



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

Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women

Women's Rights Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal

Framework

NECDO held two intercession workshops for trainees to introduce the goal and objectives of OR2015-25319 to the trainees selected in order to give them a chance to know each other as well. For the implementation of the project we interviewed some high profile teacher and we hired them. We prepared the manual and had a meeting with OSA to finalize the manual for the program, NECDO consultant is now working to improve the manual and address the issues highlighted by the respective donor. We made a schedule for the program and also we had an opening ceremony for starting of the project. The ceremony was held in NECDO main office on 5th September of 2016 at 01:00pm to 03:00pm. The participants of the ceremony were 40 trainees, civil society activists, women right activists, employees of Ministry of Women affairs. The program was started by Parina Mehrzad the deputy director of NECDO after that MD of NECDO Mr. Ghani Kakar introduced the program and he officially announced the starting date of the Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women Women's Rights Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Framework project. After that the tea break and group photo the session was concluded.



Who we are?

Noor Educational and Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) is a non-governmental, impartial and non-political organization, registered with Ministry of Economy in 2002 with INO.95. NECDO was established in January 2001 by a group of volunteers to help and support needy Afghan women, youth, and children when the Afghan nation was passing through time-tested moments of its history in Peshawar Afghan Refugee Camps. The destructive civil war resulted in material and spiritual losses for the nation. NECDO started its activities with little means, but greatness of purpose, which was based on humanitarian and development assistance. We believe that unity, faith, proper mobilization of youth & empowerment of Afghan communities can reduce the miseries of the Afghan nation. During our social activities in camps, we realized the need for education, capacity building and income generation projects in order to help our nation with sustainable development; especially educating Afghan women, youth, and children were the priorities set forth; with the believe that it is better to light a candle rather than curse the darkness we initiated several projects and implemented them successfully.

Mobilizing Afghan Men to Protect Women Rights Democracy and Peace

During the month of August NECDO held two workshops for scholars, social activist, women rights activist, government employees, NGO employees, students and other men and women from different areas. These two workshops were held in NECDO main office on (13-Aug-2016) and (16-Aug-2016) and the group of youth participated in the workshop which was held on 16-Aug-2016 were very active majority of them were selected for CWG. They were very delighted by the workshops and they suggested such workshops should be held regularly for men.

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 responsibilities in family
5. Gender
6. Evaluation



Our goal: Seeking Allah's pleasure by supporting our people through the light of education, empowerment & Community mobilization for a just society.

Our principles: Impartiality, Unity, Transparency and professionalism

NECDO Photo Gallery

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**Women's International League for Peace and
Freedom**
Steering Committee Meeting Minute
(Under NECDO Leadership)

The participants: Ms Jamila Safi, Ms.Parveen Dost, Ms. Muzhgan, Ms.Toorpekai Mohmand, Ms.Khair-ull-nesa, Mr.Ali Reza, Mr. Mohammad Nazir, Ms.Zarifa and Ms. Parina Meherzad

The Agenda:

1. Recitation of holy Quran welcoming the guests.
2. Revision the previous session.
3. Introduction of 1325 declaration.
4. Discussing arrangements of meeting with important people.
5. Determination of people for attending meetings in governmental and nongovernmental organizations.
6. Conclusion and determination of date for next session.
7. Benediction.
8. Refreshment.

Summary: The meeting was started by the recitation of the Holy Quran by Ms.Parveen Dost then Ms. Parina Meherzad deputy director of NECDO welcomed the participants. According to agenda we reviewed the previous session after that Ms. Jamila Safi introduced the 1325 declaration and members had discuss on the this declaration.



Then we discuss about arrangements of meetings with government and CSOs who work for peace. The committee decided to appoint members who will attend the meetings and prepare the agenda. Then WILFP member requested from NECDO to invite them for further workshops and suggested to hold the WILFP meetings regularly. After that we concluded the session and we decided another date for the next meeting.

Explanation: As per agenda Ms. Jamila Safi started the session with the recitation of holy Quran and participants were welcomed by Ms. Parina Mehrzad. We reviewed the previous meeting and we discussed about what they did in the previous meeting. They had decided logo for WILFP and took work report from the committees in the previous session. After that Jamila Safi introduced the declaration of 1325 and read the declaration that declaration has 18 articles and it is passed to safe the women from the effects of war. Then we discussed the when to have meetings with MOWA, UN women, UNMA, APDA, Peace counselor. Also, we determined the people who will attend the meetings in governmental and nongovernmental organizations. We decided that heads of committees should attend the meetings. We discussed the next round date and venue. Next meeting to be held in NECDO main office at 1:30pm Kabul time

Views of Participants:

- We should have reconsideration on the head of committees.
- We should hold a conference.
- After you decide time for meeting with organizations which work for peace, we should have a meeting to decide agenda.
- WILFP members should be invited to AF 3226 workshops.
- Meeting should on held regular basis.

With serving refreshment the meeting was concluded by 3:00pm Kabul time.

What is Batik?

Batik is both an art and a craft, which is becoming more popular and well known in the West as a wonderfully creative medium. The art of decorating cloth in this way, using wax and dye, has been practiced for centuries. In Java, Indonesia, batik is part of an ancient tradition, and some of the finest batik cloth in the world is still made there. The word batik originates from the Javanese *tick* and means to dot.

To make batik, selected areas of the cloth are blocked out by brushing or drawing hot wax over them, and the cloth is then dyed. The parts covered in wax resist the dye and remain the original color. This process of waxing and dyeing can be repeated to create more elaborate and colorful designs. After the final dyeing the wax is removed and the cloth is ready for wearing or showing.

Contemporary batik, while owing much to the past, is markedly different from the more traditional and formal styles. For example, the artist may use etching, discharge dyeing, stencils, different tools for waxing and dyeing, wax recipes with different resist values and work with silk, cotton, wool, leather, paper or even wood and ceramics.

Batik is historically the most expressive and subtle of the resist methods. The ever widening range of techniques available offers the artist the opportunity to explore a unique process in a flexible and exciting way.

Batik workshop

The Batik workshop was held on 21th of August of 2016 at Zainab Hall of the Ministry of Women Affairs. 60 businesswomen and five active employee of NECDO participated in this program. NECDO employees were actively took part in the answering question and sharing their ideas they got some prizes and due to their active participation they invited them to another program at the Kabul intercontinental hotel to present there work .



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PEACFUL EID.MAY
ALLAH ACCEPT
YOUR GOOD DEEDS
AND FORGIVE
YOUR
TRANSGREEIONS



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