

Dear respected professor Silvia Bagni:

I am Sohrab Fakoori from Herat Province, Afghanistan, born in 1992. In 2016, I graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Herat public University with an excellent degree. Regarding women's rights, we have done many activities for young girls and boys, we established the Herat Youth Social Organization, which was a civil and non-governmental organization in Herat, and in the civil, social, cultural, assistance and educational sectors for women and men. We provided many services for free, which I will briefly mention a few examples.

In civil, social and cultural sectors:

A) Holding seminars: 1. Prohibition of violence against women, 2. The voice of peace 3. Women and health 4. Women and society 5. Women and a better tomorrow 6. Women and basic rights 7. Women were not created to be at home.

b) Press Department: We launched dozens of media discourses with a team of university boys and girls who were members of our organization about motivating and encouraging women to participate in cultural programs.

c) Holding meetings: holding meetings such as celebrating the International Youth Day, International Women's Day, Children's Day, World Environment Day, welcoming the arrival of peace, introducing the top women of Herat and dozens of other meetings.

d) Job creation: providing work for hundreds of young men and women

Note: For this reason, 70 percent of our programs were for women, who in the early and middle of the republican government in most regions, women were deprived of the right to education, the right to work, the right to freedom of speech and in general many rights, and men did not allow them and They said that a woman should be at home and the launching of the above programs and seminars at the regional level by civil organizations had made women benefit from all their rights, which unfortunately returned to 22 years ago with the arrival of the Afghan Taliban.

In the educational section:

During 10 years, we were able to launch educational and professional classes for thousands of boys and girls, and thousands of people benefited from these classes.

In the educational sector such as mathematics, literacy, computer, psychology, management and leadership, English, first aid, traffic rules, and in the professional sector such as embroidery, carpet weaving, tailoring and hairdressing.

Note: 1. The above classes were taught by experienced teachers for free to young people.

2. In this department, in cooperation with private universities, we were able to provide free scholarships for 88 undergraduate students, of which 66 were women and 22 were men.

In the assistance section:

1. Food and cash aid for 500 poor families every year for 10 years

2. Food aid for dozens of disabled children

3. Donate cash and clothes for street children

4. Donating cash, stationery, bags and shoes for hundreds of orphans

Note: Aid was collected from Herat businessmen and was distributed to the beneficiaries by the youth team of our organization in the presence of the media

And also with the Italian military forces who were active in the PRT office based in Herat, Afghanistan, I worked with them in the civil, social, women's rights and human rights sectors. We also had meetings with the offices of the UN to solve women's problems, and we held many meetings with military and civil government officials, and our request was that national

interests and human rights should be considered equally for men and women. And from 2019 to 2021, I served as the mayor of the 12th district of Herat municipality, where 95 thousand people lived in 35 areas of the 12th district. Unfortunately, families of the Taliban lived in 3 areas of this district and sometimes the Taliban came from the night side, and even once due to the information that the people gave me and I gave the information to the military department of the government, we were able to prevent a suicide attack. that it was supposed to take place in the religious ceremonies of the Hazaras.

After the Taliban took over Afghanistan, I lost my job, my house and my car, and on August 15, when the evacuation process began, I asked Mr. Grasso to put me and my family members on the evacuation list, and then I came to Kabul with 8 members of my family, in At that time, my wife was pregnant and we were in Kabul for 40 days, 8 days during the evacuation and 32 days after the evacuation because it was very crowded, we could not enter the airport, and even I was 1 kilometer away from the suicide attack that took place in front of the airport door. While running away, my mother fell down and her back hurt until she was treated for 10 days and got better.

Later, they told us that we should go to Iran or Pakistan to be transferred to Italy, because 4 of my family members did not have passports, we had to go to Iran illegally, and in the city of Qom, Iran, thieves imprisoned us in a house for one night and They stole our money and then the Iranian police caught us in the city of Qom and deported us to Afghanistan after 5 days of imprisonment, and we had to buy 4 passports for 3,600 US dollars and came to Iran with 8 members of my family. My child was born in Iran, after 8 months, I, my wife Hamida Haidari, and my child Helen were transferred to Italy in collaboration with Sant'Egidio, The Italian government and Mr. Grasso, but my father, mother, 4 sisters and one brother were not transferred, while they were on the Italian visa list, because the number of immigrants was large, they brought several people from each family, and in short, my family had to return to Afghanistan after 10 months of waiting, return to Herat, Afghanistan, because the Iranian government did not renew their Iranian visa for the fifth time, I am very worried for my family because of the following reasons:

1. I was responsible for my family's monthly food expenses and I can't do anything for them right now.

2. My family spent about 20 thousand US dollars in ten months waiting in Iran for obtain passports, obtain tickets, obtain Iranian visas, extend the Iranian visas four times, hotel rent for 10 months, breakfast, lunch and dinner for 10 months and for medical examination. consumed and now they need help.

3. My father and brother are unemployed, and although they tried to get a job, they did not succeed, and my family needs 350 euros per month to buy food and pay for electricity and water so that their lives can continue.

4. 23 days ago, the Taliban entered my mother's house for an attempt, and after asking about me, they told my mother and father that Sodaba and Samira, who are older, should marry the Taliban, and when my brother tried to prevent them, he was beaten by the Taliban, and now Sodaba and Smira, my two older sisters, who are 25 and 20 years old, live secretly in another area and are going to be transferred to Iran together with Bahram.

Yes, these days I live with my wife and my child in a safe place from a physical point of view in the city of Ferrara, Italy, but from a mental point of view I am worried and worried about my family.

And I have two wishes, firstly, to be able to help my family monthly to relieve my anxiety, and secondly, I would like to continue my education and get my master's degree in one of the fields needed by the society so that I can work later.

Thank you for taking the time to read.

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