

What We Do

Counterpart International's Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society (I-PACS II) works across all 34 provinces of Afghanistan to empower Afghan organizations and the communities they serve to more effectively participate in the political process, solve local problems, and demand good governance from their leaders.



“ The involvement of Afghan civil society today in the political arena is remarkable. Never in the history of Afghanistan have we experienced this kind of participation. ”

Aziz Rafiee
Executive Director
Afghan Civil Society Forum

Increasing Citizen Participation in Afghan Civil Society

The goal of I-PACS II is to increase the role and viability of civil society organizations in Afghanistan through 4 core objectives:

- Ensure informed policy and equitable resource allocation decisions concerning civil society and civil society organization (CSO) development in Afghanistan;
- Assist in the development and enforcement of a comprehensive legal framework to strengthen the CSO sector;
- Build the capacity of CSOs to design, implement, manage, monitor and evaluate their activities and achieve organization objectives with transparency and accountability;
- Empower Afghan organizations and the communities they serve to participate in the political process, solve local problems, and demand good governance from their leaders.

I-PACS II's **Community and Regional Policy Dialogues** provide opportunities for civil society organizations and leaders to come together to share knowledge and information on issues of common concern, to set goals for policy action on those issues, and to collaborate on activities that address community needs.

How We Work

Our civil society partners include 7 leading CSOs that serve as Intermediary Service Organizations (ISOs) and 12 CSOs that serve as Civil Society Support Centers (CSSCs). Each ISO supports two Civil Society Support Centers (CSSCs) which are spread across Afghanistan.

Each ISO collaborates directly with 76 CSOs in its region to build skills, enhance their ability to engage effectively with governments, and establish links between community needs and policy action.

Counterpart awards capacity-building grants to our partners and to all registered Afghan CSOs. Grant initiatives include institutional strengthening; community and constituency development; conflict resolution and peace-building; human rights; legislative monitoring; women reintegration and reconciliation; and CSO engagement in Afghan national development initiatives.

“ Counterpart's civil society development model is unique in Afghanistan because it focuses on building the capacity of local civil society organizations. ”

Ramin Nouroozi
Counterpart International
Director of Community Engagement

Our Partners

Intermediate Service Organizations

- ISOs ▪

ACSFo

Afghan Civil Society Forum Organization

ACTD

Afghanistan Center for Training & Development

ADWRO

Assistance to Defend Women Rights Organization

AWEC

Afghan Women Education Center

BEST

Basic Education & Employable Skills Training

ECW

Educational Training Center for Poor Women & Girls of Afghanistan

WASSA

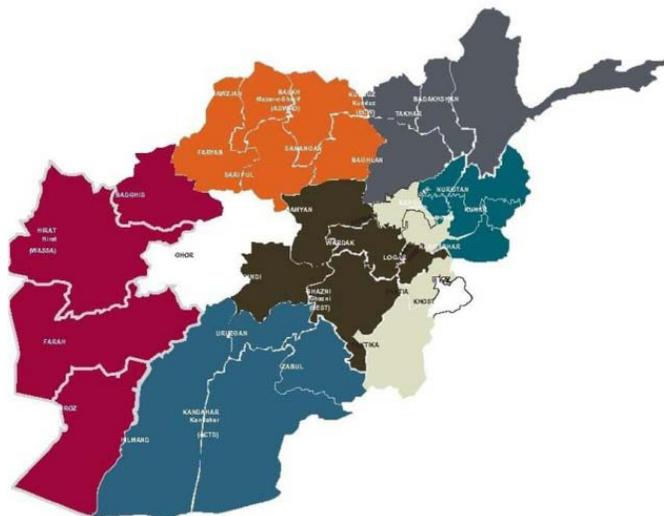
Women Activities & Social Services Association

Civil Society Support Centers

- CSSCs ▪

AABRAR (Afghan Amputee Bicyclist Rehabilitation Association); **ANCC** (Afghan National Re-Construction Co-ordination); **CoAR** (Coordination of Afghan Relief); **CRDSA** (Coordination of Rehabilitation and Development Services for Afghanistan); **DAO** (Development & Ability Organization); **DEOW** (Development & Education Organization for Women); **HAFo** (Humanitarian Assistance & Facilitating Organization); **HTAC** (Help the Afghan Children); **LCSAWC** (Legal & Cultural Services for Afghan Women and Children); **PO** (Peace Organization); **SO** (Shuhada Organization); **THRA** (Training Human Rights Association)

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