PROMOTE: MUSHARIKAT

SEPTEMBER 2015 – SEPTEMBER 2020

$29.5 MILLION

OVERVIEW

Musharikat, which means ‘partnership’ or ‘participation’ in Dari and Pashto, is designed to build a cadre of 5,000 activists and 300 civil society organizations (CSOs) from all 34 provinces to more effectively advocate for and advance women’s equality and empowerment in Afghanistan.

ACTIVITIES

- Build constituencies among national, provincial, and local activists and civil society organizations (CSOs) focused on promoting women’s equality and empowerment.
- Strengthen more effective advocacy for women’s equality and empowerment.
- Increase awareness of, and support for, women’s rights in all 34 provinces in Afghanistan.
- Increase the effectiveness of civil society and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) in the development and implementation of gender policies, laws, and regulations.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recruited 357 CSOs and 3,832 individuals for coalition membership.
- Conducted meetings and trainings on advocacy-related topics with more than 17,980 individuals, including youth, community leaders, religious leaders, students, teachers, government officials, and civil society activists.
- Actively engaged key GoIRA officials and civil society stakeholders to work with Musharikat on coalition activities, including national peace summits.
- Actively supported women in the peace process, including Doha negotiation representatives, through advocacy-based persuasion training and a women’s agenda.
- Awarded 33 advocacy grants to Afghan CSOs, many of which operate in remote and marginalized communities, to raise awareness of women’s rights and advocate for change at the national and sub-national level.
- Established an innovative virtual information exchange and communications platform, the Musharikat Knowledge Management Platform, to engage coalition members.

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