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Women for Afghan Women appeals for all parties to the conflict in Afghanistan to respect the sanctity of life and all human rights

Women for Afghan Women (WAW) calls for support as it initiates emergency response, suspends services, and evacuates clients and staff from centers across Afghanistan

(New York, NY) August 15, 2021— [Women for Afghan Women \(WAW\)](#) is heartbroken at the speed and extent to which the violence and escalating conflict in Afghanistan has threatened the innocent lives of millions and displaced hundreds of thousands. The devastating crisis in Afghanistan has forced nearly 400,000 Afghans—including thousands of our clients, staff, and their families—to flee their homes, towns, and provinces seeking safer refuge. But the organization is determined to employ every resource we have to meet the needs of the emergency currently engulfing Afghanistan and its people.

We urgently appeal all parties to respect the sanctity of life and all human rights. And, we call upon all of our international partners to continue their support to the people of Afghanistan at this critical time.

WAW is a majority Afghan and Muslim organization. But, today, we are ALL Afghans.

Over the past few weeks, WAW has been working relentlessly, 24/7, to keep its clients, staff, and families alive and safe. The organization is evacuating centers, pausing operations, and continually assessing risks. Staff are working day and night to provide safe shelter, resources, and aid to the thousands of women, children, families, and staff who are under the organization's care.

WAW—its clients, staff, and the people of Afghanistan—ask not only for everyone's prayers in these desperate times but for immediate support to help the organization through this crisis.

The organization is raising funds to support our emergency efforts at this link:

<https://womenforafghanwomen.networkforgood.com/projects/123748-20-years-of-afghan-women-strong>

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Women for Afghan Women (WAW) is a grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to securing and protecting the rights of disenfranchised Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan and New York, particularly their rights to develop their individual potential, to self-determination, and to be represented in all areas of life: political, social, cultural, and economic. WAW advocates for women's rights and challenges the norms that underpin gender-based violence wherever opportunities arise to influence attitudes and bring about change.

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