage, right of ownership and right of social participation) now I have decided to even allow her to complete her higher education and go to university and become a professional teacher in order to serve herself and her country”.

Arezo one of direct female beneficiaries of the project workshop from Kabul province Shakardara district said: “In our neighborhood a 16 years old girl was forcefully engaged to a 40 years old by her brothers, she was very upset because the man she was married to was from a very bad background. I wanted to help her, but I could not because her brothers were armed and they were dangerous people. I contacted the district police and the department of the human rights in the district office to explain them the situation of the girl, the district police and the human rights department handled the case and in few month they were able to solve the problem in the favor of the girl I was very proud and happy to see that girl released from the draw of the brothers. I humbly request NECDO to keep up conducting such training to aware people from their rights and n particular women rights in the rural areas where bigger number of women suffer from various sorts of violence and discriminations.

Mujtaba one of the direct female beneficiaries of the Project workshop from Kapisa province said: “A girl who was in 9th grade her family didn't allow her to attend school after 9th grade, as she was too upset, she drunk fuel and burnt herself with the rest. After being admitted to hospital for several days she died. I reported the case to the human rights department of the district, the case was handled by the department and the family was ashamed and sad of their behavior towards their daughter, as the father was crying was shouting do not ban your daughter from school let them educate themselves”.

Lima one of direct beneficiaries of the Project workshop from Khost province said: “One of my classmates used to be beaten and tortured by her brother and he was trying not to allow her to go to school, I talked with her family, mother and father and told them about the benefits of education and knowledge, I convinced her family now her family allowed her to go school and continuing her education, and I am so happy to have helped a girl and I am sure this work of mine will light her future, I would also thank you friends from NECDO to have this effective program on awareness on the rights of women and making man understand the rights of the women”.

Ali Ahmad one of direct beneficiaries of the Project workshop from Balkh province said:

“A man in our neighborhood used to torture his wife every day, I despite my several times advice to him and informing him of the rights of his wife in both national and international laws, he still continued torturing her. I finally decided to informed the police and help that woman the police arrest the husband, he was kept in custody of police for someday after that he was released, I met him again and told him if he would listen to his advice, he would not face such a situation, he confessed that he was wrong and he will never torture his wife again, now they are happily living with each other.

#### 4. Suggestions from the Beneficiaries:

During the training and discussions with the participation the following suggestions came up from the participants in Kabul as well as in the provinces focusing on women economic empowerment.

Women should be economically empowered, therefore, Afghan women chamber of commerce must conduct national and international advocacy for women economic contribution and also in coordination with MoWA should conduct regular monitoring and evaluation from women business holders and markets in Kabul and the provinces. In addition, overall, countries policy should give priority for women's role in economic contributions.

Donors must support women business for a longer period of time not for the intention of project based but for a sustainable business in future as start up for their business with a transparent mechanism.

Provision of financial capacity building programs and Awareness programs about financial institutions for women,

Conducting of training on usage of new financial technology for women such as; ATM, E-top up, Internet Banking, etc. (women who needs to receive financial services from financial institutions don't have enough information about usage of modern financial technology).

Improvement of transport services in Kabul city. Currently more than 7 million populations are living in Kabul city, while only one government and one private transport companies are operating. In addition it is important that government should provide special cars for women who are the breadwinners of their families and work or study until late hours, particularly during night and peak hours.

Increase Awareness on the rules and laws on sexual harassment, violence against women and abuses. Currently women are facing with sexual harassment, physical touches, gender based discrimination, languages based discriminations and abuses, because low awareness of men and drivers. (Sexual harassment is one of the biggest barrier for women social and economic empowerment)

Awareness through local Shura (Council) heads, i.e Mulla (Religious Scholars), Wakil Guzar (Representative of Residential Area) to youth and families. Local influential leaders have strong and effective roles in Afghan community, their charisma and leadership is the reason which common people are accepting their thoughts. If they engage to solve these problems, it will be more effective.

Conducting mass media information campaigns on women's sexual harassment preventions, as well as relevant provisions of laws by MoIC and MoJ.

## Women's Role in Peace Building



### *Project: Strengthening and expanding WILPF – Afghanistan Group in Ningarhar (Eastern Zone)*

- 1. 4 Eastern provinces (Ningarhar, Laghman, Kunar & Nooristan) covered*
- 2. 125 Women mobilized during the regional conference*
- 3. Provincial Government Supported WILPF Afghanistan Group*

## **Linkage to WILPF International Strategy**

Afghanistan WILPF group aims to promote culture of peace and enhance for elimination of conflict and violence by empowerment, involvement of women, youth & men from different walks of life through advocacy, awareness raising and their active engagement for peace and justice with the a determined aim and full commitment. Women in Afghanistan in general and in eastern one in particular are in dire need of mobilization to raise their voices against the violence and oppression due to cultural and traditions conservativeness.

This event organized by WILPF Afghanistan Group in the eastern zone was in fact a strong first step towards mobilization of the women in that part of the country, because this conference was conducted as the stakeholders from Government institutions, such as PDMOWA, PD AIHRC, PD MORA, PD, MOIC and CSOs including a big number of women were present. The causes of the violence in this part of the country are conservative traditions and culture, lack of women access to social life and education as well as the insecurity were addressed. The emphasis in the speeches and the discussions in the conference were on how to promote women's social participation, provide protection and engage women in peace. A large number of young women volunteered to be members of WILPF Afghanistan Group

and work with vision that WILPF-Afghanistan group works for Afghanistan free of war and violence, where social justice and freedom for everyone is prevailed and women can play an active role for sustainable peace and aim to bring together women in Afghanistan as peace makers 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 (WILPF).

### **2 Summary of the project:**

The Strengthening and expanding #WILPF-Afghanistan Group in the eastern zone in the city of Jalalabad was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 120 persons majority of whom were women, participated. Heads of provincial departments of PDMoWA, PDMoRA, PDAIHRC, PDMoIC and CSOs participated in this gathering.

