

Press Release

World Teachers' Day

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Developments in education sector is the key achievement during past 15 years that are gained by generous financial support of international society to the people and government of Afghanistan. Now, almost 8.9 million children are in schools, out of which 40% are girls.

In the past 18 years, unfortunately in presence of wide facilities, there has been less attention to education and teachers in Afghanistan which is a great concern for the future of the country and still there are many challenges the teachers are facing that have negative effects on the quality of education, such as:

1. Teachers' responsibility and number of students per class increase each year which result less quality in the outcome of teaching.
2. Legal privileges of teachers such as incentives and per diems are not given to them.
3. The government have paid less attention in distributing houses for teachers
4. The "Teacher's Box" has been created, but must be controlled by the representatives of Ministry of Education, National Teachers Elected Council and Afghanistan National Education coalition, to insure transparency and prevent embezzlement.
5. Corruption and non-commitment in government against education. Decrease in budget of education, not sending teachers where necessary, making leading posts of education political are some of the issues.
6. Although, Afghanistan has 62% less literate people, education is not a priority for the government and also giving 3.2% of education's total budget to literacy learning is an issue to rethink about.

Regarding mentioned challenges and the promises our government made while created, we want them to implement their promises and consider the followings to find logical and acceptable solutions:

1. Attention to living condition of teachers (Distributing lands, Refunding the townships made for teachers in Kabul and other provinces, Delivery of salaries on time, Adjustment of Resolve Reservation Law of Teachers' Positions and finalizing its instructions and Considering educational privileges for teachers graduated from 14th class).
2. Remove corruption from education ministry and its local offices and hire trustable and deserving staff.
3. Provide health facilities for teachers as it was before.

4. Serious attention of government in improving education system quality (Hiring deserving teachers, create strong observation system, create responsive and standard curriculum according to the needs of country and Provide healthy educational environment).
5. Considering literacy learning a priority and increasing its budget so we should have long-term programs for literacy students and teachers.

Afghanistan National Education Coalition and National Elected Teachers Council congratulates World Teachers' Day for all the teachers of Afghanistan and the world and wish them further success. By issuing this declaration we want the government of Afghanistan to focus on the points mentioned.

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