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**“The Cycle of Struggle”, A Human Security Perspective on Afghanistan's IDP Women's Report Findings.  
Launch Report.**

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| <b>Description/Purpose: Launch of “The Cycle of Struggle”, A Human Security Perspective on Afghanistan's IDP Women's Report Findings,</b> |                  |                      |                                     |
| Date:   | 3/9/2018         | Time:                | 1:15PM- 4:00Pm                      |
|   |                  | Location:            | Serena Hotel, Ball Room Hall, Kabul |
| Dial-in Number:   | Phone n/a        | Dial-in Access Code: | n/a                                 |
| Scribe:   | Fatema Kohestani | Chair:               | Zarqa Yaftali                       |
|   |                  | Facilitator:         | WRN and NRC                         |

| <b>First Session: Opening &amp; Presentations</b> |  | <b>Time 13:00 to 14:15</b>  |
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| #   | <b>Original Agenda Item Name and Purpose</b>   | <b>Facilitated By</b>   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks &amp; Introduction of WRN</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zarqa Yaftaly Director of Women &amp; Children Legal Research Foundation and Board Member of WRN</li> </ul>                                |
| 1   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRC intervention on IDPs, in Takhar and Kunduz</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRC Representative</li> </ul>  |
| 2   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of The Cycle of Struggle, a Human Security Perspective on Afghanistan’s IDP Women Report findings</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humaira Saqib, Director of Women News Agency and Core Member of WRN &amp; Fatema Kohistani, WRN Afghanistan Country Coordinator</li> </ul> |
| <b>Second Session : Speech &amp; Q&amp;A</b>      |  | <b>Time: 14:15 to 15:30</b>   |
| 4   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitment of CEO’s office on the implementation of the report’s recommendations</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Abdullah Abdullah the Chief Executive Officer of the National Unity Government</li> </ul>  |
| 5   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoWA’s Program and Strategy Plan to support Women IDPs</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delbar Nazari, Minister of Women’s Affairs</li> </ul>  |
| 7   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitment of the MoRR on the implementation of the National IDP policy and coordination with the other stakeholders</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mher Khuda Sabar, Acting Deputy Minister for Policy and Plan at MoRR</li> </ul>  |
| 8   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of humanitarian aid organizations and civil society on</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Nayamandi - Country Director of NRC</li> </ul>   |

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|    | emergency response and commitment to the report recommendations.                                    |  |
| 9  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of CSOs Activities to protect IDPs Women</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Shahla Farid, University Professor, and Women Affairs analyst</li> </ul>                                 |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question, &amp; Answer</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WRN and NRC</li> </ul>  |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conclusion</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zarqa Yaftaly Director of Women &amp; Children Legal Research Foundation and Board Member of WRN</li> </ul> |

### **Brief introduction of Launch:**

On 2nd September 2018, the Women’s Regional Network launched the Afghanistan Community Conversation report at Kabul Serena Hotel with the support of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), The participants were CEO, Deputy Minister of MoRR, Directors of different organization, Member of HPC, UN representatives, representative of UNOCHA, representative of UNHCR, several members of WRN, Afghan civil society, diplomats from Japan and Norway embassy, Country Director of NRC, NRC Management team, and member of DiREC.

The conference started with opening remarks by Ms. Zarqa Yaftali the Board Member of WRN and facilitated by Ms. Humaira Saqib, Director of the Afghan Women’s News Agency and (AWNA) and Core Member of WRN. Brief presentation of CC Report’s finding by Humari saqib and Fatema Kohistani, the Country Coordinator of WRN in Afghanistan. Furthermore, speech was delivered by H.E Dr. Abdullah Abdullah the Afghan Unity Government CEO, Mr Mer Khuda Sabar the Acting Deputy Minister for Policy and Plan of MoRR, and Ms Shakila Nazari the director of Information and Relation at MoWA and also we had speaker from non-governmental organization’s leaders such Mr Nayamandi the Country Director of NRC and Mrs. Shahla Farid Member of HPC and Women Affairs Analyst.

### **Welcome remarks:**

Zarqa Yaftali started her speech with welcoming of CEO, panelist and the participant to the conference, and briefed the participants on WRN activities in Afghanistan, she also spoke about community conversation that WRN is conducting every year; furthermore she introduced the agenda to the participant.



Figure 1: Opening remarks by Zarqa Yaftaly

Mr. Nayamandi - Country Director of NRC, point out the reasons, behind their support and to co-sponsored the launch of WRN's CC report, he said that the report is comprehensive, and covering almost all dimensions of the IDP women's challenges and is very technical. So that is why NRC decided to co-sponsor the launch of this report. He mentioned that NRC is working with IDPs and IDPs women's and he explained some of NRC's activities in Kabul and provinces, NRC are working.



Figure 2: Mr Nayamandi Country Director of NRC

Humaira Saqib briefed the participants on the demography of IDPs in the World, region and Afghanistan and why those camps were selected for this study and then followed by the presentation of the methodology of the Community Conversation, the key findings of research, key quotes and the recommendation to government officials, NGOs, INGOs and local activists by WRN country coordinator Fatema Kohistani.



