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## Second Regional Conference on Women Inheritance and Land Rights Held in Jalalabad

**NANGARHAR, AFGHANISTAN | JULY 5, 2012** – Afghan women face many struggles with inheriting land and exercising their inheritance rights. The Second National Conference on Women's Inheritance and Land Rights in Jalalabad today highlighted the most salient problems and sought solutions in protecting the rights of women to inherit land and other property.

The event, jointly organized by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Afghanistan Women's Inheritance and Land Rights Task Force, featured a number of prominent and high-ranking government and nongovernment officials and women's rights advocates, including the Governor of Nangarhar Province Gul Agha Sherzoi, Member of the Afghan Parliament, Freshta Anwari, and the Member of Nangarhar Provincial Council Nafas Gul Malikzai. Members of the Afghan civil society, women rights activists and scholars from Jalalabad University also participated in the conference.

"I am taking part in today's event to show women my support in their efforts to realize their land and property rights. I will spare no effort to help them raise awareness of a woman's right to inherit land and other property," said H.E. Gul Agha Sherzoi, the governor of Nangarhar province.

USAID's Land Reform in Afghanistan (LARA) Project aims to promote access to management and legalization of property ownership, strengthening the citizens to have access to their rights, economic development through transparent and applicable ownership rights. The LARA Project also provides strong policy support and reform for all citizens while also working on gender, training, public awareness and private sector development.

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