More than 22,000 Afghans and 297 WAW staff participated in training workshops and awareness activities on Afghanistan’s peace process and the importance of including women in all stages of peacebuilding. We also conducted 6,000+ surveys to really understand what kind of peace Afghans want and shared the results with high-level Afghan government officials. Importantly, 500 Afghan women leaders received in-depth training on amplifying and including Afghan women’s voices in the country’s ongoing peace process with the Taliban.

WAW made sure that this program’s participants were diverse and strategic stakeholders.

We believe that sustainable peace is only possible with the meaningful inclusion of women and recognition of the tremendous gains made by the Afghan people.

WE WILL NEVER GO BACK.

VISION FORWARD: We will conduct a nationwide public awareness campaign on peace in Afghanistan with peacebuilding trainings and public forums with diverse groups. In-depth trainings will be offered to 500 additional Afghan women leaders. Our goal is to reach all provinces and gather diverse Afghans’ views on the peace they desire. We will continue our advocacy and outreach with the Afghan government to ensure they are responsive to the Afghan people, including marginalized groups.

WOMEN AND PEACEBUILDING PROGRAM STAKEHOLDERS

- Officials from Afghan government ministries • The Afghan Parliament • Provincial Councils
- Local and International Charities • Ulamas (organization of Islamic scholars) • Human Rights Defenders • Elders • Youth • Community Leaders
WHAT KIND OF PEACE DO AFGHANS WANT?

We surveyed **6,014 Afghans across 10 provinces** about the prospect of peace with the Taliban. **2,944 women** and **3,070 men** participated from the provinces of Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Balkh, Saripul, Faryab, Kabul, Nangarhar, Kunar, and Kapisa.

Here are the results that show what kind of peace Afghans really want:

**Ratio of Surveyed Women & Men**
- Women: 49%
- Men: 51%

**Age Group**
- 20-29: 51%
- 30-39: 30%
- 40 & Up: 19%

**Satisfaction with Afghan women’s participation in the peace process**
- 46% Adequate
- 54% Inadequate

**91%** identified women’s rights, women’s education, and/or employment as the most important issues to address in the Afghan peace process.

**78%** want either the Afghan government or the Afghan people to negotiate directly with the Taliban to end the current conflict.

**74%** identified the Afghan national security forces as the legitimate defenders of Afghanistan’s national security and its people.

**65%** do not want the Taliban to serve in government and **72%** do not want the Taliban to serve in the security or defense forces.