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### AFGHANISTAN



**20 years of hard work in Afghanistan to acknowledge, accept and support women's rights have been a rewarding exercise for all those involved, says director Sabra Bano**

With the fall of Kabul, emerging testimonies of resilience and bravery of women from Afghanistan are a genuine tribute to the international women's movement. The global wave of gender equality moves forward even in the face of ideological barricades, as the recent protests led by women in Afghanistan have witnessed. We salute the heroism of women in Afghanistan, she stated.

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**Afghan Country Coordinator and family provided with safe passage to the Netherlands**

Our Country Coordinator Mr. Tofan and his family have safely arrived in the Netherlands after their evacuation from Kabul.

We are grateful to the Dutch Ministry, the Crisis Management Team and all staff on the ground for their brilliant support and for providing Women's Human Rights defenders with safe passage from Afghanistan.

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### THE NETHERLANDS



**The Netherlands' 2021 elections historical for women, but obstacles remain**

The GEOM NL 2021 Final Report, which includes key recommendations to encourage female political participation, has now been released. The Mission has found that despite a rise in women leadership in political parties, obstacles remain and proportional representation of women voters in parliament has not yet been reached.

## MOROCCO



### Director Sabra Bano meets with Ms Amina Bouayach, President of CNDH during GEOM Morocco 2021

Before election day Director and Head of Mission Sabra Bano met with Ms Amina Bouayach, President of the Moroccan National Human Rights Council, after being invited to observe the 2021 elections from a distinct gender perspective.

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### GEOM Morocco 2021 marks 10 years of gender election observation in the country

The Gender Election Observation Mission (GEOM) Morocco 2021 marks 10 years of commitment to the fight for gender equality and democracy. An all-female team of 7 international observers set out to observe the Legislative, Regional and Municipal Elections in Morocco held on 8th September 2021.

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### GEOM Morocco speaks to media in Rabat, Fes and Casablanca

There has been significant media coverage of the GEOM Morocco 2021, during and after election day in [Rabat](#), [Fes](#) and [Casablanca](#). The Mission's preliminary report, in which the initial findings can be found, has now been released on our website.

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## LIBYA



### Libya: Re-opening of German Embassy in Tripoli positive sign for upcoming elections

On the 9th of September, the German Embassy in Libyan capital Tripoli was reopened in the presence of German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, after being closed since 2014. We congratulate the German Embassy and are eager to return to the ground and continue to support women's rights like the organisation has done [before](#).

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## TUNISIA

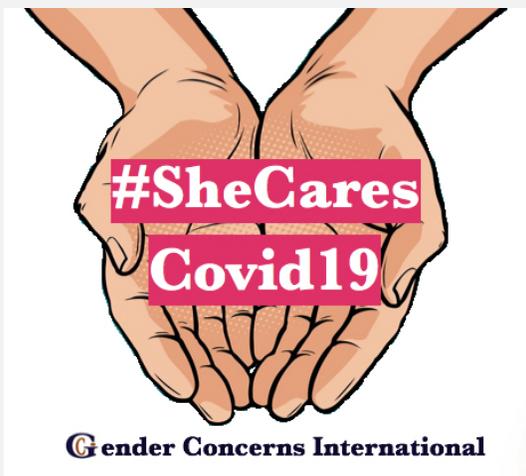


**Tunisia: New Website on Gender Equality aims to raise awareness and support stakeholders to prevent violence against women and children**

This summer the website “[All United Against Violence](#)”, developed by the Tunisian Ministry of Women, Family and Seniors with the support of the Council of Europe, was launched. The platform gathers applications, portals and supports available at the national level on key topics, such as gender equality and violence against women and children.

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## COVID-19



**COVID-19: The significance of putting a gender-based approach at the centre of the road to recovery**

The recently issued UN Women Report “[A feminist plan for sustainability and social justice](#)” has highlighted the significance of putting a gender-based approach at the centre of the recovery and transformation plan, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The importance of including WO’s in the recovery process has been analysed by the Gender Concerns International Report “Covid-19 Recovery & The Vitality of International Women Organisations Gender-Inclusive Recovery Response: An Urgent Needs Assessment issued by Gender Concerns International” issued on April 2020.

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