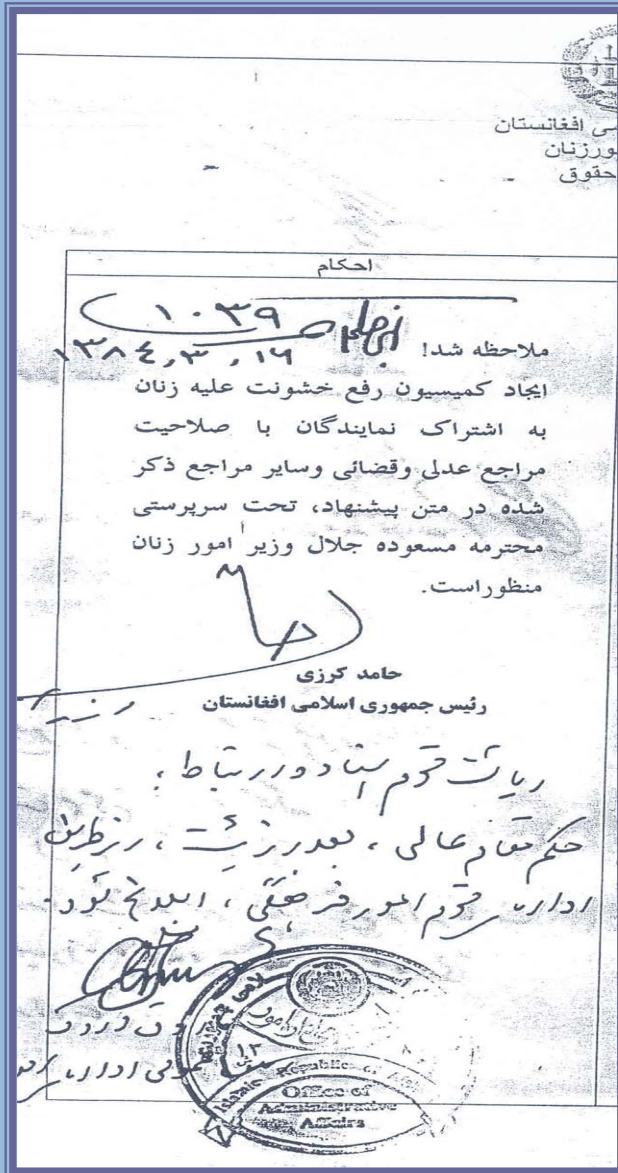


President's order on forming the EVAW commission



History of the EVAW commission

- To improve the social status of women in Afghanistan and to reach an overall solution, the legal department of the Ministry of Women's Affairs in cooperation with all stakeholders, discussed ways out of the problem during a one day workshop titled "how to help women under violence". The workshop with 30 high ranking participants from the Supreme Court, Attorney Generals' Office, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, Justice Reform Commission, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Haj, and Ministry of Women's Affairs, was held on Nov 24th in the conference room of MoWA to welcome the International Day on Violence against Women.
- The participants demanded an inter-ministerial commission to be formed which will have good achievements in regards to ending violence against women. This commission was named Elimination of Violence against Women Commission (EVAW).



Role of EVAW Commission in decreasing and eliminating violence against women



Mission

The EVAW Commission's mission is to identify, analyze and in cooperation with the involved agencies put efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women so that in accordance with the Constitution, gender equality and justice is achieved.



Goals and strategies of EVAW Commission

0. Civic education, advocacy and promotion of the culture of eliminating violence against women
 - Promotion through mosques
 - Inclusion of well behavior and avoiding violence against women subjects in the curriculum
 - Workshops for parents and facilitators of social services
 - Promotion through media
 - Empower leadership of women
 - Research on reasons and roots of violence against women
0. Access to justice
 - Creation of identification and registration centers for victims of violence against women and referring to the respective agencies
 - Prioritizing violence against women cases in the justice and judicial institutions
 - Creation of monitoring, reporting and evaluating systems for drafting and enforcing laws on elimination of violence against women
 - Support establishment of special family courts in the provinces
 - Support free legal services
0. Protection of endangered women victims
 - Establishment of shelters
 - Support the enforcement of the law on extradition of convicted citizens
 - Monitor the enforcement of the law on violence against women
0. Prepare statistics of the women victims of violence and appropriate relevant measures
 - Make efforts that the law on extradition is enforced
 - Support provision of vocational trainings for women in danger and victims
 - Support provision of social services and job creation for women in danger and victims in terms of psychological services and advises
0. Empower commission structures (Strength and Effectiveness)
 - Re-organize the commission (including the establishment of provincial offices)
 - Capacity building (including the strengthening and empowerment of the secretariat)
 - Develop and create mechanisms of coordination in and outside the commission
 - Attract and manage resources

