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Background: Improvements/Changes since 2002

- **Women's Earmark - \$75 million in FY08 funds for women & girls in Afghanistan.**
- **New Mission Order establishes mission's policy and implementation procedures for WID/Gender programming**
- **Mission's Gender Team - 15 members, representing mission's technical offices (ADAG, ODG, OEG, OIEE, OSSD and PRT) aiming to institutionalize the gender expertise in the Mission.**



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- **National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan (NAPWA) is a 10 years plan (2007 – 2017) approved by the Gov having six fundamental pillars: Security, Legal Protection and Human Rights, Economic Growth, Health and Education**
- **Objectives: The Government’s main vehicle for implementing policies and commitments for advancement of the status of women in Afghanistan**



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ODG Programs: Rule of Law, Good Governance, Political Processes & Elections, Civil Society Strengthening.

- **Afghanistan Civil Society Strengthening and Media Development Portfolio: It is a 50% women-focused initiative (2005 to 2010) – mainly capacity for building for NGOs/CSOs through, Technical Assistance, Trainings and disbursement of small grants.**



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- **First National Women’s Council in Afghanistan (October 28-29, 2008) - 400 women from 34 provinces participated in this event to discuss on the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and came up with a list of priorities, submitted to the President and cabinet members to take action**
- **The purpose of this gathering was to advance implementation of the National Action Plan for Women of Afghanistan (NAPWA).**