All heads of Government institutions in Ningarhar province expressed their support to WILPF-Afghanistan Group and admired the mission and vision, they vowed to work for the strength and expansion of WILPF Afghanistan Group in the zone which consist 4 provinces of Ningarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nooristan. The conference commenced in the morning and the topics were fully covered in accordance to the agenda prepared in advance.

The conference was concluded with the selection of focal point committee in eastern zone through a proper election conducted by the steering committee of WILPF. 11 women (6 women form Ningarhar, 3 women from Kunar and 2 women from Laghman provinces) were appointed as focal point in the eastern zone. They were given the responsibility to work with commitment for the expansion of the Afghanistan WILPF Group and enjoin more women to the group.

## **Goal and Objectives of the Conference:**

1. The first goal is to expand this movement (WILPF) into the eastern zone and invite the civil society, government bodies, women activists both groups and individuals in the eastern zone to get the membership of this organization.
2. The second goal is to expose the importance of the geographical location of the eastern zone and the large number of population residing in the zone.
3. The third goal of the conference to raise awareness of the people in the eastern zone on the importance of the role of women in peace and security and doing advocacy for the social participation of women in daily life
4. The fourth goal was to raise awareness among the common man to put the efforts to eliminate violence against women and counter the radical and conservative traditions in the zone.

## **2.2 Achievements:**

WILPF Afghanistan Group now has 11 active women as focal point in the eastern part of the country where a large number of women are victims of violence and oppression.

The conference was a success for the group as for the first time WILPF Afghanistan Group moved the mission to find new members out of Kabul. WILPF Afghanistan Group got the support of the local government institutions in east, as heads of the 3 important departments PDMOWA, PDMORA, PDMOIC as well as the PD of AIHRC

Women Groups in eastern provinces are mobilized to further enhance role of women in peace, security and elimination of violence.

*Lesson we learned from our participants as said by the following people:*

Torpekai Mohmand head of the communication committee WILPF Afghanistan Group said,

“Peace is a basic need for everyone and it is the right of every human being to live in a peaceful environment. Peace is very precious and is the core need for a country like Afghanistan, which has been suffering from war for several years, now”.

It is the obligation of each of us and in particular the countries which are peaceful to emphasize and work on peace in the war torn countries and safe humanity. She added, “Women play a significant role in peace because they can start peace from their own families to the international level. The first thing a woman can do is to make the environment and inspires her children to study and work for the society”.

She also added:

“We should educate women because women when a women is literate she will literate her children and the whole society will be literate when a country is literate we can easily achieve peace”.

**“In addition to this, the role of women in the High Peace Council (HPC) should be increased; WILPF Afghanistan Group should be given a room and representation in HPC because now WILPF Afghanistan Group is present in major provinces of the country”.**

In reference to the constitution, **“Rule of law can bring peace, as the legitimacy of the government is through a legitimate election, which is acceptable to all people, and that prevails only if peace is there for all”.**

Subsequently, Ms. Anisa "Emrani" Director of Women Affairs in Nangarhar province stressed in her remarks on peace and development. She said, **“Women in Islamic society have a status because they are mothers, sisters, and wives. They have special value and their words are acceptable for men so they can play vital role in bringing peace”.** The government must provide work and employment opportunity for women and young ladies, because one of the elements of war, problems and disputes is the unemployment, illiteracy and bad economic condition people live in”. She added, **“I request from government Institutions, HPC and other concerned bodies on zone and center levels to give greater role for women in national and international affairs”.**

Later, Mr. Atiqurrahmann "Fazli" from PD MORA said Allah (SWT) in Surah al-Nisah states that **“there is no legitimate gathering unless it directs the people to the right path and peace”**, he emphasized on the education of women and girls as one of the most important element to eliminate violence against women.

Mr. Awrang Samim head of PDMOIC talked about women's role in peace in east zone.

Mr. Samim stated, **“Peace is a human need. Today, all the progress that has taken place in the world and the countries are progressing is from the blessing of peace that they have in their country. We could achieve peace, provided that we start peace from the family level, women play an important role in fostering peace in the family, which has an impact not only on the family, but also on the community. I strongly emphasize that if you understand our responsibility and obligations, we will naturally be peaceful. I would like to explain the role of women in peace by sharing of experiences of women Ladies in the City of Manchester (USA); females of Manchester City were able to end the war without any harm to the city, during the seven year civil war in the United States of American”.**

Then, Ms. Engineer Hashima Sharif Deputy PD of AIHRC in the Eastern zone talked about Women Rights in the Eastern Region, investigations shows that in the three decades of war in Afghanistan have affected women the most. She point out to men and said should not humiliate when they are clinging to religion, but they should talk about women's rights and give them chance to express their ideas and talk. **“Women play an essential role in peace because they dedicate educated children to society, and also they should rise their children as patriot and a true Afghans who love peace”.**

Mr. Hayatullah director W4AW from Civil Society, talked about the role of women in civil society. He stated, **“all mankind are brothers, women play a vital role in peace”.** In order to live in a peaceful society we should not humiliate each other. We should live based on principals of justice and respect so the peace will be achieved. He added, **“We should start peace from our families, other families will also, and a village will reach peace from the level of a village in a district, from the district level to the province and from the province to the level of a country”.**

Covering the agenda the focal point committee of East Zone was set up through an election process, in total 22 women nominated themselves for the focal point committee, from among them, eleven women who got more than 50 percent of votes were appointed as member of the focal point committee of WILPF in Eastern Zone. 6 women from Ningarhar province, 3 women from Kunar province and 2 women from Laghman provinces are the elected members who were assigned to carry out their activities in the eastern zone to represent the Women's Movement for Peace and Freedom WILPF Afghanistan Group.

The conference was successfully concluded with the commitment of all the members to work for the strength and expansion of the Group in the eastern zone in particular and in all Afghanistan in general.

