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## Film trailer: "Hava, Maryam, Ayesha"

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**Hava, Maryam, Ayesha**  
**A Film by Sahraa Karimi**

# Afghan Mothers Assert their Daughters' Futures.

*"I will fight up to end of my life to continue our campaign to educate Afghan mothers and daughters. Leader of women Shura, Momena Shaheer*

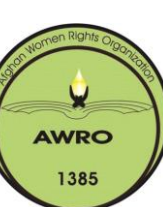


# In solidarity with the following Afghan NGOs.

*"I have confidence that the majority of our population will support the right to Afghan mothers and daughters to education."*

Nooria Safi Afghan National Education Coalition





مؤسسه خدمات حقوقی زنان افغان  
Afghan Women's Rights Organization



مؤسسه توانمندسازی جامعه



ه افغانستان نخبه زمانه‌ها و ملای مرکز  
مرکز حمایت از زنان زواریست در افغانستان



درمان روزنه صحت



انجمن اجتماعی و فرهنگی تدبیر



# #TIME4REALPEACE





# Issues

*"The fight to eliminate violence against women will continue until Afghan mothers and daughters can access education, through which they will become self-reliant and confident."*





*There are frequent accusations that the Taliban prevent girls from accessing secondary education in areas under their control.*



*"My father and mother are old. My brother left us. I am the only educated daughter in my family. I am the breadwinner. I wish my mother were educated so that she could lift some of my burden."*



*"Violence and discrimination against us is double if our mothers are denied the same rights."*

*We want to be reach to secondary school and beyond."*

*"My mother says that if I am unable to read and write, it is the same as being blind."*



# Desires

*Afghan women from all walks of life continue their work to educate every mother and daughter.*



*"Both women from illiterate communities, as well as those with education, want to shape the future of Afghanistan. They are united in this desire."*



*"We wish our mothers could have been educated as well!"*





*"Our mothers and daughters are the basis of Afghanistan's future development."*





*"We are not alone in our desire to see every mother in Afghanistan educated;*

*Millions of Afghan mothers, who were denied access to schools, wish this for themselves too."*



*"Without our mothers' education, there will be no development."*

*"Our future will be made brighter by education!"*



*"As a rural mother and lecturer, I urge the international community to support our campaign to educate our daughters."*  
- Khadija Yawari



# Actions

*"Why should our mothers and daughters not be educated?"*

*"We, the Helmand community, support them."*





*"University education is not only for us. We want our daughters to study as well!"*  
Gawharshad University  
Students



*"We are the other half of our society. We want to contribute to our country's development by building our own knowledge."*





ما مادران افغان از جامعه جهانی و دولت افغانستان تقاضا داریم تا از ادامه حق تحصیل و تعلیم مادران و دختران افغان را حمایت و ضمانت نماید.  
مادران افغانی مورگانی له نرپوالی ټولنی او د افغانستان له دولت څخه هیله لرو چی د افغان مېرمنو او نجونو د تعلیم او تحصیل د دوام لپاره حمایت او ضمانت وکړی.

**WE Afghan mothers demand from the international community and government of Afghanistan to ensure the continued protection of us and our daughter right to education.**

**Farkhunda Trust**  
For Afghan Women's Education

*"We want greater access to higher education."*



*"We want our mothers and daughters to be educated, not only our sons."*



*"We will not stay silent!  
Education is our basic  
right!"*

# Call for collective support

*"We are strong! We will  
continue to demand  
education."*





*"We need our countrymen and the wider world to support our campaign for our right to education."*

*"We would like mothers around the globe to support us in our efforts to realize Afghan mothers' & daughters' right to education."*  
Rahela Sidiqi



# Support

*"We stand in solidarity with 'Our Mothers and Daughters Campaign.'"*



*"We ask you to remain in solidarity with our campaign."*







*"Educated mothers and daughters will sustain peace in Afghanistan, without needing weapons to do so."*  
Afghanistan National Education Coalition  
Executive Board

*"People's lives will not be changed in Afghanistan if women are barred from education. Please support our campaign for our mothers' and daughters' right to education.*

Nilofer Ibrahim  
Badakhshan MP



Farkhunda Trust is grateful for MMM's support for our campaign.

Thank you.



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