



Staff gathered together in DRC's Central office to celebrate International Women's Day

#ChooseToChallenge – From Challenge Comes Change Marking this year's International Women's Day in Afghanistan

On 8 March 2021, DRC Afghanistan held a series of events around the country to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women as part of International Women's Day. The celebrations were to show commitment to female equality, celebrate women's accomplishments, highlight gender challenges in Afghanistan, and present DRC's commitment to making a difference.

Southern Afghanistan

In DRC's South Area Office, the team discussed challenges faced by women and how DRC can support them. The team shared examples around the International Women's Day theme of *#ChooseToChallenge – From Challenge Comes Change* and discussed key messages around gender equality and how to support women in the workplace.



Sharing key messages for International Women's Day in DRC South Area Office

Western Afghanistan

In DRC's West Area Office, the goal of the International Women's Day celebration was to demonstrate women's achievements, the challenges they face, and gender equality across all areas in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The event also covered how DRC can ensure a positive environment in which to work.

DRC also supported two local events through providing materials and facilities: a three-day exhibition on women’s handicrafts organised by the Directorate of Women’s Affairs, and an International Women’s Day celebration event with local community members organised by the Community-Based Protection Network, where they read poems and gave speeches and discussed key issues relating to gender equality.



8 March event for the local community in Western Afghanistan, organised by the Community Based Protection Network

Central Afghanistan

In DRC’s Central Office, the day focused on the theme of Women in Leadership, as part of the global call to action to accelerate gender equality.

The event commemorated and honoured women in the country and particularly within DRC Afghanistan. During the opening address, DRC’s Human Resource team and senior staff thanked and appreciated the female staff for their hard work and their crucial role within DRC operations, and encouraged the women to continue their valuable work.



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