



**Join a Musharikat Coalition  
for Change**

### **Promote Musharikat**

The Musharikat activity is one of four Promote projects. Musharikat is designed to build a cadre of more than 5,000 activists and 300 civil society organizations (CSOs) from all 34 provinces to advocate more effectively for and advance women's equality and empowerment in Afghanistan. The coalitions were formed through an inclusive and transparent voting process through which broad input was obtained on priority issues from women in all 34 provinces. Promote Musharikat provides capacity building training to the coalitions on: planning, public policy processes, and advocacy campaign development. Each coalition then creates its own advocacy strategy and determines how to best execute its plan.

Promote Musharikat has established six coalitions: Violence Against Women, Access to Education, Access to Economic Opportunity, Women's Political Participation, Access to Justice, and Access to Healthcare.

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# **Musharikat Coalitions for Change**

## **Women's Political Participation**



**Advocating to increase  
the number of women voting  
in elections**



## Coalition Objective

*“Your coalitions’ strength is in the partnership of its members - the term being used by the project is a good one - “Musharikat.” Through Musharikat, your coalitions will help us achieve the goals we all want for Afghan women.”*

*~ H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at the 2016 Musharikat National Summit*



## Women’s Political Participation

The Women’s Political Participation Coalition advocates to increase the number of women participating in elections. To achieve this goal, coalition members will: 1) Advocate for an increased number of polling stations, 2) Advocate for the creation of separate and adequate “women’s only” polling stations with female employees, and 3) Raise awareness of women’s rights and the importance of women’s participation in elections.

## What we will do – TOGETHER

Advocate for women’s equality and empowerment

Research and investigation: Conduct research/surveys and hold meetings to gather information that are the foundation of evidence-based advocacy efforts

Awareness-raising amongst communities: Hold town hall meetings, host roundtables, and conduct media campaigns

Engage decision-makers and other stakeholders: Prepare for and lead meetings with government officials and policy makers at the national, provincial, district, and village levels

Gain support and commitment for positive change: Host joint conferences and media events with partners and government stakeholders

Monitor and report impact: Prepare presentations for advocacy meetings with government officials, write monitoring reports, and prepare press releases

*“Dear sisters! You have been standing up against unfairness, injustice, and discrimination against us, and raising your voice – I am with you in this effort. This voice has to be raised, but a single voice cannot make anything happen. We have to collectively raise our voice in our time.”*

*~ Habiba Sarabi, Vice Chairperson of the High Peace Council at the 2016 Musharikat National Summit*

## How you can help

- Contact your regional Musharikat office to learn more about coalition activities
- Apply for membership in a coalition of your choice
- Volunteer to help on an advocacy campaign that is important to you
- **Tell others about your work with a coalition**

