

# Women's Leadership Development (WLD)



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1,500+ young, educated Afghan women...

*...attended the first round of outreach to apply for upcoming WLD program courses.*

*“If a woman finds her way to a decision-making position, Afghanistan will see a positive change” – Mubarak Paiwand, an LLB student of Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education*

## Applications flood into the program proving that girls believe they can succeed

After a decade of endeavors for women's rights in Afghanistan, gender equality continues to be an issue among Afghan communities. Today, most Afghan women still face obstacles in all areas of society.

Through the Women's Leadership Development (WLD) Program, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Tetra Tech is providing Afghanistan's talented, young, and educated women with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to become future leaders.

At the initial phase, Tetra Tech conducted multiple sessions through private universities to increase awareness of the program and recruit young women to apply for upcoming program courses. WLD acquainted the young, educated women the importance of their participation in professional, leadership positions. The first round of outreach attracted more than 1,500 students, demonstrating Afghan women's interest and enthusiasm for becoming future leaders and decision-makers in their society.

Within just two weeks of outreach, the WLD team has distributed more than 1,500 application forms to private universities, women's centers, and a hostel for girls living in Kabul. Requests from private and public institutions for WLD outreach sessions continue to come in to the program team on a regular basis.