# Women Economic Empowerment & Provision of Information on Financial Services & Resources



***Project: Strengthening Gender-Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia – Pilot Project in Afghanistan-Bringing Finance Information and Assistance Services Closer to Kabul Women***

- 1. Commenced in 2017*
- 2. To be accomplished in 2018*

## Summary:

Lack of access to both traditional & formal financial resources is a major challenge for Afghan women. Formal financial institutions are a relatively modern phenomenon with major constraints such as lack of literacy, limited access and awareness, strict formal documentation requirements, and high cultural access issues hindering its growth. In contrast, traditional financial institutions are more lax in their requirements but still highly exclusive and male dominated. With a new emphasis on women's economic empowerment, increasing women's access to financial resources becomes a major area of priority, especially since ADB's current portfolio has no projects dedicated to the financial empowerment of women in Afghanistan. In consistence with the key objectives of this project plays a major role in prompting gender-inclusive growth in Afghanistan.

The project has 3 components; i) Research study on travel patterns of female travelers in Kabul; ii) On-site finance information; and iii) Capacity building for improved financial literacy and life skills of women.

## Progress Overview:

During the reporting period, NECDO made notable progress on several of the following key project activities:

- Research report (study on travel patterns of females in Kabul and their access to financial institutions) finalized,
- Finance information brochure developed and printed,
- Training manual developed,
- Organized and conducted training for 60 women in different batched (15 in each),
- Finance information helpline inaugurated,
- Billboard designed, printed and published for conducting a brand campaign for finance information and helpline,
- Lectures conducted by Imams on women financial rights from Islamic prospect
- The site mobile finance information services started.



*Peace Building Section Activities in the year 2017*



*Activity: Celebrating NECDO membership of  
WILPF in Afghanistan  
Vast Media Coverage  
UNAMA Moral Support*

## **NECDO WILPF Membership Celebration Conference Held in Kabul:**

### ***WILPF inauguration Ceremony***

After 12 regular monthly meeting and different focused group discussion and sharing the report with WILPF head quarter on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 formal approval of WILPF section Afghanistan was officially approved by the head quarter of WILPF. The Afghanistan WILPFers by their personal contribution organized one-day conference in the hall of MoWA celebrating the WILPF Afghanistan Section inauguration.

Formal inauguration ceremony of WILPF was celebrated in the conference held in Kabul 10 Jan 2017 in Ministry of Women Affairs of Afghanistan. Ms. Jamila Afghan (chairperson NECDO-Head WILPF Afghanistan Section) was inaugurated the ceremony with a opening speech where she shared her experience of known WILPF when she attended She was chosen as head of WILPF Afghanistan section by general The participants of the conference were 70 individuals who 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 departments, 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 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 and was successfully completed.

***WILPF Afghanistan message of  
Peace in***

***“Role of Community religious  
leaders (women &men) in peace  
and countering radicalism”***



On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 WILPF Afghanistan Section was part of the general conference in collaboration with NECDO, NUA on role of community and religious leaders in peace and countering radicalism, WILPF focal points from 10 provinces participated in the 2 day conference, giving a strong message to the delegates on the role of WILPF Afghanistan Section in peace and freedom. Through financial support of UNAMA, 60 women from different provinces of Afghanistan were invited and female members of WILPF had active part in the conference and they had their message of peace and unity. The Afghanistan WILPFer had a statement asking

## “Attending UNMMA Conference in Herat on Role of Women in Peace Building”

Ms. Afghani attended a conference in Herat Province through support of United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) for promotion of role of women as agent of peace and unity in the country on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The emphasis of the gathering was to focus on the local methodologies for mobilizing Afghan community to play their role for peace and justice, especially women. The governor of Herat, Minister of Women Affairs and Ms. Jamila Afghani were the keynote speakers of the conference. Ms. Afghani emphasized on the utilization of International methodologies in the framework of local community by empowering and engaging women on the peace process in Afghanistan. She mentioned that without women’s formal contribution peace could not be sustainable.





*Activity: Conference World Peace Day Celebration (WILPF Afghanistan Group- NECDO offshoot)  
Local leaders, Imams, Foreign Diplomats, women activist, government bodies, CSOs participated  
Commitment for Peace by all the participants*



WILPF – Afghanistan Section Statement nuclear weapons, “The Time is now to Ban the Bomb” This is exacting time in WILPF’s history. We have opposed nuclear weapons, we demand to ban nuclear weapons across borders, because the threat of nuclear weapons is a global and existential one we want a world free nuclear weapons and we need world leaders to understand this.

### **Linkage to WILPF International Strategy**

Afghanistan WILPF group aims to promote culture of peace and enhance for elimination of conflict and violence by empowerment, involvement of women, youth & men from different walks of life through advocacy, awareness raising and their active engagement for peace and justice with the a determined aim and full commitment. Women in Afghanistan in general and in eastern one in particular are in dire need of mobilization to raise their voices against the violence and oppression due to cultural and traditions conservativeness.

This event organized by WILPF Afghanistan Group in the eastern zone was in fact a strong first step towards mobilization of the women in that part of the country, because this conference was conducted as the stakeholders from Government institutions, such as PDMOWA, PD AIHRC, PD MORA, PD, MOIC and CSOs including a big number of women were present. The causes of the violence in this part of the country are conservative traditions and culture, lack of women access to social life and education as well as the insecurity addressed. The emphasis in the speeches and the discussions in the conference were on how to promote women’s social participation, provide protection and engage women in peace. A large number of young women volunteered to be members of WILPF Afghanistan Group

and work with vision that WILPF-Afghanistan group works for Afghanistan free of war and violence, where social justice and freedom for everyone is prevailed and women can play an active role for sustainable peace and aim to bring together women in Afghanistan as peace makers 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 (WILPF).



**EVAW & GBV (16 Day) Campaign 2017**

*Social Media Campaign*

*Distribution of Posters*

*Workshop Conducted for 75 Women Activists from Gov. Institutions and CSOs*

## **Summary:**

Violence against women is a global phenomenon closely related to the social and cultural context of a society. Media has significant impact on a society and it always helps in preventing and elimination of violence through raising awareness on the social, psychological and material harms it causes to the people in the societies. Through media the people in the society get aware of each other rights. Media can play vital role in abolishing violence against women NECDO, therefore, used social media as one of the tools for its campaign on GBV during the year 2017.

