

INCEPTION OF BAYAN II – AFGHANISTAN

In March, the Gender Concerns Regional Coordinator travelled to Afghanistan to assist with the first inception workshop of our project “Bayan II – Inclusive Governance and Improved Security through Policy in Afghanistan”. For this project Gender Concerns International formed a consortium in the Netherlands with Oxfam Novib and Cordaid, and works together with eight local Afghan partner organisations. [Read more...](#)

DID YOU KNOW? Women in Myanmar have traditionally had more freedoms than other women in South-East Asia. They retain their name after marriage, wear no wedding rings and have property rights. Yet, there is no adequate legal protection from domestic abuse of women and children and women are still unable to obtain high-ranking positions within the political and economic sector. There is still much work to be done in Myanmar; help us support women’s democratic voice in this fast developing country!



PRESENTATION OF GENDER ELECTION MONITORING (GEM) MISSION REPORT TUNISIA



Ibticem Kamoun - Program Manager Gender Concerns, Mr. Chafik Sarsar - President of the Tunisian Independent High Authority for the Elections (ISIE) and Sabra Bano - Director Gender Concerns

On 27 March 2015 Gender Concerns presented the final report of the Gender Election Monitoring mission in Tunisia 2014. The GEM mission was the largest international observation mission in Tunisia to observe the 2014 parliamentary and presidential elections.

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THE EUROPEAN UNION REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO LIBYAN WOMEN

Gender Concerns International organised a meeting between Ms Suzanne Kodsi, the Head of Operations of the European Union in Libya, and a group of Libyan activists, including former members of the General National Congress and a senior civil servant, as part of their visit to Tunis, to allow the EU to hear first-hand of the challenges in Libya. [Read more...](#)

GENDER CONCERNS SUPPORTS WOMEN IN MYANMAR IN ONGOING PATH TO DEMOCRACY!

Gender Concerns International is currently conducting a Pre-Election Needs Assessment Mission in Myanmar to explore the possibility of launching a Gender Election Observation Mission (GEOM) for the upcoming elections in fall 2015. This is part of our ongoing exciting expansion to new countries and initiatives to support the rights of women around the globe. [Read more...](#)



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Presentation of gender-sensitive constitution for Libya

At the Gender Concerns event to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) 2015 the gender-sensitive Constitution Libya was publicly presented. This document represents a milestone for women in Libya who have worked relentlessly for their rights to be included in the new Constitution. This document is currently under consideration by the Libyan Constitutional Drafting Assembly (CDA).

[Read the Gender Sensitive Constitution Libya](#)



WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM IS CELEBRATED 100 YEARS!



The International Conference – Women's Power to Stop War on Peace-building connected, strengthened and celebrated the work of women peacemakers all over the world. The three day conference gathered women activists, policy-makers and many more and recognised the hard work and efforts made by women worldwide to strive for a peaceful world.

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WORLD SOCIAL FORUM – WOMEN AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN LIBYA WORKSHOP

Gender Concerns attended the *Women and Democratic Transition* workshop hosted by the Association of Tunisian Women for Research and Development (AFTURD) to discuss current challenges in Libya including the implementation of women's rights in the new Constitution and the need to transition to democracy peacefully. [Read more...](#)



DUTCH NATIONAL ACTION PLAN II & III REVIEW, BRAINSTORM AND KICK-OFF

Gender Concerns is active at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and WO=MEN meetings to collect and review recommendations for the next National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security. Civil society organisations have provided input on how to improve and more effectively implement UNSCR 1325 in the Netherlands and abroad. As the current NAP II is ending this year, the time has come to review what was successful and what could be improved in the new NAP II, which will run from 2016 until 2019.

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WOMEN & HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS VISIT GENDER CONCERNS FROM PAKISTAN

Fostering new potential consortiums

On 21 April 2015 Gender Concerns hosted, in cooperation with the Embassy of Pakistan to the Netherlands, a delegation of women's rights activists from Pakistan. These delegates visited The Hague to attend the 100 Year Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Conference – Women Stop War. Gender Concerns staff and the Pakistan delegation discussed at length about the work of women rights activists in Pakistan, the challenges they face, the diligent work they perform and how to improve the effectiveness of their work and make a larger impact on a national level.

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IN MEMORIAM

Gender Concerns International stands with the women of Balochistan, Pakistan and expresses its condolences to the family and supporters of civil rights activist Sabeen Mahmud. Gender Concerns pays tribute to Ms Mahmud's work in Pakistan and the hard campaigning she dedicated to the high-risk areas of Karachi and Balochistan. Gender Concerns recognised the dedicated work of Ms Mahmud in organising Pakistan's first ever hackathon and the establishment of her peace-focused and human rights non-profit known as The Second Floor (T2F).

We wish our fellow women colleagues' strength in these difficult times. The murder of Ms Mahmud highlights the adverse and critical context within which women activists work in Pakistan. Although one voice was silenced, women activists will continue to work hard for women's empowerment in Pakistan!



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