

**RIWPS VISION: ADVANCING A NEW PARADIGM FOR PEACE & SECURITY IN AFGHANISTAN THAT IS INCLUSIVE OF WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVES**

**EVIDENCE & INFLUENCE:**

Parliamentary Watch Project:

For the second year, RIWPS continued direct research and monitoring of the parliament. For the first time, RIWPS was able to create constituency accountability for MPs in two regions of Afghanistan, including north and west. RIWPS monitoring & reporting on the parliament has created more awareness & inclusion of youth with their MPs since RIWPS has shared its monthly reports with relevant stakeholders & the mass media for public awareness.



**PROMOTING INCLUSION THROUGH DIALOGUE, EVIDENCE, CAPACITY & INFLUENCE**

**INCLUSION:**

3rd WPS Forum

The Third Annual Women, Peace & Security Forum brought together over 35 women from 34 provinces Provincial Peace Councils to present their lessons learned and recommendations on the peace and reintegration program in different provinces to the National Unity Government.



**ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S INCLUSION IN PEACE & SECURITY AGENDAS**

**DIALOGUES FOR INCLUSION & INFLUENCE:**

RIWPS Convened Presidential Candidates Exchange with Civil Society on their peace plans & women's inclusion so that women & civil society organizations find an opportunity to share their recommendations for inclusive peace process.



## *EVIDENCE, DIALOGUE & INFLUENCE for INCLUSION: Female Police Campaign*

For promoting women's leadership and inclusion in the security sector, RIWPS national campaign continued through media programs & youth dialogues in different parts of the country. Through this campaign & ongoing advocacy, RIWPS was able to address the strategic & systematic challenges faced by female police & joint efforts led to the first time Gender Integration Strategic Plan by the Ministry of Interior for empowerment & promoting women in the security sector.



### *EVIDENCE & INFLUENCE:*

#### *Monitoring Women's Security During Elections!*

RIWPS introduced the concept of Early Warning System to identify the security challenges faced by the women candidates, voters and election workers during the Presidential & Provincial Council elections. This monitoring system provided immediate security support to over 50 female PC candidates & raised the security concerns of women voters to the Election Security Commission.

### *EVIDENCE & INFLUENCE:*

#### *VAW Research:*

The first year of the research on 8 province's Prosecution Units focused on creating a base & knowledge on the number of cases & types of violence that women report at these Units. During the second year, RIWPS researchers will carry out more in depth study into the systematic procedures around cases of violence against women within the judicial institutions.

### *CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INCLUSION:*

*RIWPS convened the following trainings for women and girls during 2014:*

1. Women in Peace & Security and the EVAW Law for 155 female Provincial Council candidates.
2. Islamic Law awareness & advocacy skills for over 30 young men and women from Kateb University & other institutions in Kabul and 3 provinces.
3. Empowerment & Leadership Program for 60 female graduates of Sharia Faculty, Kabul University & assigning top graduates into fellowships in Family Court, Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Interior, and the Office of Chief Executive



#### *Our partners in 2014:*

- National Endowment for Democracy
- Institute for Inclusive Security
- CMI
- UNWOMEN
- British FCO
- Women Living Under Muslim Law
- Oxfam Novib
- Oxfam GB
- Finland Embassy in Kabul