NECDO has its social media pages, websites and Tweeter, and messenger utilized to spread its anti-violence messages in both Pashto and Dari languages during this campaign, a large number of recipients benefited from the messages.

NECDO began its Social Media Campaign on GBV in effect from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We posted, photos, messages, interviews, video clips and short and long speeches related to GBV in our social media and pages every day for public awareness. Our title for the campaigns was “STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN!”

## **Achieved Activities:**

### **1. Distribution of posters:**

For the vast coverage of the people and for the people who do not have access to social media as well as the very common people in the country, NECDO published the posters carrying the messages against gender based violence in the country, giving awareness on the rights of women.

These posters had general messages for public awareness from both law and Islamic teachings perspectives and because Afghanistan is an Islamic country, the posters were carrying photos and paintings on the violence against women and its bad impact the society. NECDO also aimed to increase the visibility of the posters in addition to engage more people in the community build their personal capacity. The posters were distributed through a proper list developed by NECDO administration and were stick in public areas. The posters were developed in both national languages Pashto and Dari.

### **2. Workshop conducted for 75 women activists from Gov. Institutions and CSOs:**

NECDO, in addition, conducted 3 awareness workshops on GBV during the month of December 2017 in Kabul. The participants were students, civil society activists, women right activists, government employees, NGO employees, and other men and women with different background, this activity was planned to mobilize people from different categories of the society work together for the elimination of gender based violence in their respective communities and in particular in educational institutions, market and in transportation hubs. The workshops conducted on different dates and venues in Kabul city. The first workshop took place at NECDO main office on 5<sup>th</sup> December by the participation of 25 women from different areas, governmental institution and civil society. The second workshop took place at Kindergarten Directorate in Macroryan area on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December by the participation of 25 men and women from the employees of the Kindergarten Directorate. The 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop took place on 10<sup>th</sup> of December by the participation of 25 men and women at Char Qalai-e-Wazir Abad.

3. NECDO also involved in the GBV campaign of the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan.

## Advocacy and Networking Section Activities in the year 2017

Focusing on sustainable Peace and Elimination of Violence



### *Activity: Role of Ulama (NUA-NECDO offshoot) in Peace and Development in Afghanistan- Conference (Herat City)*

“120 Influential Ulama in west zone support and showed their commitment to work for peace”.

Emphasis on 5 principals of Moderation, Social Justice, Tolerance, Balance & Participation

**Summary:**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2017 NUA Conference under the title Role of Ulama – NUA- in Peace and Development was held in the Istiqlal Hotel in Heart City. The conference was attended by 100 Ulama (90 male and 10 women), members of NUA Shura from Kabul, representative from Indonesian Embassy, media groups, Government authorities and member of the security department of Heart province. The conference was successfully completed and the Ulama showed their full support to the initiative and declared their readiness to work for peace together with Afghanistan Government for Peace, reconciliation and development. The conference was concluded by a press release emphasized on the role of NUA in the peace process and asked the Afghan government to create space for NUA in the peace process and reconciliation efforts. Based on the agreement with the respected embassy of Indonesia to conduct one day peace and reconciliation conferences in 4 zones of Afghanistan to ensure the role of NUA-Ulama in peace and reconciliation, NUA begin its preparation and contacted HEART NUA committee to do arrangement for such an event to be conducted in March of 2017, the activities were accomplished:

**Statement Indorsed:**

NUA solely none profit non- political organization, which is based on the principals and teachings of Islam

Based on our strong believe in the teachings of Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet (SAW) as sources for the salvation and success of mankind, NUA is struggling to work with the grace of God Almighty and the unity of Ulama to ensure this in its activities all over Afghanistan

NUA views that all the problems in our country has two element external and internal which arise in the shape of corruption, ethnicity and political games among different factions for their own interest and gains, therefore, NUA ask the respected Ulama all over Afghanistan to stand together for national unity and peace and security in the country

Based on the mentioned Holy Verse above NUA calls on all the Ulama to work for the elimination of all sorts of conflicts and violence prevail with the Ulama and the Ummah

UNA got to know that our friendly and brother country the Republic of Indonesia will hold a gathering for peace in Afghanistan in which His Excellency President Mr. M. Ashraf Ghani will participate, NUA admire this initiative of the Republic of Indonesia and fully support it

NUA believes that the solution to all the problems (political, Social) is in the true teachings Islam who ensures the national unity as well

NUA is a social and cultural organization and has influential, honest and sympathetic members all over the country is ready to work with the government of Afghanistan for peace, reconciliation and development

### **Conclusion and Views of some participants:**

Shukria a female participant wrote in her evaluation paper, “I learned very good things from this conference, it was very meaningful, and relaxing, I am proud to have been part of this, and would love to be part of this type of event in the future again, I would also request to be member of Herat NUA committee, wish you and the organizers more success.”

Inayatullah Nasrat one of the male Ulama wrote in his evaluation paper, “This was a historic gathering, useful and constructive, I hope NUA and its leadership with their struggle will succeed in making the national unity and brotherhood for the nation.”

Ahmad Mahmoodi wrote in his paper, “Such conference is required for all Afghanistan, and more of the Ulama need such initiatives I am sure such activities will bear the fruit of unity among Ulama in the country.”

Sebghatullah Osmani another male Ulama wrote, “This conference enlightened me and other Ulama, I will share the information with other Ulama who could not attend this event today.”

Ghulam Mohammad male participant from Ulama wrote, “NUA establishment is a unique step, it should not have political affiliation, and should just work for the 5 core principals introduced, we are ready to work for these 5 core principal of Moderation, Social Justice, Tolerance, Balance and Participation, we found these 5 core principals a right prescription for a durable solution in Afghanistan.”

