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USAID Hosts First National Conference on Women's Inheritance and Land Rights in Afghanistan

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | MAY 08, 2012 – The struggles Afghan women face with inheriting land and their overall land rights in the country came to light during the First National Conference on Women's Inheritance and Land Rights held in Kabul today. The Minister of Women's Affairs Dr. Husn Bano Banu Ghazanfar, the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commissioner Dr. Soraya Sobhrang, other Afghan officials and civil society and women's rights activists took part in the conference and discussed problems Afghan women encounter while exercising their rights to inherit land.

"The Ministry of Women's Affairs is participating in this conference today to show that we are here to support Afghan women in protecting their rights, and raise awareness of the Afghan people about their rights to inherit land," said Minister Ghazanfar.

One of the main goals of this USAID-sponsored conference was to highlight Afghan women's inheritance and land rights guaranteed under the Constitution of Afghanistan and the various civil codes that protect those rights.

USAID's Land Reform in Afghanistan (LARA) Project aims to promote access to management and legalization of property ownership, and economic development through transparent and applicable ownership rights. The project provides strong policy support for all citizens while raising awareness of land inheritance issues among the Afghan people.

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