

# End violence against women in Afghanistan

From abuse behind closed doors to attacks on women participating in public life, women and girls in Afghanistan continue to be suffer violent abuse at alarmingly high rates. Most of these crimes go unpunished.

We welcome the recent government announcement that tackling violence against women and girls in Afghanistan will be a strategic priority for the Department for International Development (DFID).

We need to see this commitment translated into a dedicated programme of work that is properly resourced and funded.

**We call upon Justine Greening, Secretary of State for International Development, and Baroness Warsi, Minister for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to ensure their departments work together to:**

- Consult with and fund Afghan women's rights organisations working to end violence against women, including those who run women's shelters
- Press and assist the Afghan government to fully implement the Elimination of Violence against Women law and the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan
- Support and fund Family Response Units (which address domestic violence) and ensure additional measures are taken to increase women's recruitment and retention in the police
- Allocate new funding to tackle violence against women
- Identify and implement specific and measurable improvements for gendered protection and support for Afghan women human rights defenders

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