# Advocacy and Networking Section Activities in the year 2017

Focusing on sustainable Peace and Elimination of Violence



*Activity: Annual Conference 2017  
Role of Ulama in Peace, Development,  
Respect to Human Rights and Love with  
Humanity*

*200 Imams, youths and women activists from 22  
provinces attended the conference*

*Participants pledged to work for peace in their  
respective provinces*



## 1. Summary:

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 NUA Conference under the title Role of Ulama –NUA- in Peace, Development, respect to human rights and love with humanity was held in Safi Landmark Hotel in Kabul City. The conference was attended by 165 Ulama (100 male and 65 women), members of NUA Shura (BD) from Kabul, other provinces, delegation of Ulama from Indonesia, representative from Indonesian Embassy, media groups, Government authorities and member of the security department. The conference was successfully completed in evening on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May; the Ulama showed their full support to the initiative and declared their readiness to work for peace together with Afghanistan Government for Peace, reconciliation and development. The conference was concluded by a press release emphasized on the role of NUA in the peace process and asked the Afghan government to create space for NUA in the peace process and reconciliation efforts.

## 2. Goal and Objectives of the Conference Achieved:

Goal of this conference is: to enhance role of Ulama in durable peace, development, respect to human rights and love to humanity

Objectives of the conference:

Renewing the commitment of NUA members (male and female) to work for durable peace in Afghanistan

Providing the opportunity for the Afghan Ulama to exchange views and expertise with the Ulama from Indonesia

Broadening the role of Ulama in peace, development and protection of human rights in the lights of Islam and the constitution of Afghanistan

Provision of an opportunity for NUA members' better coordination and cooperation on provincial level

Deepening the understanding of the 5 principals of NUA, Moderation, Social Justice, Tolerance, Balance and Participation

“Based on the policies and procedures of NUA every 2 year the elections are held for appointing new leader for the group”

No	Name	Vote casted	Remarks
1	Maulana Sayed Slahuddin Hashemi	48	Elected for the second round (will serve until 2019)
2	Dr. Sulaiman Nesary	43	
3	Maulana Sarwar Sarwari	17	
4	Maulana Ahmad Noor Waqif	10	
<b>Total Vote</b>		<b>118</b>	

Later the Final statement (Press Release) was recited by Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Tauhidi NUA Shura member, the statement consist of 10 points below:

Article1: NUA is a non-profit, non-political and a social organization based on religious and national values and it aims to enlighten the common vision, in particular the new generation in the country to protect religious and national values and to take part in the peace process and ensure territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country.

Article2: NUA consider durable peace and coexistence the urgent need of the people in Afghanistan and is seriously committed to fulfill this.

Article3: NUA appreciate the sacrifices of the both national police and army and is obliged to support them

Article4: NUA strongly condemn all sort of acts of terror and will struggle against all type of extremism.

Article5: NUA appreciates the act of all the national and international institutions who work for the protection of religious values and national interests of Afghanistan

Article6: NUA condemns all sorts of acts of violation of human rights and is committed to work for the elimination of violence of human rights

Article7: NUA is committed to work for the empowerment of ULAMA and religious leaders without any discrimination or political affiliation

Article8: NUA is committed to work for the elimination of all sorts of corruption and mal-characters

Article9: NUA supports the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to implement the development projects in the country in the light of National Constitutions

Article10: NUA is expresses its commitment to the articles of this statement consisting 10 articles

#### **4. Conclusion and Views of some Participants:**

NUA once again is thankful to the respected Embassy of Indonesia for the technical and financial support of the conference

Rabia a female participant wrote in her evaluation paper, “I learned very good things from this conference, it was very meaningful, and relaxing, I am proud to have been part of this, and would love to be part of this type of event in the future again, I would also request to be member of Herat NUA committee, wish you and the organizers more success.”

Inayatullah Nasrat one of the male Ulama wrote in his evaluation paper, “This was a historic gathering, useful and constructive, I hope NUA and its leadership with their struggle will succeed in making the national unity and brotherhood for the nation.”

Sebghatullah from Takhar province another male Ulama wrote, “This conference enlightened me and other Ulama, I will share the information with other Ulama who could not attend this event today.”

Mr. Anwari a male participant from Ulama wrote,

“NUA 5 principals could give a durable end to the conflict and problems if truly implemented and worked for in this country

Moderation

Social Justice

Tolerance

Balance



## *Construction Activities in the year 2017*

### *The Indonesian Islamic Center Assalam Mosque (Mosque of Peace)*



#### *Construction of the Surrounding Wall of the Indonesia Islamic Center (IIC)*

*NECDO is the IA (Implementing Agency for the Project)  
IIC is a compound of a Ploy Clinic, A Public Library for men and women, A social House and a Mosque where a portion is allocated for women for the first time in this area  
District #12, Ahmad Shah Baba Mina, Bagrami, Kabul  
Afghanistan*

### **Physical Description:-**

The project consists of six (6) stone masonry wall perimeter lines with a total length of 471.09 lineal meters including cement plastered brick wall with metal grills on top and six (6) metal gates access around the perimeter wall.

The contractor performs and had done accordingly to the approved drawing, specifications, instructions and execute such as per contract obligations.

### **Physical Appearance: (Aesthetics, Visual)**

With the contractor`s qualified personnel and available resources like: manpower, tools and equipment, the contractor had done its utmost skills in construction and work even better by enhancing its aesthetic views compared to the approved layout drawing.

### **Project Quality:**

The contractor with its goal of achieving in an internationally accepted standard, transparent procedures and performance are skillfully implemented by regularly requesting, conducting joint inspections and submitting reports to NECDO as its client as well as the Indonesian Embassy as the funding source, respectively. Where every queries and comments are acted immediately in order to give the best quality output product which is the contractor`s main goal to give the client`s full satisfaction aside from one-year warranty of defects liability.

### **Any Identified Environmental Impact:**

At the onset, the contractor as a law abiding organization, has followed all instructions from the client and government authorities to change the front layout lines to match with the on-going road construction right of way implemented by the municipality which was even different with the approved lot survey area stipulated on the contract, wherein the contractor has experienced delays to its original schedule just to have the proper coordination with NECDO (IA), the Community and other government authorities.



