

# Happiness & Sustainability Around the Earth

**Role of CSOs in the Peace  
Process with a special focus  
on Women**

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# Civil Society in Afghanistan

- In the last 20 years we have seen expansion of civil society in Afghanistan, today we have 2,660 CSOs and 2,500 NGOs registered on a national level and many others registered on provincial levels;
- ACBAR has 152 NGO members – national and international – 30,000 staff of whom 25% are women. Out of 80 national NGOs, 22% are led by women;
- Women have started to play an increasingly strong role in society and government;
- Women account for 24% of civil servants, 28% of parliamentarians, 30% of teachers and 74% of health facilities have at least 1 woman health worker



# SDG Indicators for Women in Afghanistan 2016-2020

- Goal 5 - gender equality – in parliament 23% women in 2016 to be increased to 24% in 2020, in local government 6% women staff to increase to 8%, and women in management positions from 10.7% to 13%;
- Goal 5 – reduce discrimination and violence against women – 56% are victims of violence, sexual or psychological abuse from partners in 2016 – to be reduced to 53% in 2020;
- Goal 2 – end hunger - 40.9% of children under 5 with malnutrition in 2016 to be reduced to 36.5% in 2020;
- Goal 3 – healthy lives – women dying in childbirth – 661 per 100,000 live births, (231,350 per year) reduced to 450 per 100,000 live births by 2020.
- Goal 4 – Education – increase literacy among 15-24 year old women from 38.7% in 2016 to 44% in 2020



# Role of CSOs in Peace Process

- Many CSOs are filling gaps in government services and meeting humanitarian needs
- Human rights and rights of Afghan citizens has developed in the last 2 decades
- Development is a slow process in a conflict situation – one year of war = 20 years of peace
- Woman cannot be forgotten, the modern generation in Afghanistan has much better understanding of the global world
- Women are the solution to the future in Afghanistan



