



The Funder's Network for Afghan Women (FNAW)

Why Join FNAW?

As a network of funders working to support women and girls in Afghanistan, FNAW aims to serve as a useful, relevant forum for funders to connect with each other and with potential grantees. We offer a range of unique benefits for funders of all sizes that can help you maximize your contribution to making a difference in the lives of women in Afghanistan.

For New Funders:

- An orientation session to funding women in Afghanistan for your staff, management, and/or board members and personal consultation
- Templates such as sample grant guidelines, proposal application forms, letters of agreement and other tools to save you time in preparing this literature yourself
- Due diligence checklist for foreign grantees for compliance with the Treasury Guidelines
- Access to FNAW's database of potential grantees and ready proposals

For Current Funders:

- Resources and tools for effective grant-making
- Information-sharing and networking in a confidential environment with concrete outcomes and for specific purposes, such as means of due diligence for gathering feedback on potential grantees or local staff
- Opportunity to jointly collaborate on projects and to pool resources (ask us for examples of how other FNAW members have used this opportunity)
- Access to FNAW's database of potential grantees and ready proposals
- Recommended candidates for local and international monitors, evaluators and consultants
- Listserv membership

E-Services

- An **electronic discussion forum** members use to share information and seek advice from other members on issues and topics relevant to your funding activities and interests in Afghanistan.
- Opportunities to participate, initiate, and co-sponsor learning calls (**tele-classes, webinars**) meetings and projects related to grant-making in Afghanistan
- Access to **24-hour email-based assistance** to our staff to answer your questions, trouble-shoot with you, help identify partners, identify due diligence steps, connect with experienced grant-makers in Afghanistan, or identify learning materials, among other forms of information support.

Learning Resources and Information Sharing

- Exclusive access to copies of conference **reports, directories, and results of research projects** linked to development work with women in Afghanistan.



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- Participation in **policy briefings** in the US and in Kabul to hear from policymakers on key aid issues affecting assistance to Afghan women and girls.
- Access to our network of grant-makers for exchange of information, strategies, partners and effective grant-making tools
- Use of our **Human Resources Program**, where you let us know your staffing or contract needs and we manage all or part of the hiring process from publicizing the position to interviewing to reference checks to providing you with a thoroughly checked short-list of recommended candidates from which to choose.
- Participation in our **Expert Panels** convened during our **Annual Funding Campaign** for Under-served Issues (e.g. 2008: Women in Public Space; 2009: Women's Access to Housing)

Live Networking Opportunities

- Invitations to formal and informal **networking sessions**
- Members' rate for a **Annual Retreat**, which offers opportunities to engage in strategic discussions and information sharing with colleagues, as well as to hear from and interact with leading practitioners and analysts in the field.
- Invitation to **organize a session at the Annual Retreat** on a topic of your interest or which meets a capacity need in your organization
- Opportunities to convene and participate in **Working Groups on special topics**
- Opportunities to participate, initiate, and co-sponsor **learning calls**, meetings and projects related to grant-making in Afghanistan

Products, Services and Trainings

Members also have access to products and services that develop staff and build organizational capacity, including:

- **Planning and Evaluation Tools** which are designed to assist grantees in effectively developing, articulating, and evaluating their projects.
- **Organizational Development** and **Effectiveness Assessment Tools** to review organizations' capacities, including progress, assets, and developmental challenges
- **Fund Development** advice and tools
- **Visibility for donors and partners:** Posting of Testimonials and highlighting a Member Organization monthly to showcase their work.
- Full access to our **Mapping Gender in Afghanistan Database**

For Advocacy and Education Needs:

- Design services for institutional literature, subsidized website creation, branding
- Reduced fee or free participation to FNAW-hosted events and member events
- Awareness raising resources and advisory for engaging youth
- Opportunities for jointly hosting events, sharing costs, and hosting speakers from Afghanistan in multiple events