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**National Advocacy Committee for Public Policy
Training Workshop on Tax Amnesty Program of Ministry of Finance
for NGOs and Private sector Entities**



30 May 2018

The training workshop

On May 30, 2018 a training workshop was held to introduce the Tax Amnesty program and affiliating the entities with formal implications of this initiative. The training organized under the Citizens Forum Against Corruption (CFAC) platform with the overarching goal of strengthening legal and procedural knowledge of entities for successfully utilizing Ministry of Finance's Tax Amnesty program.

The initiative was taken by Afghanistan Public policy Research Organization (APPRO) as the secretariat, of NAC-PP.

27 Participants from 22 Organizations attended the training workshop.

Presentation

The training agenda was designed to brief participants with taxation in Afghanistan, the legal and procedural framework for clearing taxes, Tax Amnesty program and "open discussion" to discuss the ways forward. In addition the participant had an opportunity to get a knowledge of the different processes associated with tax amnesty program in Medium Taxpayers Office. For instance the internal processes looked at filling forms, payment of withholding taxes, submission of annual income tax return and arranging the supporting documents. The NGOs should file tax documents in accordance to a tax calendar organized by MoF which serves the due date for submission of documents. Finally, the participants were affiliated with tax forms and tax calculation methods.

Outcomes of the Training workshop

The participants agreed on the following recommendations for their future work:

1. There is a shared responsibility amongst all present to advocate for this initiative and ensure the transparent processing of tax return documents and utilizing the tax amnesty program
2. NGOs agreed to share the problems while proceeding with the tax amnesty program and further at the end of the meeting attendants signed-in for seeking technical and legal assistance provided by CFAC platform.
3. Network organizations such as ACSFo, ACBAR, EPD and IWA will assist in reaching their members and map those civil society organizations in Kabul who has tax issues in Kabul.
4. Build the platform and invite interested CSOs to advocate for better tax procedures and transparency in tax collection in Afghanistan.
5. APPRO will circulate a checklist to NGOs and based on that the NGOs will arrange the related documents for tax amnesty program.
6. APPRO will support those NGOs whose documents are complete and accurate as guided by tax laws and procedures.

ANNEX 1

Present organizations

Following organizations attended the training workshop: Afghanistan Human Rights Organization (AHRO), Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA), Afghan Civil Society Forum-organization (ACSFo), Humanitarian Assistance for the Women and Children of Afghanistan (HAWCA), Mehr Advocacy and Humanitarian Organization (MAHO), Relief Humanitarian and Development Organization (RHDO), Federation of Afghanistan's Craftsmen & Traders (FACT), Equality for Peace and Democracy (EPD), Afghan Coordination Against Corruption(AFCAC), Cordaid, Darnika Development and Services organization(DDSO), Empowerment Center for Women (ECW), Afghanistan Justice Organization(AJO), The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS), Afghan Women's Educational Center (AWEC), New Message for Afghan Women(NMAWO), Afghanistan Masters and PHDs Associations(AMPA) and Naweed Naw Students Association.