



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**

NECDO Program for Youths

NECDO building youths:

NECDO hosted promote program trainees and oriented them about its past present activities and future plan for youth and women empowerment.



NECDO has always been keen to build up youths capacity and capabilities.

These youths are now in Indonesia to be trained in peace culture and return to Afghanistan with handful of experience and knowledge.



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, youth, women to Protect Women Rights Project

Objectives set for the Project:

To train 400 influential men (Imams and Community leaders) and youths and 200 women activists in 4 provinces of Kabul (2 districts), Ningarhar (where during this year there has been 30% increase in violence against women- there have been 72 cases registered this year), Parwan (where the violence of Bad, women burning has increased), Laghamn (where honor killing increased and less cases of women get registered due to traditional and cultural barriers)

To establish 4 networks (1 in each province) of men and youths who will work and protect women rights on volunteer basis

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 conduct a total of 16 Trainings (32 days) - (4 trainings of 2 full days for 100 individuals in the target provinces, 4 trainings of 2 days in each provinces comes to 8 days in which 25 people will be covered)

To hold one provincial workshop (Conference) in Kabul by the end of all the workshops and will bring together the beneficiaries to share their views and to make working strategies and establish their network (CWG)



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Annual Conference 2018 Role of Ulama in Durable Peace, Development and Economy

Executive Summary:

Nahdhat-Ulama Afghanistan has successfully conducted the annual conference 2018 for 100 Ulama and Women (members of NUA individuals and organization such as NECDO, WILPF, KNAHR, Imam Bokhari Madrasa, Hafsa Madrasa, ShamsulQuran Madrasa, Muddassir Madrasa) from almost all provinces of the country, with the technical and moral support of Indonesian Embassy, and UNWOMEN in Kabul.

NUA Shura members from Kabul, Representative from Indonesian Embassy, Ulama from Indonesia, Media groups, government bodies and security departments both male and female, women members of WILPF Afghanistan Group participated in the two day conference on the 11th and 12th of August 2018 under the theme (Role of Ulama in Durable Peace, Development and Economy).

NUA shura appointed a committee in advance to organize the event for the date (11th and 12th August 2018), the committee had done its job well and did all the arrangements. The issue was put forth through a former letter from NUA to the ministry of Haj (MoRA) and requested for support of the program at the same time MoFA and MoJ were informed by a formal letter from NUA to inform their concerned departments, and notify them.

The media local, national & international channels were communicated to provide coverage to the event on local, national and international level.

NUA is thankful to its respectable committee for the very good arrangement and communication they did for the conference.

NUA also highly appreciate Indonesian Embassy in particular His Excellency Mr. Arief Rachman the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, the people, the government and the embassy of Indonesia as well as UNWOMEN for their technical and financial support which made this program possible to be conducted.

The two day NUA Annual conference begin on Saturday 11th of August, 2018 under the title (Role of Ulama in Durable Peace, Development and Economy) was held in ASSA Hotel in Kabul City. The conference was attended by 100 Ulama (70 male and 30 women), members of NUA Shura (BD) from Kabul, other provinces, representative from Indonesian Embassy, media groups, Government authorities and member of the security department. The conference was successfully completed in the evening on the 12th of August; the Ulama showed their full support to the initiative and declared their readiness to work together with Afghanistan Government and likeminded organizations for Peace, reconciliation and development. The conference was concluded by a press release which emphasized on the role of NUA and Ulama in the peace process upholding the role of Indonesia in this process.

Views of some participants:

- Aziza a female participant wrote in her evaluation paper, "I learned 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 such events in the future".
- Quderatullah Lashkari one of the male Ulama wrote in his evaluation paper, "being part of this conference was a great privilege to me. It was really effective and helpful I learned a lot useful things. I request from organizers to arrange this kind of programs frequently".
- Tajuddin from Badkhhshan province other male Ulama wrote, "This conference made me hopeful to the future that Ulama can have a great impact on peace process. I suggest they arrange this type of conference in provinces as well in the future".
- Shogofa from Balkh province one of Women participants from Ulama wrote, "I am grateful and I thank the organizers of this conference from the bottom of my heart. As we all know in most the peace conferences and process women are not involved at all and I think having women participants in this conference was a great move. It was really great that we had women participants not only from Kabul but other provinces as well. I think we should have such conference to motivate women to be part of the peace process. The conference was really " " and useful I learned a lot from it".

WILPF Congress Opens by Welcoming Five New Sections

WILPF's 32nd International Triennial Congress has opened today. The Congress is the highest decision-making body of WILPF, and this year it is taking place in Accra, Ghana, from 20-22 August 2018. It is the first Congress to be hosted in Africa, and it is gathering more than 200 participants under the theme 'Building a Feminist Peace Movement'. WILPF's programmers and policies evolve from the Congress, where different points of view and experiences within WILPF are heard and incorporated into a genuinely global plan of action.

WILPF welcomes five new sections

WILPF's members either belong to National Sections or are international members. The first step to becoming a WILPF National Section is to be officially recognized as a WILPF National Group. New Sections and Groups are approved during the International Triennial Congress. On the first day of its 32nd International Triennial Congress, WILPF admitted five new Sections, four of which are from the African continent, and nine new groups in WILPF's peace-makers community. "As women from a conflict affected country and severely affected by these conflicts, our interest to become an official WILPF National Group emerged from the necessity of working within a global platform for bringing visibility to issues affecting women in Sudan," stated Ikhlas Babiker from WILPF Sudan Group, "WILPF is one of the most influential organizations for us to address the serious impacts of conflicts on women groups in the country and advocating for their right to participate in peace negotiations and peace building."

Eleven National Groups have been approved since the previous International Triennial Congress in 2015. In 2018, WILPF is welcoming five of them as new National Sections:

WILPF New National Sections

WILPF Afghanistan

WILPF Afghanistan aims to participate in the creation of an Afghanistan free from war and violence. Among the values guiding the work of the Section is the belief that a genuine and sustainable peace can only be achieved with women's participation within peace processes—a concept that is almost non-existent in Afghanistan. Indeed, while Afghan women have been severely and disproportionately affected by the long-lasting conflicts in their country, they have been kept away from peace-building processes. WILPF Afghanistan was formed with the aim of suppressing this injustice.



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