



# 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**

Noor Educational institution and capacity development organization since its establishment is working for strengthening, capacity building, awareness rising, and legal rights of women. Short-term and long-term activities and programs and serve the community has been established in this area. This initiative Unprecedented nine months in collaboration with the Institute of OSA for 40 women graduates of law and Shariat and women activists in civil society as religious leaders. They will be taught religious books, interpretation, hadith and fiqh and new studies regarding International human rights declarations and conventions on women's rights in this regard, to launch, to our sister light of Islamic principles, the rights and needs of their, after lessons, as women of the world and aware of texts and techniques of religion and women's rights advocate for women's empowerment in all spheres of economic, cultural, social and political areas were registered. Saturday on 2016/7/16 number of take the exam for this program.



## 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

This project was held previously which contained three workshops for scholars, social activist, women rights activist, government employees, NGO employees, students and other men and women from different areas. These three workshops were held in NECDO main office on (14-July-2016)-(26-July-2016) and (30-July-2016) and the group of youth and government employees were participated in the workshop which was held on 30-July-2016 they were very active majority of them were selected for CWG .

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

Participants' additional comments:

- 1- I found the workshop effective and would like to have such workshops for more of my fellow men and women.
- 2- I would suggest if these trainings are extended into more provinces.
- 3- More religious scholars should be involved in these training.
- 4- I would like if the materials of the trainings are added to school curriculum, as well. (Higher grades)
- 5- The title of this project has been more attractive and it really awakened me that Afghan man is in dire need to understand women rights and respect them
- 6- This workshop combines three important pillars for the prosperity of the country Resp. and protection to women rights, Peace and Democracy.

## NECDO Photo Gallery

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## Trainees Interview

1. Mr. Momtaz Ataei one of youths and student in the third year, journalism faculty of Kabul University, shared his opinions so I learned a lot of topics in this workshop about women's political participation, women's rights, the inheritance right of women and other rights of women. The content of the workshop was very effective. For the sake of preventing violence against women, we apply different practices and learned a lot. Such workshops shall be held for both men and women because it is not only the men who do violence against women, women also do violence against women in this case we had such a great discussion which will be very effective for them. And I gently request this organization to hold such workshops in the future as well because it is very effective.
2. Ahmad Mia Arghandiwal the chairman of the youth team member sports 5<sup>th</sup> zone Deh Sabz district expressed his opinion as such: I learned from mobilizing of afghan men for the support of women's right and peace and democracy that woman can be a Politian, businesswoman, doctor and also a good mother and wife. This workshop is very effective but in one or two day workshops some of the participants may not learn anything. In my opinion such workshops shall be in villages and districts for public awareness. They should know about their rights.
3. Mr. Ahmed Shakeb Darvish, Deh Sabz district youth Chairman has expressed his opinion such, We acquired such a quality and worthy information through this workshop which we did not know before. We are very pleased with this workshop. Because of our high rate of illiteracy in our country, particularly in the provinces and villages, we have many cases of violence against women...

If such workshops are held in villages and provinces for men and women it will be very effective and it will pave the way for peace and democracy as well as it will change the people prospective.

4. Mr. Abdullwase the Islamic law faculty student and a member of the Youth Union of the students of Deh Sabz, one of the participants of this workshop say: I learned from this workshop that how to stop violence against women who are in such case and make them aware of their rights so that people live in peace. In my opinion the effectiveness of this program will be more if go to the villages and remote areas especially Fridays and teach the people about their rights in mosques and aware them about women and privileges that a woman should have. We thanked this organization for such effective programs.

5. Mr. Ajmal Khairi whose a bodybuilding trainer from the fifth district have expressed his opinion such: We are very grateful from this organization for conducting such workshops that increase public awareness. The materials we studied in this workshop were very interesting. If such workshops are held in the villages and provinces perhaps it will reduce violence against women cases. And will help the families to stop violence against women. In most families they do violence against women and in my opinion woman is very important in a family if the woman is sad it will affect the whole family members. I believe it is very effective such workshops shall be continued.

5. Mr. Baktash One of the participants said that the workshop should be extended and also they trainer should give more time for trainees to share their opinion.

# Meeting with WODO and PCDO

Based on the preplanned from OSA the meeting with WODO and PCDO was held on 25th July of 2016 at 9:30am in NECDO main office.

The meeting participants were, Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar, Ms. Halima Rezayee, Ms. Masuma Amiri, Ms. Zakia Hussaine, Ms. Marzia, Ms. Zubaida Karimi, Mr. Ali Reza, Ms. Zarifa and Ms. Parina Meherzad.

The Agenda:

1. Welcomed the guest.
2. Introduction to the participants.
3. Introduction to MSP implemented by NECDO and other relevant activities.
4. Open discussion.
5. Refreshments.

First, Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar welcomed the participants then participants were introduced to each other. Mr. Kakar thanked them for having this meeting and sharing the new information presented to us as follows:

Mr. Fazal Ghani Kakar presented the NECDO activities and achievements from 2000 up to now and also he presented MSP implemented. Followings are the presentation details:

According to Agenda, we had an open discussion about the current situation of women's rights and harassment in Afghanistan and about the solutions.

Ms. Mika thanked the NECDO members for this event and they requested us to collaborate with us.

The meeting was concluded by 11:30am.



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