

## Neswan Social Association



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### 2018 activities report

#### Neswan Social Association activities

Neswan social association has always tried to increase the women capacity improvement and its goal is women empowerment, employment opportunities and financial independence.

##### 2018 agreements:

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 an agreement between Neswan Social Association and HELP international organization was signed which according to it 5000 euros was spent on purchasing equipment and facilities for the association and two beauty hair dressing classes were supported by Help organization where 45 women participated in these classes. The members of these classes also benefited from transportation and food donation of PFW. The agreement ended on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.



From July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 an agreement between Neswan Social Association and UNHCR organization was signed which 8 trainees were recommended to Neswan by financial donation of UNCIAR to work. According to these agreement UNHCR had to pay 100 dollars for each trainee. This agreement started from the February 1<sup>st</sup> and finished in the end of July 2018.

## Signing an agreement between Neswan Social Association and TERRE DES FEMMES

And in July 2018 Neswan Social Association signed an agreement with TERRE DES FEMMES which according to it 6000 euros was paid by TDF for creating a website and staff salary and other office expenditures from 2018/07/01 to 2019/07/30.



## **Social activities**

### Celebrating March 8<sup>th</sup>

In March 8<sup>th</sup> a celebration and an exhibition were opened in the association so besides celebrating of March 8<sup>th</sup> the women handcrafts would be exhibited which was welcomed by many women. 500 women participated in this ceremony.



### Gender seminar

Gender is an introduction of gender equality which with that we can have a united community (men and women) together. A seminar under the same title for gender equality in schools and among teachers was held in Neswan Social Association. In this seminar gender division, gender behavior, culture role and... were discussed. The number of participants was 20. This seminar under the name of Gender was held by Herat University and Neswan Social Association for four days from 2018/09/10 to 2018/09/13 and certificates were given to the participants.





Holding art and handcrafts exhibition:

On the date 2018/08/25 an exhibition was held in Neswan Social Association. In the exhibition women handcrafts (Keshida, Khamak, embroideries and different kinds of crocheting), paintings and special Afghan embroideries were exhibited. 15 women exhibited their products. 490 people visited the exhibition and purchased 500 euros for the products.





## Clothes exhibitio

On the date 2018/09/23 Neswan Social Association could hold the clothes exhibition for the first time in Herat province. 18 women participated as Model in the fashion show which was not done before in Herat. This program was a big taboo breaking because in Herat province concerts and jobs such as Modelling and holding these programs are known taboo.



25<sup>th</sup> November the international day for elimination of violence against women

On November 24<sup>th</sup> a seminar on giving awareness related to common violence against women was held in Neswan Social Association. And on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 118 women from Neswan Social Association while they were wearing orange bracelets and with flags with the motto (make the world orange) and (listen my voice) went to the ceremony which was held by Herat province.



Exporting the embroideries to overseas

Neswan Social Association has sent the handmade embroideries of women with help of Miss Pascal a member of DAI to Germany from 2010 and they are being sold by Miss Pascal. 40 women are working in this project and they got 3490 euros in 2018. Each woman's income reached 90 euros.

### Financial donation of DAI

On the date 2018/03/10 DAI paid 1940 euros for installing solar system which using them made comforts and decreased the electricity costs in Neswan Social Association.

### **Neswan Social Associations activities supported financially by TDF organization**

Creating website By financial donation we've got from TERRE DES FEMMES, we made a website for the association which the link is mentioned. ([www.NeswanAssociation.com](http://www.NeswanAssociation.com) )

This website besides helping us getting familiarity with technology of communication helped us to use this technology for following our goals and we can communicate with a lot of women in this site.

Training and vocational activities under financial donation of TDF organization				
Number	Name of Classes	Number of classes	Age	Number of person
1	<b>Khamak</b>	<b>2 Classes</b>	<b>25-45</b>	<b>53</b>
2	<b>Knitting</b>	<b>2 Classes</b>	<b>25-45</b>	<b>52</b>
3	<b>Tailoring</b>	<b>3 classes</b>	<b>18-30</b>	<b>70</b>
4	<b>Computer</b>	<b>3 Classes</b>	<b>14-35</b>	<b>57</b>
5	<b>Literacy</b>	<b>4 Classes</b>	<b>27-65</b>	<b>72</b>
6	<b>English</b>	<b>6 Classes</b>	<b>14-45</b>	<b>200</b>
7	<b>Beauty parlor</b>	<b>1 Class</b>	<b>20-35</b>	<b>15</b>
8	<b>Roban doozy</b>	<b>1 Class</b>	<b>20- 35</b>	<b>10</b>
9	<b>Cake baking</b>	<b>1 Class</b>	<b>18 - 40</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total of women in project of TDF</b>				<b>548</b>



### **Visiting Neswan Social Association by Habiba Sarabi**

Madam Sarabi deputy head of high peace council and senior advisor in women affairs administration visited Neswan Social Association in December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

Madam Sarabi with her accompanying board during their travel in Herat province visited Neswan Social Association. She was pleased with Neswan Social Association activities and expressed hope for Afghan women future and peace in the country.



### **Insecurity and peace:**

One of the major concerns of women is the bad situation of security. Security and improvement is directly related to all areas especially for women improving situations. Unfortunately bad security condition caused the rapid withdraw of international organizations and investors from Afghanistan so it harmed the economic situation of people. Insecurity and economic crisis both threatens women. Forced marriage, female children marriage are all caused by these problems.



## Peace:

In these days a gathering of Afghan elders are working on peace negotiation with Taliban in Moscow. This case is maybe a hope for some people but Afghan women are worried about the negotiation. Taliban's return to government is not out of fear for women. This case makes active women by social networks such as Face book, tweeter and others with hashtags women do not comeback, warn the negotiators that the Taliban's return must not be with their Taliban rule but Taliban must accept women rights.



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