

The UN75 Dialogue with Community Members in Daikundi Province

As part of our UN75 consultations with community members in Afghanistan, we brought together 13 participants in the Nili City, on November 12th, 2020. Participants were women and men in their 20s and higher, from civil society and media.

The dialogue covered the questions that have been provided by the UN Secretariat. We challenged the audience to develop creative ideas to improve our response to and vision of the future.

The following were key takeaways from this dialogue:

Summary of key points

Priorities for the international community to recover better from the pandemic:

Proposed priorities fall under roughly three themes:

- Health and well-being priorities were the most prevalent of the responses. The participants mentioned increased access to healthcare, preventing additional waves of Covid-19, developing Covid-19 vaccine and helping developing countries access it, supporting vulnerable communities including addicts and preventing addiction.
- Around 50 % of the participants emphasized the following economic measures; revisiting and reviving the global economy, especially those struck by the Covid-19 epidemic, and monitoring the UN financial support for fair distribution.
- Social priorities were the third most common themes. Participants wanted the international community to prioritize human rights initiatives, increased access to formal justice by the female victims of domestic violence, supporting vulnerable countries like Afghanistan, and eliminating inequalities caused by the Covid-19.
- About 25% of the participants also recommended investment in youth and education.



Hopes and fears of life in 2045:

- Around 90% of respondents believed that the world would be a better place to live in 2045. They opined that there would be progress in human rights and technology. One participant conditioned this progress on peace.
- 16% noted that the security situation would remain the same.
- About 8% believed that there would be setbacks in immigration and security.



The vision of life in 2045:

- 80 % of respondents envisioned a peaceful and secure world in 2045. They hoped that terrorism and violence based on war, gender, and environment be eliminated.
- Around 50% of the respondents wanted poor economies—including Afghanistan—to develop, economic equality among countries to increase, and that states manage their domestic resources.
- Others emphasized gender equality, improved human rights condition, justice system, elimination of poppy cultivation and addiction, and lack of interference in other countries' domestic affairs.

Obstacles and challenges affecting the vision:

- All participants thought that instability and war are challenges against their vision of 2045.

The role of global cooperation to address the obstacles:

- The majority of the participants believed that global cooperation could help stabilize and end the war in Afghanistan. They thought that the international community could help by playing an active role in the peace process, facilitating a permanent ceasefire between parties to the war, pressuring/boycotting terror promoting countries, supporting the Afghan security forces and discouraging interferences Afghanistan's affairs.
- Another area for global cooperation appeared to be economically supporting poor and developing economies, restructuring the global economy and monitoring the US's maneuvers to reduce economic sanctions.
- Others brought up combatting gender-based discrimination, corruption, poppy cultivation, and increased access to education.

Recommendations for the United Nations Secretary-General:

- The majority of the participants recommended the United Nations Secretary-General to prioritize global peace, ending the Afghanistan war and international terrorism.
- Participants also recommended eliminating gender disparities and upholding the rights of children, women, and persons with disabilities.
- Some recommended prioritizing healthcare, supporting developing countries, sanctioning illicit drugs/poppy producers, and the Taliban.

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