

Position Paper on Girl's Education in Afghanistan

Start of the New Educational Year in Afghanistan without the Presence of Girls

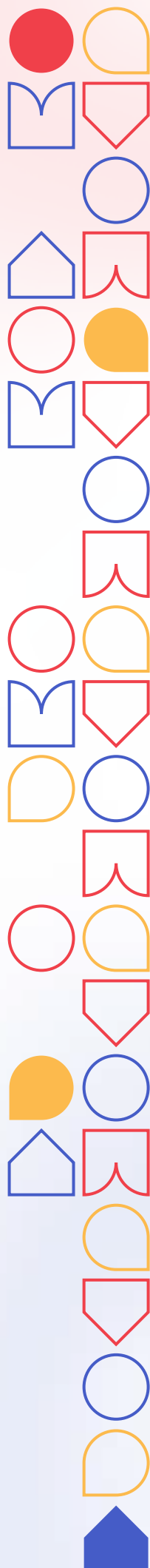
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It is the third educational year that starts without the presence of girls in Afghanistan. Today marks 550 day that girls in Afghanistan have been forbidden/banned from attending schools and universities. Continued closure of educational institutions for girls is an ultimately unpleasant and shameful act in the 21st century and a historical disgrace. It has been 20 months since the Taliban took over the country and the basis for their claim preventing girls from education is utterly against Islamic teaching, cultural norms, and contrary to the laws and commitment of the Afghans – eventually, it is more similar to a political hostage-taking and leverage.

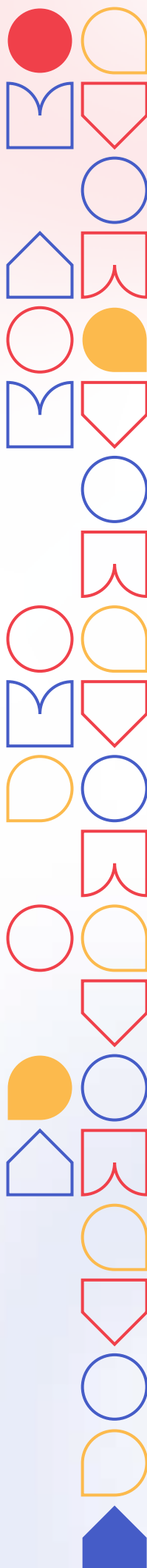
The continued ban on girls' education by the Taliban has disappointed youth and negatively affected their hope for a better future. Afghanistan can progress only when there are equal, better quality, and inclusive educational opportunities for both girls and boys. It is a mere fact that education is one of the powerful tools for reducing or even eradicating poverty and inequality. Education is the basis for economic progress in any country.

In the past 20 years, millions of girls and women received various training and education in Afghanistan. World leaders in support of the Afghan people and civil societies have promised commitment at the regional and international levels to implement the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4. It is time for them to fulfill their promises. It is the responsibility of all the countries and the United Nations who believe in equality, justice, and human rights to stand beside the scores of Afghan girls and their families who are struggling for the reopening of the schools and universities and the urgent reinstatement of the stabilization of the political, social and cultural situation in Afghanistan.

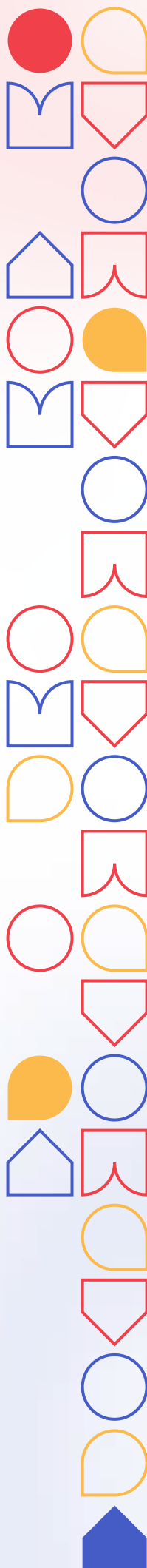
We (as a network of defenders of girls' access to education) urge world leaders, the United Nations, and Regional and International allies to take a courageous and coordinated step toward the reopening of girls' schools and universities in Afghanistan. Our demands are as follows:



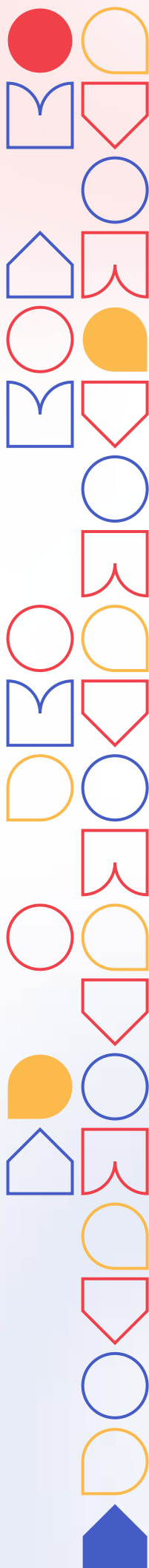
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