Throughout the year 2017 NECDO's Board of Directors met three times on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 what dates based on the annual plan of the organization, Issue related to fund raising, policies, plans and organization structure were addressed in the BD meetings held.

The board of directors gathered in meetings to check, monitor and evaluate the implemented activities result and give their idea & advices on how the organization can be sustainable in future.

The meetings were attended by Bbard members Ms. Jamila Afghani, Mr. Amanullah Hotak, Mr. Famarz Jahanbeen, Mr Ahmad Zia Anwari and Ms. Jamila Safi, Ms. Mahfooza Folad. The meeting started by Ms. Parina Jahid who welcomed to the participants and presented NECDO activities from Jan 2017 until Nov 2017, followings are the presentation detail:

A detailed update on the core project below was given to the board members:

1. Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace
2. Bringing Finance Information and Assistance Services Closer to Kabul Women
3. Indonesian Islamic Center Progress construction work of the Round Wall

**Recommendations given by the BD Members:**

- Mr. Hotak recommended “Hard work to be done to find donors and a proper fund raising system to be established”.
- Mr. Anwari recommended, more networking with government concerned institutions in particularly the ones work for peace and women economic empowerment.
- Mr. Jahanbeen recommended a call for Support Our Cause on the webpage of NECDO.
- Ms. Afghani recommended NECDO to become part of a consortium of likeminded organization to be able to navigate well and be sustainable

**Decision Made:**

The board decided to establish a consortium of likeminded organization in their last meeting which will consist organization working for women, youth and in sectors related to education, capacity building, legal, protection, development and socioeconomic empowerment. This consortium will work on joint ventures and make efforts to strengthen the Afghan civil society engagement.



No	Title/Description	Whom	Duration	Organization	Dates
1	TOT (Training of Trainers) How to Mobilize Afghan Man to Protect Woman Rights Democracy & Peace	-Ms. Zarifa Sediqyan -Muzghan Malikzada	1 Day	NECDO	26-April-2017
2	Training on 1325 provided information on 1325	-Parina Jahid -Muzghan Malikzada -Zarifa Sediqyan	2 Days	Danner	22-23-May-2017
3	Aurora Humanitarian Initiative Event (International Event) Aurora Dialogues an international platform for discussion among leading experts from across the international humanitarian community, business, philanthropy and media	-Ms. Parina Jahid	4 Days	Aurora	27-31- May-2017
4	Project Management Training 1. Developing Proposal 2. Session for time management, 3. Session on HR Management, 4. Session on financial Management	-Muzghan Malikzada -Zarifa Sediqyan	3 Days	AWN	7-9-August-2017
5	Training on Taxation Session on tax payment process, how to fill the forms and process the documents	Mr. Naseer Ahmad	1 Day	AWN	8-Nov-2017
6	Research Design Training Session on how to develop questioners for a research Session on how to conduct a successful research	Mr. Ehsanullah Hikmat -Zarifa Sediqyan _Ms. Malina Mohamadzai -Parina Jahid Muzghan Malikzad	1 Day	DAI Musharikat (Promote)	19-Dec-2017
7	Masculinity Training Definition of masculinity Working with men (gender)	Parina Jahid	3 Days	SAC	24-26-Dec-2017
8	Web Design Training Web-Hosting Web-coding	Alireza Hussaini	5 Days	Ariana Net Zone Inst	25-29-Dec-2017
9	TOT on Bringing Finance Information and Assistance Services to Women in Kabul	Paina Jahid Muzghan Malikzad Massoda Waisy	1 Day	NECDO	31 –Dec-2017
10	Research Design Training Session on how to make questioners for research and Session how to conduct research and Session about Audits process	Mr. Ehsanullah Hikmat	2 Days	APRO	25-26-Dec-2017

## DANNER Workshop on the UN 1325 Resolution, NAPWA and Islamic Basis for the relevance of WPCs in Afghan Society

NECDO facilitated  
the 2 day workshop  
arranged by  
DANNER for  
MoRA, MoWA,  
MoI and civil  
society  
organizations

Protection centers,  
issues related to  
1325, NAPWA and  
the women  
protection centers  
regulation were  
discussed through  
modern



## NECDO on International Stage:

1. Ms. Jamila Afghani Chairperson BD NECDO was one of the 5 finalists for the Aurora Prize 2017



**Congratulations Ms. Jamila Afghani "Chairperson NECDO Board of Director"**

**"Let's light a candle instead of cursing the darkness!"**

NECDO:

- 16 years of services in education capacity building and empowerment.
- Focus on girls' education and women literacy.
- Gender equality and awareness.
- Peace and re-integration.
- Enhancing role of religious leader in protection of Human Right and Women Right.
- Research and studies on various social and cultural issues



**Was awarded the: 2017 Finalist**

**"Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity"**

**"We believe that even in the darkest times, brighter future is in the Hands of those who can give Help and Hope."**



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2. Ms. Jamila Afghani Chairperson and Founder of NECDO participated in Talberg Foundation "World Leaders Award Conference in New York on November 28th and 29th 2017" as a key speaker".



3. Ms. Jamila Afghani participated in Aurora Conference on the issue of immigration (**Millions on the Move**) on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December in Berlin Germany as a key speaker.





## Deep Well (clean Drinking Water) for the Disabled Village in Qasaba Kabul:

Noor Educational & Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) make a deep well in disabled city of Shaikh Zaid Village Qasaba Kabul the deep well dag around 150 meter deep for 200 families (3200 individuals) benefited from clean drinking water.

The deep well is inaugurated in 24/June/2017 by Ms. Jamila Afghani chairperson of NECDO.



