

Objective of Gender Concerns

Our programmes are aimed at an ultimate goal of realising a more gender-balanced society. Global activities promote and support women's democratic participation, while building capacities to enact positive political and social change.

Organisation

Gender Concerns International is an international gender and development organisation with its headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands. The organisation was founded in 2004 by a group of experts with extensive professional experience in the field of gender and development.

In working towards a truly gender-balanced society, we strive to increase the global political participation and economic empowerment of women, to promote security and development, and to influence policy.

Gender Concerns International operates in various regions of the world via a network of public authorities, partner organisations and individuals on regional, national and international levels.

Countries in focus

Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Myanmar, Pakistan, Tunisia, The Netherlands.

The organisation has a strategic focus over the upcoming years to expand its programmes throughout Africa and the broader MENA-region.

Strategy

- To build the capacity of targeted communities to achieve gender equality.
- To connect and facilitate communication on gender equality amongst individuals, groups and organisations at various levels.

Areas of expertise

- Election observation from a gender perspective.
- Lobbying and advocacy for gender balance.
- Strengthening Female Leadership through women's Networks and Platforms.
- Development and facilitation of training programmes.
- Organisation of campaigns, conferences, seminars, workshops, and forums for dialogue.
- Consultancy and advice on gender issues.
- Project planning and management.



International Activities

- **Gender Election Monitoring Missions**
 - Training national and international observers and leading them to promote and document women's electoral participation as voters, candidates, and administrators, while coordinating with election commissions and media: **Pakistan** (2008 & 2013), **Libya** (2012), **Tunisia** (2011 & 2014), **Myanmar** (2015), **Morocco** (2011, 2015 & 2016) and **the Netherlands** (2017)
- **Building platforms for the voice of women**
 - **Khaberi Kawen**: Developing Afghan female MPs communication in media and platforms with colleagues and public.
 - **Marboua Political Café**: Establishing a venue in Tripoli for Libyan women to meet, organise and strategise.
 - **Women for Democratic Transformation**: Supporting women's leadership in political transformations in Libya, including the drafting of a new constitution.
 - **Bayan I & II**: Building partnerships promoting public support for human rights, peace building and female leadership.
 - **The "Pan-Union Women for Good Local Governance"**: A Network of Female Local Councillors in Morocco to strengthen female leadership in local governance.
 - **The Post-COP Gender Watch International Network (G-WIN)**: Facilitating a multi-stakeholder voice to audit and monitor the gender-sensitive implementation of environmental policies.



Training in communication



Promoting women's participation



Building capacities to enact change

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*"If in any kind of development efforts,
one gender is left behind,
then there cannot be real development,
even for the dominant gender."
Sabra Bano, Director*