

Afghan Peoples Deserve to Live in Safety, Security and Dignity
South Asian CSOs have full solidarity to Afghan People

Statement

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We have been witnessing about the changing political landscape in our neighboring country Afghanistan after takeover of power by Taliban group. We understand, political changes of Afghanistan really matter in South Asia and to the whole world since it is interlinked to the global peace and order.

We know Afghanistan is continuously suffering from violent conflict. Afghan peoples have been already living with very difficult situation. They have been suffering by multiple ways such as violence, insecurity, poverty, hunger, poor public services and environmental catastrophes.

We understand, Afghan people are sovereign and they have rights to take decisions of their country. However, we are worry about the peoples of Afghanistan. We are worry about the situation of marginalized people particularly women and girls, children, war victims, Persons with disabilities, poor people, workers, indigenous peoples etc. Further, we are concerned about the journalists, human rights activists, civil society activists, women rights activists, teachers, and humanitarian aid workers.

There are political uncertainties in Afghanistan. It is not that simple to predict what political course will take place in the country. Our current concern and worry are suffering and pain of people in Afghanistan due to the present crisis.

The crisis management in Afghanistan is very urgent. In this humanitarian crisis of Afghanistan, there is high risk in the increase of violations against women, child rights, and elderly people. Future generations of Afghanistan are mostly likely to live at a risky state.

Therefore, we civil society organizations of South Asia release this joint statement for taking possible robust actions, find sustainable solutions, and to express our deep solidarity to Afghan people.

We publicly call for taking following actions and to draw attention of the Taliban Authority, United Nations, international communities, and civil society organizations:

Call on to the Taliban Authority

- Respect universal human rights and humanitarian principles and to take immediate actions to protect the lives of the Afghan people, particularly of women and girls, children, persons with disability, elderly people, displaced peoples, minorities, poor and working-class peoples, and migrant workers on minimum humanitarian grounds.
- Immediately suspend all deportations and forced returns to Afghanistan.
- Immediately stop bloodshed and violation of human rights.
- Ensure safety of all Afghan citizens including internally displaced persons and internal refugees. Also, we look forward a stable democratic process that deliver to the Afghan people.
- Create enabling environment for Human Rights, freedom and liberty of people and also to open space for Media and CSOs to freely run their activities.
- Ensure access to education for women and girls without any discrimination.
- Enhance public health services to protect the lives of people form COVID 19 pandemic and other diseases.

Call on to the Neighboring Countries

- Publicly recognize that Afghan peoples fleeing their country and give them meaningful opportunities to seek asylum. However, keep maintain law and order and integrity in recipient country.
- Open boarder for Afghan peoples who want to leave their country.
- Neighboring countries should not interfere in internal affairs of Afghanistan whether it is positive or negative. Leave it to Afghans to decide for themselves unless they ask for support.

Call on to the United Nations and International Communities

- Increase support for emergency evacuation, relocation, and resettlement operations for Afghans, particularly vulnerable and deserving peoples.
- Give asylum to those who are at high risk and living in Afghanistan and this process should speed up.
- Mobilize their agencies and mechanisms to relief work for people in distress.
- Provide adequate humanitarian assistance and basic necessities along with psycho-social support the most vulnerable as emergency supports.
- Continue international cooperation particularly in health, education, social security and sustainable livelihood.
- All donors and aid agencies to adhere to the Grand Bargain commitment in promoting localization and transparency in humanitarian aid.
- Increase humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan and its neighboring countries to which Afghans are fleeing.
- Pledge new support for civil society groups inside and outside of Afghanistan for humanitarian support and to protect rights of Afghan peoples
- Give special considerations for women, children and other vulnerable minority groups.
- Create an independent and gender-sensitive investigative and accountability mechanism at the United Nations Human Rights Council.
- We urge the UN Security Council to pass a resolution to protect Afghan women, girls and minorities.
- Make all efforts to find the connection with Taliban authority and initiate dialogue to ensure the safety of people, protect them.
- We urge SAARC to be more active and vibrant in order to address the Afghanistan crisis.

Call on to the CSOs

- We urge CSOs of Afghanistan to come forward, be visible, keep serving for Afghan peoples and build their hopes.
- We urge CSOs South Asian countries work together to restore peace, justice and human rights in Afghanistan.
- We rest of South Asian CSOs urge strong collaboration with Afghan CSOs and INGOs for better understanding of Afghanistan.

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