

# **ARTF Gender Working Group Meeting**

**August 02, 2016**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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An ARTF Gender Working Group (GWG) Meeting was held on August 02, 2016<sup>1</sup>. The meeting was co-chaired by Najla Sabri (Social Development Specialist, World Bank) and Will Lewis (Deputy Director, Gender Office, USAID). The U.S. also introduced Mr. Juan Gamboa who will be USAID's Point-of-Contact for matters related to the management of USAID's contribution to ARTF.

### **Discussion Highlights**

- USAID's Afghanistan Gender Country Profile (AGCP) research team (Mahbouba Seraj, Manizha Wafeq, and Aimee Rose) presented the AGCP overview, noting five primary objectives:
  - 1) Review and compare the four key documents (NAPWA, EU Gender Action Plan II, NAP 1325, and USAID's Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy) and use them to create a research framework;
  - 2) Map key actors/institutions working to address gender equality
  - 3) Review status of coordination efforts
  - 4) Review status of knowledge under key thematic areas, including an indicator review (Thematic Areas: Peace-building and negotiations; State security; gender-based violence; legal protections and formal/informal justice; health; education; and economic opportunity and social security)
  - 5) Based on findings, make recommendations and highlight gaps
- The draft report is due on September 1, 2016, with a final presentation to the international community planned for late September, 2016.
- The US reminded the GWG members to send in their previous or ongoing work on gender-related strategies, research, and high-level performance indicators as soon as possible.
- The research team noted that it had already collected more than 350 documents for review. This will become an information repository for future research and mapping.
- Najla Sabri presented the World Bank's draft Gender Action Brief (CGAB). It is a multi-year, multi-sector document which is expected to serve as a strategy based on which different sectors, the government, and partners and stakeholders are encouraged to focus on gender priority areas. In the current draft 4 priority areas/issues where gender gaps are huge such as Education, Health, Women's Economic Empowerment, and violence against women have been identified. Under each area, primary causes, instruments to contribute to closing these gaps, relevant Bank projects, and expected outcomes are identified.

### **Action Items**

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<sup>1</sup> Attendees: World Bank, USAID, US Embassy, Canada, Finland, Japan, Australia, Denmark, DFID, European Union, Norway.

- 1) Partners should submit available strategies, research and policies to the USAID AGCP team as soon as possible for inclusion in the profile.
- 2) A partner who has the latest draft of the Terms of Reference for the ARTF GWG should send to the US and World Bank before the next GWG meeting.
- 3) The World Bank will stress to the Ministry of Finance how important attendance for government partners is at the ARTF GWG. It is specifically important for the next meeting as the MoF reps will present an update on gender-responsive budgeting.
- 4) The Citizens' Charter discussion will be moved to the next GWG meeting.

### **2016 Work-Plan (Updated)**

July: Afghanistan Gender Country Profile/ Gender Action Brief

August: Gender Responsive Budgeting, with MoF/ Citizens' Charter

September: NAP-Women's Economic Empowerment/MoWA and MoLSAMD

October: Read-out of WB consultant mapping /Read out and discussion from Brussels/ Effect on ARTF

November: Health Update/ SEHAT mid-term/ Nutrition/ MoPH

December: Stock-taking Exercise/ Lessons and Achievements/ Work-Plan Updated/ New Donor Co-Chair Selected