## 2. Cash Distribution for the IDPs and Returnee Needy Families:

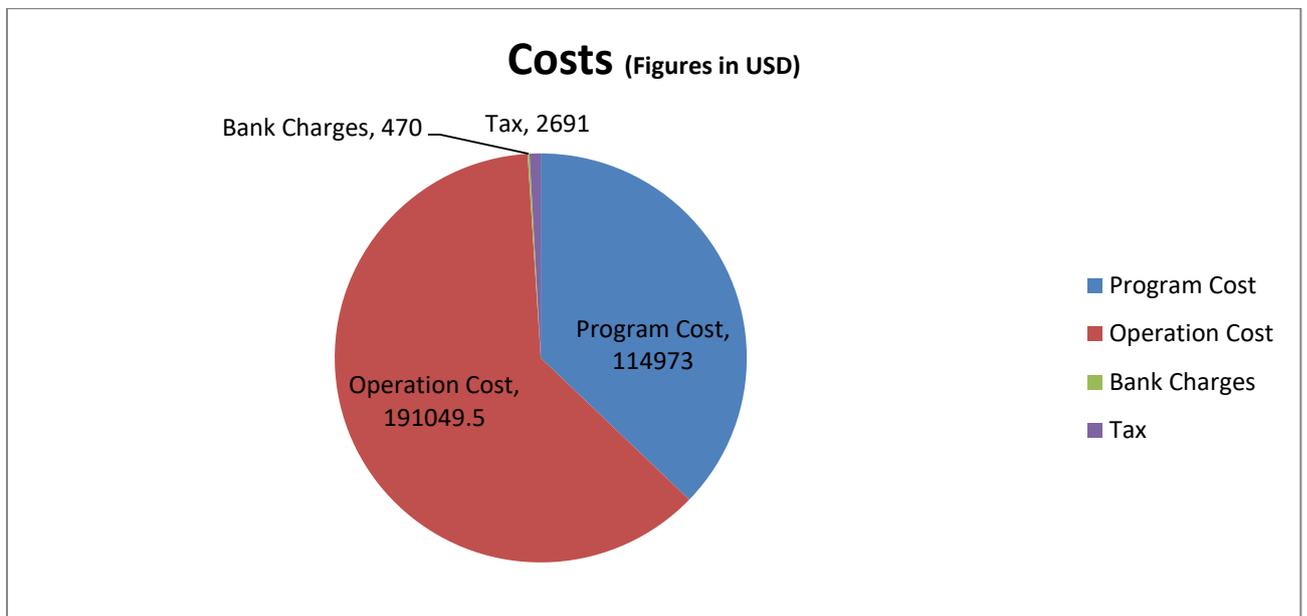
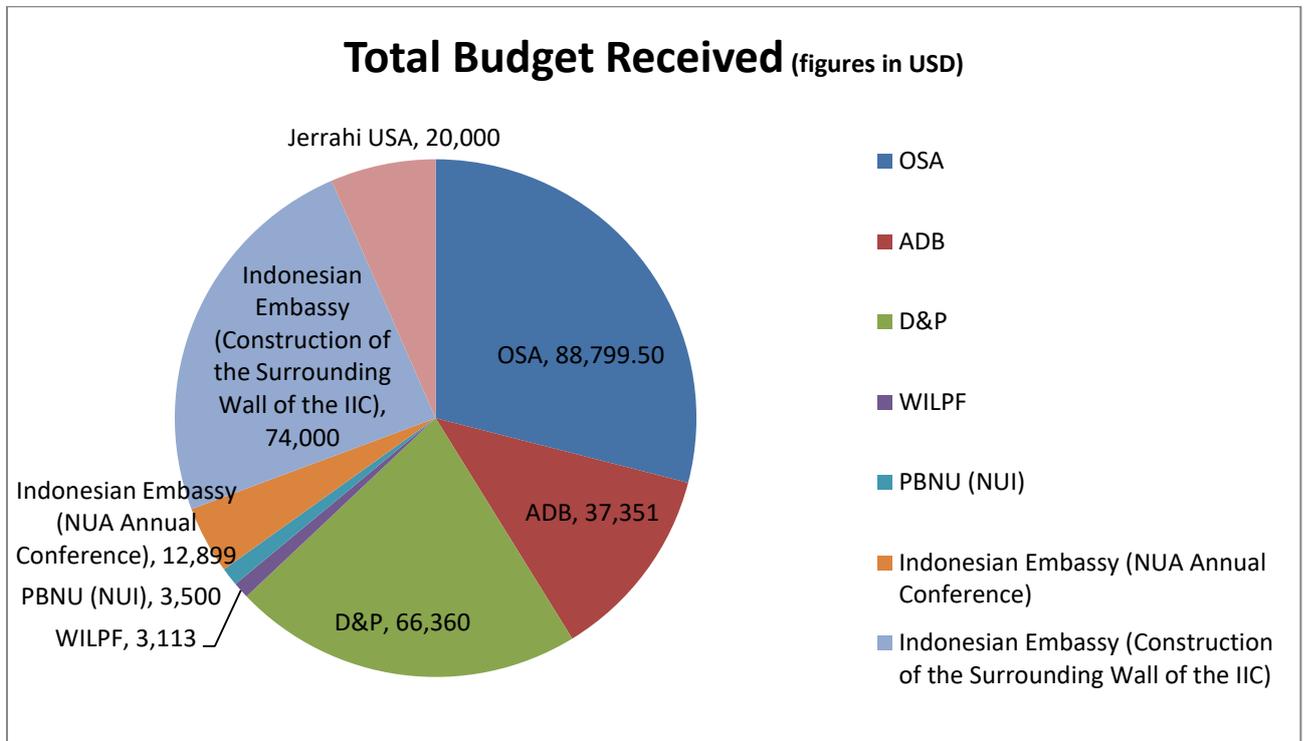


