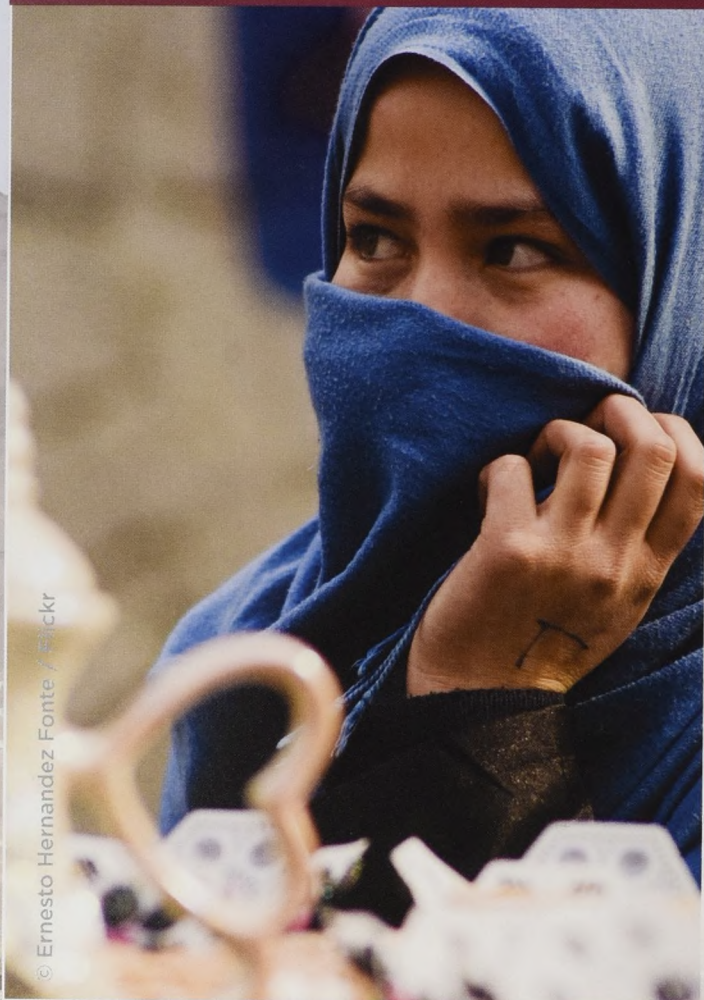


OUR POLICY IN ACTION

# EMPOWERING AFGHAN WOMEN



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In 2009, Afghanistan enacted historic legislation on eliminating violence against women. But criminalizing violence is not enough to eliminate it.

An estimated 87 percent of Afghan women will be assaulted in their lifetimes. Domestic and sexual violence are still widespread, as is child, early and forced marriage. Sexual harassment remains common in public places, workplaces and schools. Cases are rarely reported to authorities.

Canada wants to help Afghan women assert their rights in these situations. Together with the government and civil society, we are working to ensure they receive equal treatment from public institutions, including the justice system.

We are working to raise awareness of the new law among stakeholders in the system. Training sessions for police



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