

We appreciate and acknowledge the Afghanistan Government's commitment to SDGs, leaving no-one behind & COVID-19 recovery. It needs to be emphasized that much on-ground efforts need to be made to ensure protection and prosperity of the people of Afghanistan from rising threats to peace and the effects of the Covid19 Pandemic.

Alleviation of poverty, hunger, access to clean energy, ensuring gender equality, providing quality education, unemployment and corruption remain immediate and key challenges to be addressed.

We believe that collaboration with Civil Society & External stakeholders towards SDGs is critical and call your attention to the following:

- How will the government ensure the reduction of poverty and continue the progress on SDGs with the rising threats to peace of people and the Covid19 Pandemic?
- How will the government work towards employment, skilling, education for youth with special emphasis on girls and what institutional and on-ground steps does the government intend to take for promoting freedom and safety for women and other marginalized communities?
- What actions is the government taking towards strengthening partnerships with CSOs, external development stakeholders and translating them to impact? What progress has been made by the government to promote collaborative actions to alleviate poverty?
- What steps did the government take to ensure the inclusion of voices of national and sub-national stakeholders in the VNR process? How does the government plan to engage and empower regional stakeholders towards inclusive representation in the future?