



Success Story

In Afghanistan it is difficult to be a woman, it's a great responsibility and commitment to be sister and it's a huge sacrifice to demand your rights. I went through all this, but I found the strength to succeed."



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Sarwi Gul, a recent graduate from a low-income family is a young women activist from Kunduz province. Says Sarwai Gul "Being a girl I had neither the right to speak in public, nor to raise my voice, nor to demand accountability from the public sector institution. From my childhood I had a dream to participate equally as men and live my life free from biases. But I used to think that how can I do that when everyone in our society has prejudices towards women including my family who wouldn't allow me to participate in public gatherings and mainstream life".

Thanks to NSDO for empowering me, sensitizing me and showing me the real power and strength of women, particularly our role in nation building and demanding accountability.

In the beginning, I was not allowed to take part in training or any of such activities by my family but I resisted, gave myself strength and thought to set an example for other women of my village. I was able to convince my parents and enrolled in the training program. Through these training sessions I was able to learn many new concepts about how a woman can participate equally and meaningfully in the governance system, and can demand accountability and fundamental human rights by using multiple advocacy tools.

I am now using my knowledge at multiple forums, I have also transferred the same skills to other peers of my community and organized them to raise their voice and fight against corruption and human rights. Thanks to NSDO for empowering me with such knowledge and skills that has transformed me from an ordinary household woman to a proactive social activist of our society.

