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(1) Introduction to Afghanistan
(2) Women rights in Islam

• Before Islam, there was no value and respect for women. And even in some societies people were thinking women are the symbol of sin and misery, and they buried their daughters alive.
• But Islam created great respect and status for women. Women’s rights in Islam is equal as for men because the word of human is conceptually and formally include women and men.
• Holy Quran also introduced same word for men and women which is called All Nas in Arabic which means human in English.
(3) Women’s Social Challenges

① Bride-price (Walwor)

② Forced marriages of widows and minors

③ Giving girls for reconciliation

④ No value for women in family matters

⑤ Imposition of hard works on women
(4) Violence against Women

- Violence is a behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something is called violence.
- Violence is inelegance, intolerance, injustice, usurpation, insulting, disrespect, abomination, risk, torture, and violence is resource of war.
- Violence against women as a global adventure which consuming a lot of women in different countries. Violence against women is very high in uncivilized countries.
- Due to continuous war and other domestic problems and with following the local customs and traditions by our society, Afghanistan is also in list of countries where violence against women is very high.
Solutions for Violence against Women

• Promote a genuine culture of society in order to eliminate violence against women
• Raising public awareness about women's rights in Islam and in country's laws
• Effective use of scholars, tribal elders and mullahs in order to eliminate violence
• Transparent and rapid access of women to justice.
• Awareness of people through media about shocking results of violence on society.
1) Roles of Women Police

As half of our society is women and having only men police is not enough. Male police cannot conduct women’s search and other security operations alone. Sometimes they cannot deal with violence against women effectively.

All afghans want to live in peaceful condition with effective system in strong law enforcement agencies where their women police officers are also able to play a role.

The role of women police in society is to fight against violence against women, forced marriages, bride price before marriage, sexual abuse and honor killings.
Due to political situation in past, role of women police was very small. Even in 1995 during Taliban period, women were prohibited from working as police.

For more than one decade, Afghan government and international donors took positive steps towards rebuilding of Afghan National Police including the formation of women police units in order to provide security to families and specially for women to get their trust and confidence.

Among the security mission in which women police contribution is ongoing are: women body search, house search, fingerprint, investigation from female criminals, inspection of women sites and providing security for girls schools.
2) Challenges of Women Police

1. Cultural issues to join police force
2. Illiteracy and lack of capacity among women police, preventing their assignment in high positions in different levels of government organizations
3. Lack of female instructors and female experts
4. Political problems
5. Lack of literacy among the majority of women
6. Social and cultural problems
3) Recruitment of Women police

- The parentage of women police is increased in Ministry of Interior (MOI): currently 1% of afghan national police is women.
- Based on MOI’s Ten Years Strategy, number of women police will increased to 10,000. MOI is implementing this plan in three terms, in short-term plan we will recruits 2,500 women police, in the medium term 5,000 women police, and in long term 10,000 women police in next ten years.
- The process of recruiting women police is currently ongoing in MOI.
4) Women Police Council

- Women police council providing necessary support for women police officer who working with different units of MOI, they also, coordinating women police activities, in provincial levels, they supervising women police relationships with male police officers and their seniors, they also addressing and resolving their problems and reporting their needs to high rank officials in MOI.

- In general, goals of women police councils are to protect women police rights based on principles.
5) Department of Gender, Children and Human Rights, MOI

- Recruiting policy for women police officer
- Coordination policy and action plan of women police.
- Integration strategy and implementation plan of women police.
- Policy for providing necessary work facilities for women police personnel
- Formation of women police special unit
- Establishment of Complaints Office (Helpline) for women police
- Establishment of human rights office in Kabul police academy
- Inclusion of action against violence subject in national police academy education program
6) Women Police Special Unit

- Formation of women police special unit in MOI structure in 2011; by capacity of 15 women police officer, who are recruited after graduation from high school of ministry of education.
- They are now contributing in security operation with security forces in all over Afghanistan.
Thank you