



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**

Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace

NECDO is implementing a project by the name of Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace; the project started on Jan 2016 and will end on Dec 2016. The project covers three provinces like Kabul, Ningarhar and Parwan province. The beneficiaries of this project are Imams, Women activists and youth. The project activities are following;

1. Developing and printing of banners, brochures, posters
2. Developing of manual on Islamic Peace education & Afghan culture of peace in Dari & Pashto languages
3. Conducting 24 training workshop
4. Establishing community working groups CWGs

NECDO developed the training materials in initial phases of the project and started preparation for conducting of the trainings and 4 trainings in Ningarhar, 10 workshops in Kabul province. The aim of these workshops were to raise local communities capacity to promote a peaceful transition by conducting activities to support the ability of traditional dispute resolution bodies to resolve disputes and to bridge the gap between these bodies, communities, CSOs and formal justice and other government officials. The impact of the conducted trainings.



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.

DAI – Musharikat Pre meeting 24th – 25th April 2016

NECDO's representative participated in DAI-Musharikat – pre meeting with central zone on 24th – 25th April 2016. The Pre-meeting of Musharikat started by recitation of Holy Quran. The participants was from central region including Bamian, Daikundi, Kapisa, Panjshir, Parwan, Logar, Kabul from CSOs (members) and civil activists (individually). Ms. Christine (Promote head in Afghanistan) welcomed all the participants in the meeting.

Ms. Floran Wali talked about vision for Afghan women in future 5 year after that we all participants divided into 5 group and we worked on Vision for afghan Women, and worked on three priority issues.

After the discussion Access to education, Women rights and Security selected as a three main issue to work for women, in the meantime, this pre meeting conducted in east, west, north and south region of Afghanistan.

This meeting was a pre meeting for the national summit conference of the DAI –Musharikat. The national summit started on 8th May and ended on 10th May 2016.

In this meeting the representatives of each zone presented their three priority issues and the reason why the selected these issues. Now we had 12 priority issues in the national summit, then we went and vote for one of the priority issue, in national summit the three priority issue selected as a main issue to work for the next 5 year 1- access to education 2- women in economic 3- violence against women. The participants from all provinces of Afghanistan chose one of the issues and committed to work for it, NECDEO chose access to education coalition and will work in this area in the next five year. We started our work on access to education along with other coalition members on 9th May first we take the ideas of the participants on what is the problem and solution in Afghanistan on Access to Education? The participants shred their areas problem and shared the solution for it. The coalitions developed plans for the problems and solutions and presented in 3rd day of the National summit conference to the government officials and US ambassador at Marmareen Palace, in this conference Mr. Dr Abdullah Abdullah, US ambassador, Ms. Sima Smar, Ms. Surabi attended and added their points to the planned tasks and committed to support these collations in future.

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Afghan People's Dialogue for Peace

NECDO is one of the members of APD committee () and has cooperation with the UNAMA and other organizations which are working for peace in country in this committee. During the month of May NECDO representatives attended the APD meeting minutes is s the following;

The Afghan People's Dialogue (APD) Steering committee meeting minute

Date: 09.05.2016

The meeting participants agreed on the below points.

1. –The current members' involvement and looking for new active members:
5. For the propose of strengthening and active involvement of the APD Steering Committee, the Committee appeals for well-known active peace, human rights and civil society activists to join the Committee, based on their voluntary commitment. The maximum members of the extended Committee should not exceed **21 individuals**. The new members must share and accept the principles of the current members such as belief in and commitment for democracy, rule of law and universality of human rights values, also to accept the Committee's TOR.
6. Prior to presenting the TOR to the new potential members, the TOR will be revised and endorsed in the next steering Committee Meeting.
7. During the next week (14-19 May) the Committee will provide the Secretariat with a list and short bios of nominees for the Committee membership.
8. Some names and institutions such as AHRO, HRDO, APD, ACSI, ABA, Nai, CCD, ABRAR, AYSEU, Ms. Lia Jawad, Mr. Rahim Jami, Ms. Homaira Saqeb, Ms. Shafiqqa Yarqeen, and Mr. Khalil Raoofi were proposed by the Committee. The Secretariat will consolidate the list of the proposed nominees and will share at the next Steering Committee meeting for selection of the new members based on their consent.