Figure 3: Humaira Saqib & Fatema Kohistan Presenting the CC Report

## Speech & Q&A

### Commitment of CEO's office on the implementation of the report's recommendations

DR. Abdulla Abdullah appreciated the work of WRN and thanked WRN for their hard work for Afghanistan women's. He also added that the implementation of the National IDP Policy as a matter of urgent and immediate national priority for Government. He suggested presenting the finding of this report to DiREC Committee Members, and he is going to order the committee to try to implement the research recommendation.

The CEO also stressed about good coordination among DiREC Committee Member, and added that the NUG will develop some shelters for IDPs and said that we will make sure that the recommendation of this report is implemented by the all relevant organization.

The CEO added that the IDPs challenges needs argent action and he is going to order the committee to work hardly for IDPs, especially the women IDPs in the camp that WRN conduct Community Conversations.



Figure 4:H.E Dr Abdullah Abdullah the CEO of NUG, commitment on the implementation of CC report recommendations.

### Commitment of the MoRR on the implementation of the National IDP policy and coordination with the other stakeholders:

The acting Deputy minister for Policy and plan of MoRR, spoke about the challenges of policy implementation and he approved the findings of WRN research report, he added that changes in government official who involves in IDPs issue are the main challenges on the implementation of National IDP policy, he mentioned that it is difficult to MoRR to raise awareness of every official whose position change very

frequently. He also asked the relevant stakeholders, to advocate for the fund allocation for the implementation of the policy to Ministry of Finance, he also stressed that all line ministries should play their role on the implementation of policy, like ministry of Education should play its role on educating IDP's children, health care should be taken care by ministry of Public Health with an explicit mechanism etc. He added that the emergency aids are based on the urgent needs of IDPs, but there is not sustainable developing assistance by the aid organization which makes the problem more and more. He mentioned that they received an order from the President for the registration of IDPs to get ID card (Tazkara) the program is going to start very shortly. He also said that the National Action Plan for the policy implementation will be develop in near future and as soon as they get fund for it, they will implement and will be at the priority of MoRR activity.



Figure 5: Mr Sabar Acting DM for Policy & Plan of MoRR

### **MoWA's Program and Strategy Plan to support Women IDPs**

As per the agenda, the minister of MoWA was the next speaker, but due to other priorities, she could not participate in the conference and replaced by Ms. Shakila Nazari - Director of Information and Relation at MoWA, she also delivered speech and point out the role of MoWA on Policy implementation, she point out that the roles of MoWA on the implementation and development of Policy, and re-affirmed the MoWA support and coordination on the implementation of policy.

### **Role of humanitarian aid organizations and civil society on emergency response and commitment to the report recommendations.**

Mr. Nayamandi - Country Director of NRC spoke on the intervention of NRC in Afghanistan, what NRC is

doing and the provinces covers by NRC and he played a documentary video which showed their activities for IDP Women in Faryab and Kabul, he also mentioned that NRC implementing a project call cash base intervention to IDP women to make shelters in Dasht-E- Barchi, Kabul, he also point out about the IDPs challenges which need immediate attention by CSOs and relevant organizations, he added that the relevant organizations along with CSOs can have a crucial role on enhancing awareness about National IDP Policy for stakeholders, furthermore he presented the latest NRC's report on the IDP issue,

### **Analysis of CSOs Activities to protect IDPs Women,**

Shahla Farid member of HPC, and Women Human Rights Activist, Analyzed the women condition in the camp, and shared the advocacy plan for IDPs, she developed, and explained the different challenges IDP women are facing such as access to education, health care, shelter, etc.

She also added that we have a very good policy, but from the gender point view its needs to be revise, she also mentioned that the challenges in WRN community conversation report should be address and MoRR should use those recommendation in CC report and develop a mechanism to implement it., she also added that the CSOs may have an active role in the policy implementation and added that the organization should make shadow report like AWN is doing for NAP 1325.



Figure 6; Ms Shahla Farid, University Professor, and Women Affairs Analyst

### **Recommendation:**

The conference participant would like to pose the following recommendations to be considered by the National Unity Government and International Community to change the life of IDPs women.

- The National Unity Government is should issue Tazkera (ID card) to the IDPs, keeping in mind that the Tazkera should be given to the real Afghanistan especially at the borders of the country.
- The National Unity Government should have clear mechanism to identity the emergency IDPs and prolonged IDPs, and the shelter should be distributed to long term IDPs.
- WRN should follow up the recommendation of the report with relevant organizations.
- The INGOs should give priorities to the women IDPs, especially on the micro finance programs, to

build employment and reduce the financial dependency of IDPs women.



Figure 7: Conference Participants

Figure 8: Conference Participants

### **Follow Up**

- Advocacy for the proposed recommendation
- Communicating the findings with relevant stakeholders
- Follow up on the implementation of National IDP plan with ministry of finance for budget allocation and relevant ministry for the implementation.

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