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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

 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

# **NECDO NEWS LETTER**

## Let's light a candle instead of cursing the Darkness

Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women

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

Framework

NECDO started orientation program for Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women Women's Rights Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Framework for 40 trainees. They were familiarized with the program and also they had a session with Egyptian teachers. After that NECDO held a training session for trainers. This training session was for one day on (2-Oct-2016) in the NECDO main office first Fazal Ghani Kakar MD of NECDO introduced the project goal, objective and activities then training manual was introduced to them by Jamila Afghani the person who has made manual for this project. The trainers were very happy and liked the system and the method which is used in manual. Also as per program of this project NECDO prepared a capacity building training for its four staffs for ten days from (1-Oct-2016) to (10-Oct-2016). The subject of this training was QuickBook.



## 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 vouth of & Afghan empowerment of 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 September NECDO held two workshops for scholars, social activist, women rights activist, government employees, NGO employees, teachers, students and other men and women from different areas. One of the workshops conducted in Bagh-E-Zanana on Sept 23<sup>th</sup> of 2016 and there were 30 participants. Other workshop conducted at teacher's selected council on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> of 2016 and 25 participants. All of the participants were very active so most of them were selected as CWG (Community Working Group) members. They were very pleased by the workshops and they recommended that 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's7h 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

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## **NECDO Photo Gallery**

Opening Ceremony of Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women Women's Rights Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Framework Report

#### Summary:

The opening ceremony of Delegitimizing Oppressive Discourse Training for Afghan Women Women's Rights Activist on Women's Rights in Islamic Legal Framework was held in NECDO main office on 5th September of 2016.There were 40 participants from different areas. The program participants were welcomed by Ms. Parina Mehrzad the deputy director of NECDO. After that Dr. Fazal Ghani Kakar MD of NECDO introduced the program and announced the kick off date of the project. Then refreshments were served and program was concluded by a group photo.

### The Agenda:

1. Registration of Participants

2. Recitation of holy Quran welcoming the guests.

3. Introduction of project and program to the participants

- 4. Tea Break
- 5. Group Photo
- 6. Conclusion



## Preparations for Opening Ceremony:

NOOR EDUCATIONAL & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NECDO) did its preparation for opening ceremony for 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2016; followings are the activities which have done;

- Preparing of the attendees list, registration list, agenda, participants list of the governmental and non-governmental organizations and invitation letters
- 2. Logistic preparation for the ceremony
- 3. Prepared refreshments for the opening ceremony's guests
- 4. Technical preparations
- 5. Administrative and financial preparation
- 6. Sending inventions through emails and communication with the participants.

## **Explanation:**

The ceremony was held in NECDO main office training hall on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 commenced by Parina Mehrzad the deputy director of NECDO welcome speech to the participants. After that Ahmad Naseer Hanfi recited the verses of holly Quran and Dr. Fazal Ghani "Kakar" MD of Noor Educational Capacity Development Organization opened the program and informed about the activities of the organization, said the organization to develop the capacities of women and women's awareness of human rights, gender and Islamic programs economic growth and political and social participation of women in formally working and also introduced the program. In addition 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 refreshments were served and attendants were given the free choice to chat. The event was concluded by a group photo session.

## Muharram: 1st Month of the Islamic Calendar

The Tenth of Muharram and Ashurah.

The Islamic year begins with Muharram ul Haram, the first month of the Hijri Calendar. While followers of other religions spend their opening month in worthless merriment, the first month of Islam teaches us lessons of admonition, good counseling, knowledge of Allah Ta'ala, sacrifice, selflessness, patience and seeking the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.

The tenth day of Muharram (Ashurah) has many distinctive qualities and features. Allah Ta'ala created the heavens and the earth on this blessed day. On this day He gave His infinite blessings and bounties to many of His Prophets and delivered them from the clutches of their enemies.

Allah Ta'ala created Hazrat Adam (Alaihis-Salam) in this month, pardoned him of his mistake, and Hazrat Noah's (Alaihis-Salam) Ark landed successfully on Mount Judi, and he saved Hazrat Ibrahim (Alaihis-Salam) from fire and rescued Hazrat Musa (Alaihis-Salam) from Pharaoh.

On the first of Muharram offer 2 rakats Nafl prayer. In each rakat after Surah Fateha recite Surah Ikhlas 3 times. After the Salam pray to Allah Ta'ala for all your needs and desires. From the blessing of this prayer, Allah Ta'ala will appoint an angel for such a person. The angel will guide him or her to do only good deeds and prevent them in engaging in sinful acts.On the eve of "Ashurah" offer 100 rakats Nafl. In each rakat recite Surah Ikhlas 3 times after Surah Fateha. After Salam recite first 'Kalimah' 100 times. Allah Ta'ala will forgive all the sins of such a person.

Workshop on capacity building for civil society organizations and some central provinces on the content of two published handbook for human rights of the United Nations system and civil society on human rights and how to keep track of the orders of the United Nations human rights mechanisms

Workshop on capacity building for civil society organizations and some central provinces on the content of two published handbook for human rights of the United Nations system and civil society on human rights and how to keep track of the orders of the United Nations human rights mechanisms was held On the 25<sup>th</sup> September of 2016 at human right's independent commission. The participants of this workshop were women and men from civil society, women right activist, other organizations and NECDO team. As per agenda the workshop started by the recitation of the holy Quran. After that the executive chief of human right's independent commission thanked UNAMA for this workshop. Then Mr. Ramizpor continued the workshop presentation through the Power Point and the program ended at 02:00PM. NECDO team was very active in this workshop, and the suggestions that gave to the UNAMA were appreciated.

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