Achievements of the EVAW commission

According to the strategic plan, each member organization has been assigned with specific duties which have been implemented accordingly. All the member organizations are executors of the law. If the law is enforced, violence will decrease. It's been 2 years and 6 months since the commission has been established. The major achievements are the implementation of commission goals and objectives in a proper conduct.

What are the achievements of the commission?

- Awareness on legal issues in the capital and provinces through 800 mosques by Mullahs
- Awareness on legal issues of women and reduction of violence through mass media (Radio Afghanistan, National TV, Afghan Film Department, publications, messages and slogan)
- In accordance with Shari'a and Afghan Constitution, men and women are equal against the law. If an employee of the Supreme Court acts in conflict with Shari'a and the Constitution, he will be identified, warned and if repeated, will be punished.
- Bad, Badal, forced marriage, inheriting widows and depriving women from inheritance are all un-Islamic acts against which courts will take measures in the light of Shari'a and the Constitution.
- Facilities to be provided for registering marriages and divorces in the capital and provincial courts. An employee to be designated as registrar of marriages and divorces in the courts. They must be provided with marriage and divorce forms in return of the price specified by the government.
- Publication of 140 advocacy and explanatory statements on women's rights
- Publication of 75 advocacy and explanatory messages on women's rights
- Publication of 55 advocacy and dramatic dialogues on women's rights
- Conducting 7 round tables on women's rights
- Advocacy to eliminate or reduce unacceptable Cultural and traditional acts on women's legal cases in the courts.
- Collect statistics of crimes and cases in the divisions of the Supreme Court and its relevant courts.
- Implement the reduction of mother and child mortality project
- Build waiting rooms in maternity wards in 8 provinces

EVAW commission Secretariat's strategic plan

Objectives	Activities	requirements	date	Implementing Agency
Build capacity of the commission secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop monitoring system ▪ Report & evaluate commission members performance ▪ Set up office ▪ Recruit professional staff 	Provide the required budget	Quarter of the year	MoWA and other stakeholders
Conduct commission's regular quarterly meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manage administrative affairs of the commission ▪ Obtain & provide reports on agencies' activities ▪ Arrange commission meetings in emergency cases ▪ Notify other stakeholders with the Commission decisions 	//	//	MoWA, commission secretariat
Enrich & finalize the EVAW strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee is mandated ▪ Empower commission structure in collecting recommendations & views of commission members and other stakeholders 	//	//	Commission secretariat & members
Organize & manage national & international conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collect comments and recommendations on managing conferences 	//	Third quarter of the year	MoWA and commission secretariat
Integrate plans & projects of all ministries on reduction of violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaise with member agencies to collect plans ▪ Compile plans & projects of members for integration ▪ Integrate plans & submit to the relevant authorities 	//	On quarterly bases	Commission secretariat & other stakeholders
Draft project proposal in order to raise fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare proposals to accelerate activities ▪ Invite donors in order to have proposals accepted 	//	Regular	Commission secretariat & other stakeholders
Propose to establish commission offices in the provinces & draft their terms of reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Select professional staff in the provinces ▪ Develop capacities of provincial staff ▪ Monitor & evaluate 	//	Fourth quarter	Commission secretariat & other stakeholders
Develop capacity building & coordination programs for commission members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collect proposal ▪ Manage capacity building programs ▪ Collect recommendations on the shortcomings 	Coordination meetings	regular	Commission secretariat & other stakeholders
Develop monitoring programs to monitor ministries & NGOs' activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A monitoring system ▪ Liaise & communicate with member agencies to collect reports ▪ Evaluate and monitor implementation of the plan 	//	//	MoWA