1. The acceptance of the new members to the Committee will be based on certain criteria including prioritizing of the first applicants and according to their credibility and relevance of their work experience.
 2. There should be more focus of the Secretariat for empowerment of the current APD Steering Committee and the expected new members (such as a capacity building workshops – see point 2 below).
 3. There will be an allocated backup person to attend the APD Committee meetings to fulfill the tasks in the absence of the original member.
 4. There will be regular APD monthly meetings, held on **Thursdays** of the first week of each Georgian month. Emergency meetings are exempts. The host organization will call the members one day prior to the meeting.
- Actions for the national level advocacy :
 - A. Considering the current deadlock of the Afghan peace and reconciliation process, the HPC's peace talks with the Hezb-e Islami (Islamic Party), the appointment of the new HPC leadership and the recent executions, the Committee decided to release **a press statement** and held a **press onference** as soon as possible (next week) to raise people's concerns and aspirations to the Afghan Government, parties of the conflict and international community.
 - B. The APD Secretariat is tasked to draft the press statement and share it with the Steering Committee for inputs and comments, to be finalized by Thursday, **12 may**.
 - C. Five institutions are proposed for the committee's advocacy meetings during the next 3 weeks

(Supreme Court, HPC executive board, Chief Executive of the NUG Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, IDLG and the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs). The APD Secretariat will coordinate the meetings' schedule with the Committee.

3- Launching of OHCHR booklets - Protecting the Civil Society Space in Afghanistan events:

a. A roundtable of approximately 20-25 civil society-human rights activists, to be held on 1st June, to discuss mainly i) The challenges and obstacles to Civil Society work in the current security context and what can be done to improve the conditions and the environment for a free and independent Civil Society; ii) What the Government, international community and other actors can do to support the Civil Society. The APD Steering Committee agreed to participate in the event. The AIHRC's Central Region Office facilities were agreed as the venue of the event. The UNAMA Human Rights unit will provide lunch and refreshments.

b. Official launch of the OHCHR booklets in a press conference on 5th June, hosted by UNAMA in cooperation with the AIHRC (Venue - GMC would be the best place for holding such an event considering the security arrangements for government and international organizations). A larger group of the Afghan civil society actors, some relevant officials and media will be invited.

c. Regional events: A similar civil society capacity building one day workshops will be held between 15 May – 31 July in all regions, to promote the OHCHR Booklets on Civil Society Space and Working with the United Nations Human Rights System. Provincials members of the APD Advocacy Committees will be invited to take an active

a. participation. Dari and Pashto copies of the OHCHR booklets will be disseminated by UNAMA to regional and provincial CSAs who are going to attend the regional one day capacity building workshops.

Links to OHCHR Booklets:

[http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/AboutUs/CivilSociety/CS space UNHRSysm_Guide.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/AboutUs/CivilSociety/CS_space_UNHRSysm_Guide.pdf)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/AboutUs/CivilSociety/HowtoFollowUNHRRecommendations.pdf>

b. The AIHRC Executive Directory agreed to inform and task all regional offices of the AIHRC to be supportive and cooperative in this important civil society empowering initiative.

4. Involvement and contributions of the Committee members in the publishing process of the provincial roadmaps.

Once again it has been agreed that the member of the Steering Committee will do their best to take active part in the reviewing process of the 34 provincial roadmaps for peace in the coming weeks.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

As part of its activities NECDO is the member and focal point of the WILPF in Afghanistan. WILPF is a (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

From the 2014 NECDO is working for WILPF in Kabul with the active women who have interest to peace and currently working for peace in country. The activities which we did for WILPF are the followings;

2. Invited active women to this committee
3. Created a plan for the WILPF committee
4. Developed and shared the WILPF commitment letter with the participants
5. Designed a logo for the committee
6. Divided the participants into several committees such as administrative committee, Religious and cultural committee, international relation committee etc. and prepared Term of Reference to the committees.
7. The head of the committees has responsibility to work for WILPF as a volunteer and report to NECDO monthly.



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