

Afghanistan Update

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Recent News

New law library in Kabul and number of women studying for high court is up

On August 27, [USAID announced](#) the opening of the Independent National Legal Training Center in Kabul. The new law library will allow students as well as government officials, judges and lawyers to access all of Afghanistan's laws and law resources electronically. The center was funded through USAID-funded [Afghanistan Rule of Law](#) program which was created to foster the reconstruction of the country's judicial systems. [According to USAID](#), the AROLP's three components include increasing the confidence in the formal justice system; developing the legal framework through legislation and improving the legislative process; and increasing gender equality and human rights norms as well as the rights of women under Islam.

In similar [news dated August 31](#), the number of Afghan women holding judgeships in the country has risen to 84 out of the country's total of 1,447. The number of women studying for Supreme Court placements is also up by nearly a third. Compared to the prior year's graduating Judicial Training Program class of 2007 with 17 judges, Najeeb Husseini a future judge, said the increase was "a good and positive step" USAID said in its news announcement.

New Autumn Afghan update released by UN

The [United Nations Mission in Afghanistan \(UNAMA\)](#) released its [Autumn 2008 Afghan Update](#) to coincide with the [2008 International Day of Peace](#) which was on September 21st. [Director Jeremy Gilley](#) traveled to Kabul to host a screening of his movie [The Day after Peace](#) which chronicles his efforts to establish an internationally recognized day of peace through the Peace Day One Foundation. Gilley recruited actor Jude Law to help raise awareness of the day. Part of the Peace Day mission is to draw attention to vaccination programs in rural communities and [land mine removal efforts](#). To help celebrate, Afghan Wireless Communication Company provided 3,000 peace flags to paraders and in a gesture of peace released white pigeons at sporting events held that day.

AWCC to provide training to 3,000 employees in 2009

[Afghan Wireless Communication Company](#), with 2.4 million subscribers, is the largest private investor and employer in Afghanistan, employing over 3,500 people directly and more than 30,000 indirectly. AWCC is committed to providing professional development and training for its employees and through its Training Center/ Afghan Development Program, over 3,000 employees have already attended 27 different programs. In keeping with AWCC training goals and in response to employee interest and commitment to professional development, AWCC plans to provide a variety of training for nearly 3,000 personnel in 2009, including a four-year undergraduate program by American University and course work in marketing, sales, decision-making, fraud management, analysis and evaluation techniques, stress management, sales supervision, time management, customer service, ethics, presentation skills, English, business communications and leadership.

Bayat Foundation Announcements

Bayat Health Clinic in Charbagh Village Sar-e-Pul inaugurated

On October 2, 2008 the newly constructed Bayat Health Clinic in Charbagh Village in Sar-e-Pul Province was inaugurated by Bayat Foundation Chairman Ehsan Bayat in the presence of the governor, the president of the Health Ministry, members of parliament, high ranking authorities and residents of Sar-e-Pul Province. The clinic serves the community with some of its first modern medical facilities to provide state of the art health-care that was previously lacking including a patient ward, treatment ward, lavatory, power and a pharmacy.

Saleha Bayat Maternity Hospital expansion inaugurated in Mazar-e-Sharif

In response to the high demand for the original 100 bed maternity hospital built by the Bayat Foundation, the second phase of Saleha Bayat Maternity Hospital in Mazar-e-Sharif Province was inaugurated recently by Chairman Ehsan Bayat in the presence of the governor, the president of the Health Ministry, members of parliament, high ranking authorities and residents of Mazar-E-Sharif Province. The Saleha Bayat Maternity Hospital features modern facilities including patient wards, an operation theater, delivery room, conference room, lavatories and a pharmacy. This hospital also provides a safe and clean environment for childbirth and supervised childbirth which increases the probability of survival for both the mother and newborn child.

First Lady Laura Bush visits Ayenda Orphanage & Learning Center in Bamyan

The Bayat Foundation has partnered with Ayenda Foundation to build an Orphanage and Learning Center in Bamyan Province. USA First Lady Laura Bush recently visited the Center's construction site and future students and her letter commending the Center's "safe and nurturing learning environment for the children of Bamyan" can be viewed at the [Bayat Foundation Afghanistan](#) website.

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