


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Afghanistan
Project Name	Access to the Right to Property, Inheritance, and Land for Women			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Women and Children Legal Research Foundation			Grant ID: 1355
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Economic Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Access to economic rights (land, property and inheritance)			
Grant Amount	\$161,920	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$161,920			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Parliamentarians
Civil Society	AWN, ACSF, Medica Mondial, CSHRN Rights and Democracy, UN , AIHRC , donors

Programme Summary
While the issue of violence against women in Afghanistan is well-known, the denial of women's economic rights —particularly women's land, property and inheritance rights — has been largely ignored, in spite of the strong linkages that exist between violence against women and the lack of economic rights. As part of a holistic approach, the programme seeks to strengthen women's economic rights which customs and traditional practice deny to women in spite of certain legal protections under Sharia.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Draft Strategy to engender Civil Law Provisions (for women's access to economic rights)	Law and Strategy	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	High
Family Law	Law	2011	Gender Mainstreaming	Low

General Programme Goal
Increased number of women in Afghanistan exercise their land, property and inheritance rights.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: By the last quarter of 2011, MOWA accepts for further discussion a comprehensive strategy for implementation of Civil Law provisions on women's economic rights.

Main Achievements
<p>During the first year of implementation, the programme has progressed in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers gathered data in 10 provinces on women's right to land, property and inheritance (around 6000 questionnaires for three target group respondents). A 2010 Research Report included analysis and recommendations. These activities provided evidence to assess women's access to economic rights, and a baseline for drafting the Strategy for improving Women's Access to Economic Rights in Afghanistan. • The programme encourages community-level advocacy, with the goal to increase dialogue and awareness on women's economic rights. • During 2011, the programme will work on creating an enabling environment for the implementation of the Strategy on the Improvement of the Women's Access to Economic Rights. This policy document will be completed through broad consultations with all stakeholders in order to receive political consensus.

Key Highlights

The Programme is an excellent example of community-based research.