

Position Paper on Girl's Education in Afghanistan

Start of the New Educational Year in Afghanistan without the Presence of Girls

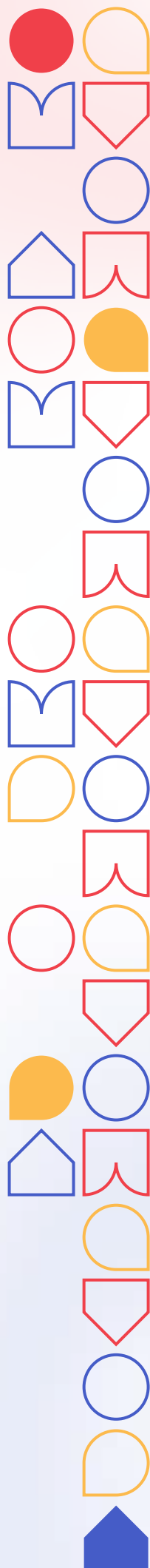
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It is the third educational year that starts without the presence of girls in Afghanistan. Today marks 550 day that girls in Afghanistan have been forbidden/banned from attending schools and universities. Continued closure of educational institutions for girls is an ultimately unpleasant and shameful act in the 21st century and a historical disgrace. It has been 20 months since the Taliban took over the country and the basis for their claim preventing girls from education is utterly against Islamic teaching, cultural norms, and contrary to the laws and commitment of the Afghans – eventually, it is more similar to a political hostage-taking and leverage.

The continued ban on girls' education by the Taliban has disappointed youth and negatively affected their hope for a better future. Afghanistan can progress only when there are equal, better quality, and inclusive educational opportunities for both girls and boys. It is a mere fact that education is one of the powerful tools for reducing or even eradicating poverty and inequality. Education is the basis for economic progress in any country.

In the past 20 years, millions of girls and women received various training and education in Afghanistan. World leaders in support of the Afghan people and civil societies have promised commitment at the regional and international levels to implement the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4. It is time for them to fulfill their promises. It is the responsibility of all the countries and the United Nations who believe in equality, justice, and human rights to stand beside the scores of Afghan girls and their families who are struggling for the reopening of the schools and universities and the urgent reinstatement of the stabilization of the political, social and cultural situation in Afghanistan.

We (as a network of defenders of girls' access to education) urge world leaders, the United Nations, and Regional and International allies to take a courageous and coordinated step toward the reopening of girls' schools and universities in Afghanistan. Our demands are as follows:

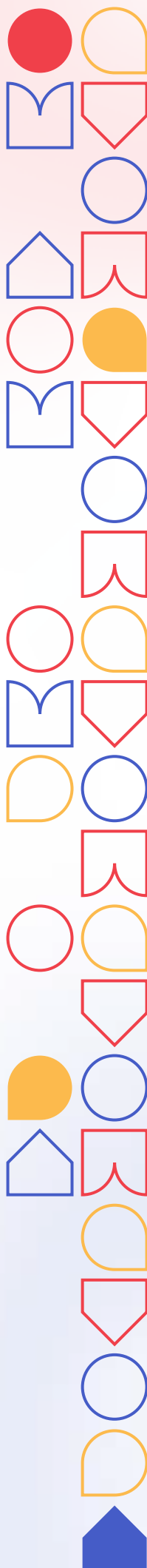




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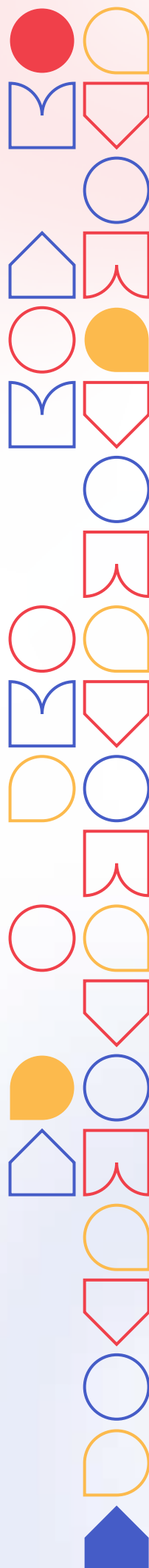
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1. Education Defenders Network (EDN)
2. Civil Society Joint Working Group (CSJWG)
3. Civil society and Human Rights Network (CSHRN)
4. Afghanistan Democracy and Development Organization (ADDO)
5. Digital Civil Society institute-Azadi
6. Women and Children Legal Rights Foundation (WCLRF)
7. Civil society and Human Rights Activist Network
8. National Advocacy Committee for Public Policy
9. Afghan Human Rights Defender in Exile (AHRDE)
10. Women Journalists Coordination Center (WJCC)
11. Mashal youth and civil society Institute Logar province
12. Civil Society Development Organization
13. Family support and welfare organization
14. Afghan Women Educational and Vocational Services organization
15. Khawar Zameen Social Association
16. EfaF weekly newsletter
17. Sar Pul Youth Social Council
18. Reshad Rehabilitation Association
19. Heela Helping Afghan Women
20. Shana News
21. Peace weekly newsletter
22. Afghanistan Youth National Development and Social Organization (AYNDS)
23. Green Waves Civil Institute
24. Nimroz Youth Civil Society Forum
25. Social Change for Afghan Women Organization – SCAWO

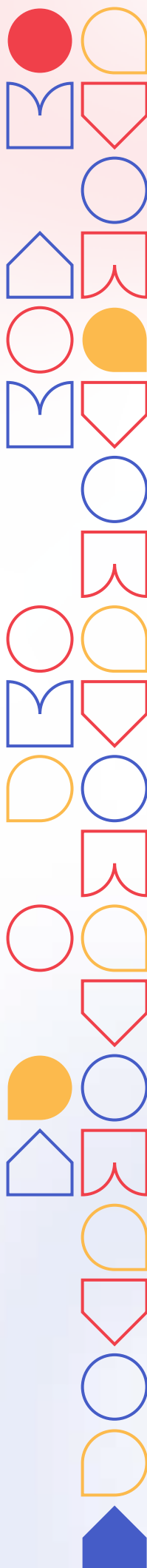


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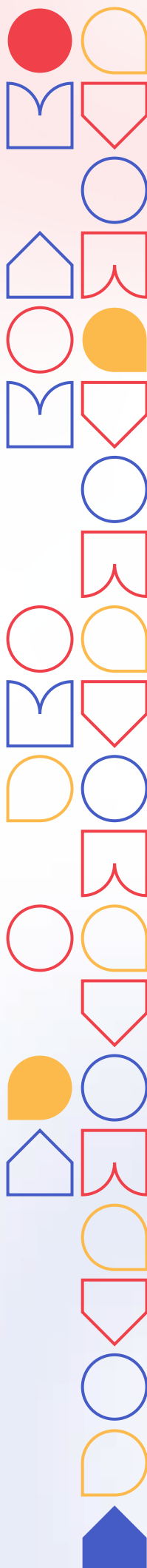
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