



Transcript of video - Project Peace Rising: Afghanistan

Afghanistan is a country, we (have), as you know, suffered a lot of pain, where millions and millions of people were killed in the conflict and millions and millions of people left the country, fled the country and still, some of them have not returned to the country.

We want the world not to forget this nation, to work with this nation in order to bring peace and stability, not only in the country but in the region and globally as well.

The background of the org that we are working with - the Bureau for Reconstruction and Development (BRD) has been established in 2002, by a group of afghans who wanted to provide quality services of the organisation to the people who are most in need of the capability because they are recovering from war.

After the establishment of the Bureau for Reconstruction and Development, we have been working in peace education and also civic education for women and men in the community. and also democracy. We have newly entered into the democracy phase. During the communist time, there was different, what they are doing in the name of democracy, because people were really confused about what democracy means because during the communist time, they were also talking about democracy. So that's why we find out the needs and start to educate people about democracy, what does it mean and how you can participate in an election and how you can play the role of a watchdog in the government's performance.

So we have started to run a project in the field of Human Rights. We have started documenting cases and started to provide training and capacity building to the government, which is still going on. We have helped to provide vocational training to vulnerable Afghans, which is part of the promotion of economic, cultural and social rights in Afghanistan.

We are also planning to have a new program in the organisation which will be Human Rights advocacy through video, which we will be doing documentaries to have a multi-dimensional impact on the situation and also to address the cases of the human rights violations and show them to the international community and also the responsible decision-makers, to bring their to the people.

We will also be working on a new program, Play for Peace program, which will start soon in Afghanistan. In this program, we will be training and building capacity of youth volunteers and after that, the youth volunteers will be working with children to provide experiential education through games. It will help to cultivate a culture of peace in the schools and also within the children.

My hope is that the current generation, which is rising, I hope they will be educated in peace, and in the culture of peace and to bring peace and stability in the country, in the region and in the world.

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