

Looking ahead at 2022 through an Engaged 2021

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Partners and colleagues,

Another year on with your reassurances of support and engagement to make this world a better place for all.

The year 2021 like none other in the past 18 years of our work history, not only tested the core of principles of partnership in Afghanistan but it also gave us a great sense of accomplishment when on the home ground here in the Netherlands the historic gender-parity governance demand became a factual reality.

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Libya



Libya: Women and Elections

“It is urgent and vital that the assessment of the needs of Libyan women are ranked top to fast-tracking their enhanced inclusion into all electoral processes”, commented director Sabra Bano reflecting on the postponement of elections in Libya.

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AFGHANISTAN



Country coordinator and staff provided with safe passage to the Netherlands

Our Country Coordinator Afghanistan, Nazir Tofan, and his family, as well as partner Zahra Sepehr and her family, have safely arrived in the Netherlands after their evacuation from Kabul.

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Global wave of gender equality will continue to move forward even in the face of ideological barricades

20 years of hard work in Afghanistan to acknowledge, accept and support women's rights have been a rewarding exercise for all those involved, says director Sabra Bano in her official statement released after the fall of Kabul.

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#EndElectoralGBV



Electoral GBV remains the most neglected form of Gender Based Violence

Through the #EndElectoralGBV campaign we reaffirmed our commitment to continue to draw attention to electoral violence.

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COP26



Gender Concerns International presents at UNFCCC Virtual Gender Market Place at COP26

We attended and participated in many online activities unlike physical participation in COP22 in 2016, COP24 in 2018, COP25 in 2019.

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MOROCCO



Gender Election Observation Mission Morocco 2021

On September 8th, our 4th Gender Election Observation Mission (GEOM) took place in Morocco, marking the 10 year anniversary of the organisation's presence in the country.

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GEOM finds current voter lists at polling stations hindersome to identify the gender of voters

Voter lists at polling stations are not transparent enough and remain insufficient to



identify gender inequalities and support that could be provided to promote voter parity.

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THE NETHERLANDS



The Netherlands' 2021 parliamentary elections historical for women, but obstacles remain

The GEOM NL 2021 Final Report was released and shared with the Dutch Ministry of Interior, Parliamentary Commission of Interior and the Electoral Council (Kiesraad).

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1:1 – System Overhaul Needed for Gender Parity Governance

Through the 1:1 Campaign Gender Concerns International engaged political parties in the Netherlands to critically think of their candidate lists for the parliamentary elections to make sure that it has one woman for every man, making the ratio 1:1.

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Gender Concerns Observes: GEOM NL2021

For the Dutch Parliamentary election held in March, a short-term Gender Election Observation Mission, GEOM NL2021 was facilitated. A team of was deployed in 19 out of 20 electoral districts.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Women's organisations deserve a voice in COVID-19 recovery and response

On IWD 2021 the European Parliament organised a lunch event on the theme of women empowerment during COVID-19, where Director Sabra Bano elaborated on the work of women's organisations specifically during the pandemic.

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Director Sabra Bano: A system that provides equal access in electability, delivers gender parity candidate lists to the corridors of fairly elected governance, is needed

Director Sabra Bano had the privilege to comment on the inauguration speech of President Katerina Sakellariopoulou of the Hellenic Republic (Greece) at the observation of International Women's Day at the European Parliament.

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Celebrating IWD 2021 through the inspiring and ground-breaking work of women leaders

For international Women's Day 2021 we highlighted the work of 3 inspirational women who have changed the course of world politics: Kamala Harris, Jacinda Ardern and Svetlana Tikhanovskaya.

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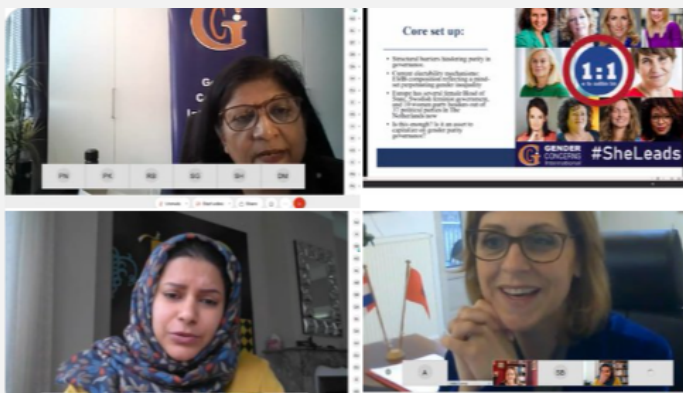
CSW65



CSW65 highlights women in public life and calls for equal participation in decision-making

From March 15-26 the 25th Commission on the Status of Women took place with this year's theme being Women in Public Life – Equal Participation in Decision-Making.

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A candid exchange between Women Ambassadors Group the Netherlands and Gender Concerns International on women leadership and politics

On March 16, H.E. Sakiqi, Ambassador of Albania to the Netherlands and Chair of the Women Ambassador Group to the Netherlands, organized with Gender Concerns International the webinar Women in Politics & Women in Decision-Making.

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