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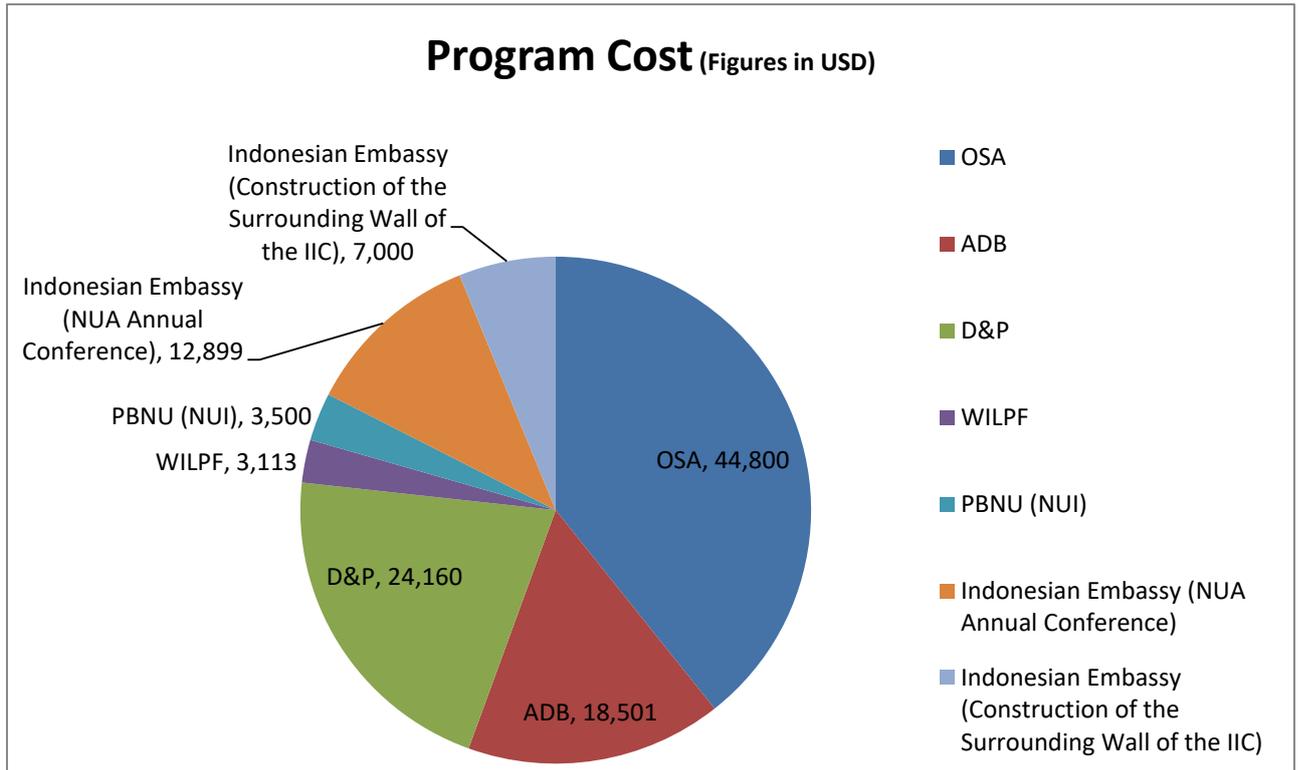


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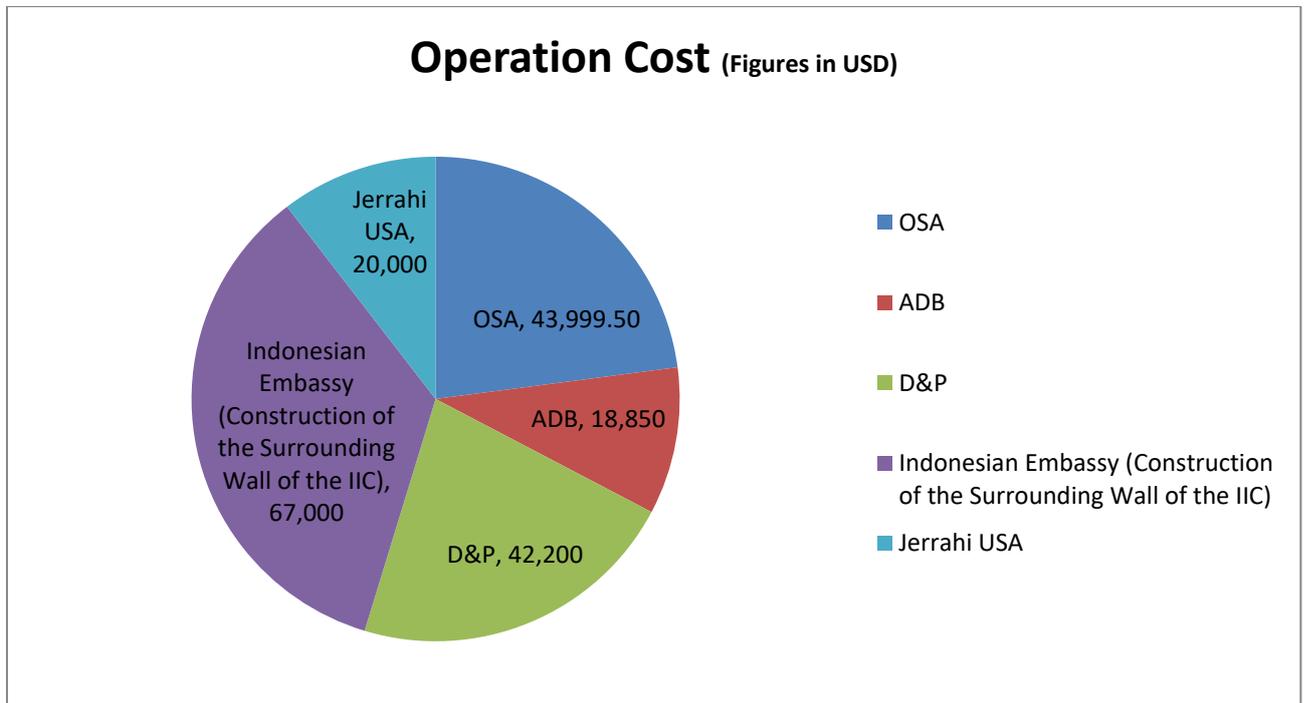
### F # 1:



### F # 2



F # 3



F # 4