



## **The Funders' Network for Afghan Women**

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### **NEW RELEASE**

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The Funders Network of Afghan Women, launched its **Mapping Gender in Afghanistan Database** today. This is a unique database, designed to bring together all projects and programs in Afghanistan concerned with supporting women and girls, addressing gender inequality, and/or improving the status of women. It is one of FNAW's contributions towards improving coordination, avoiding duplication and sharing lessons learned for people and organizations who are trying to support women's and girls' empowerment

FNAW Co-ordinator, Lauryn Oates, shares the vision behind this innovative project, "We aim to give donors the opportunity to identify potential partners with expertise and experience in a particular sector, to see where similar projects have been conducted in the past, and to network with donors or partners engaged in common work, among other benefits. Our objective is to assist donors and implementing organizations in Afghanistan and elsewhere to coordinate, reduce duplication and overlap, and to build on previous work, experience and lessons learned from "doing gender" in Afghanistan."

The database is accessible to any individual or organization interested in the Afghan gender development sector, and provides comprehensive information on grantees as well as grant-making organizations working on or in Afghanistan. In order to keep the database current and comprehensive, FNAW is encouraging organizations to register their own projects and programs in the database, and contribute to this important effort at better planning, coordinating and learning from our experience of supporting women and girls in Afghanistan.

The Funders Network for Afghan Women (FNAW) is a coalition of dedicated foundations and granting organizations, as well as advocates, policy-makers and other agencies supporting programming benefiting women and girls in Afghanistan. Membership in this organization is free for Afghan affiliate organizations. **If you are an organization, program, project, and/or donor working with Gender in Afghanistan, and would like to learn more about FNAW, and its projects, and if you would like to join the Gender Mapping in Afghanistan Database, log on to [www.funders-afghan-women.org](http://www.funders-afghan-women.org)**

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