

Women's Engagement Strategy: Logar Province



Logar CCM Meeting

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Introduction

Women can play a particularly important role in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, and appreciates the positive contribution, women can make in post-conflict reconstruction and peace consolidation. Empowering women in conflict situations would help prevent gender-based violence such as the abominable crimes of rape, forced pregnancy, sexual slavery and others. These crimes are in contradiction with Sharia law and civil law of the country.

The Logar CCM urges the international community to ensure increased representation of women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management and resolution of major resource based conflicts related to women and men in Logar province.

Women participation on the CCM:

We are committed to expanding Logar women's involvement in the resolution of major resource conflicts, and increased number of women actively participating in Logar CCM, peace processes, and promoting peace, justice, and human rights in their communities. The Logar CCM would transfer conflict resolution skills, which is an important factor to increase women's role within the framework of any conflict resolution mechanism, so the Logar CCM can play an active role in the training of women leaders in the province. The Logar CCM also mentioned that conflicts between women could only be solved through women; therefore the women's part in the resolution of conflicts could not be taken by men.

Capacity building measures in the field of conflict resolution can mitigate the marginalization of women:

Until today, women do not have visible role in the resolution of community disputes and are mostly confined to the settling of quarrels inside their families and Reconciliation through traditional apology rites (female members of the culprit's family visiting the victim's family; symbolic delivery of sheep and other), Where there is only little open opposition to women's growing activities in Logar province. In this field a major obstacle is the general limitation of women's visibility in public life. The provision of special fora for women and implementation of capacity building measures can increase their visibility and acceptance of their handling of conflicts.

Next Step:

Rule of Law and women Rights:

The Logar CCM will help translate legal recognition of women's rights into real improvements in the lives of Logar women by ensuring rights are promoted and protected by Afghan justice systems. The Logar CCM also supports for traditional justice for improving women's rights. Traditional justice is not available in Logar province, but the current CCM can use traditional system in support of women's



rights. The CCM will also have close coordination and communication between formal and informal justice in order to protect and improve the rights of women in the society. Another step will be to monitor the laws and policies related to women in Logar province.

The Logar CCM recommends civil society's capacity building to;

- I. Advocate for women and monitor enforcement of laws protecting women, including the Elimination of Violence against Women law.
- II. The establishment of the Afghan Women Judges Association and development of an Afghan women lawyer's network in Logar province.
- III. Support Afghan enforcement efforts and legislation expanding rights.