

Gender Amid Insecurity



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Summary

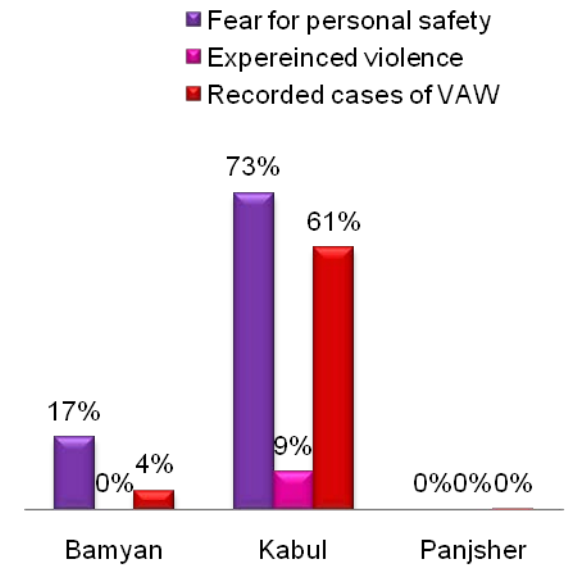
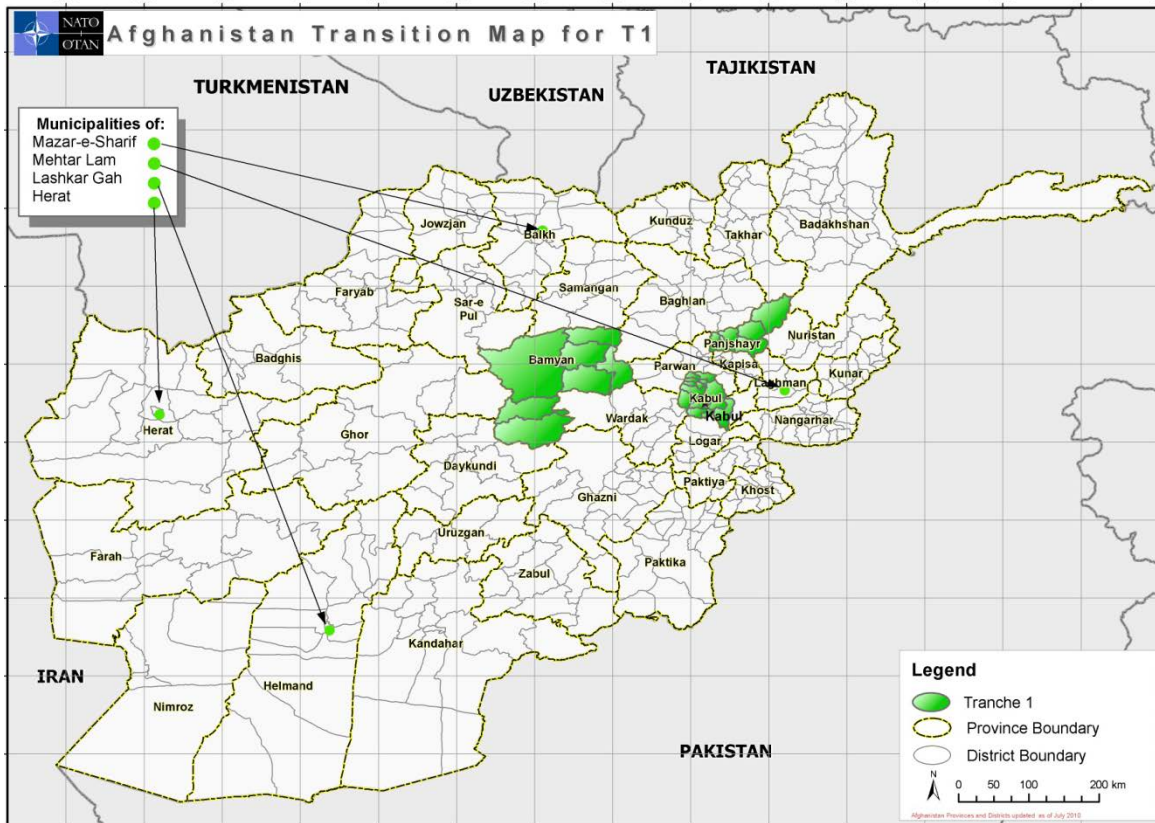


- The Role of Transition in Women's Security
 - Women are symbolically targeted in first line of attack
- Effects of Uncertainty on Women's Security
 - Hysteria and Conservatism
- Impact of the EVAW law debate on Women's Security
 - Politicizing the secular –religious divide



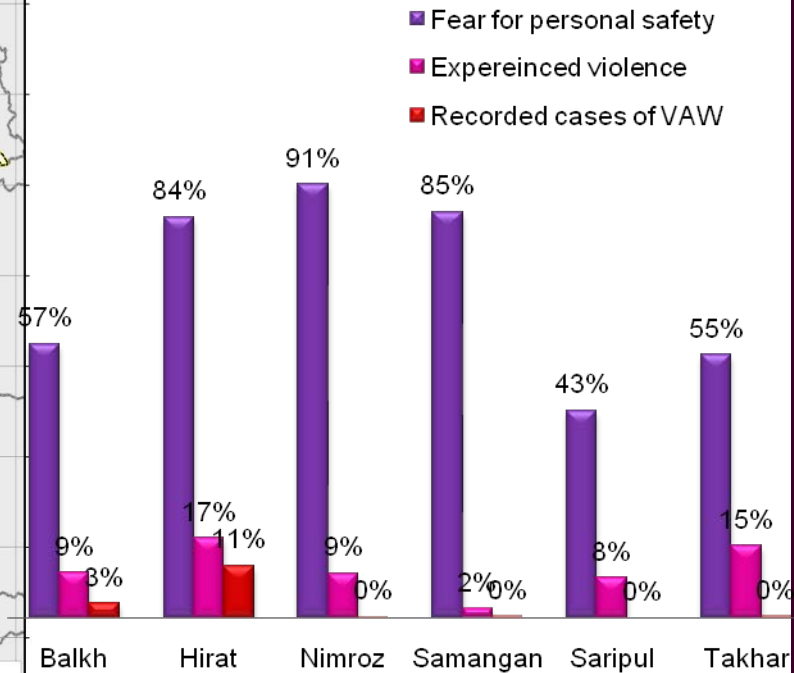
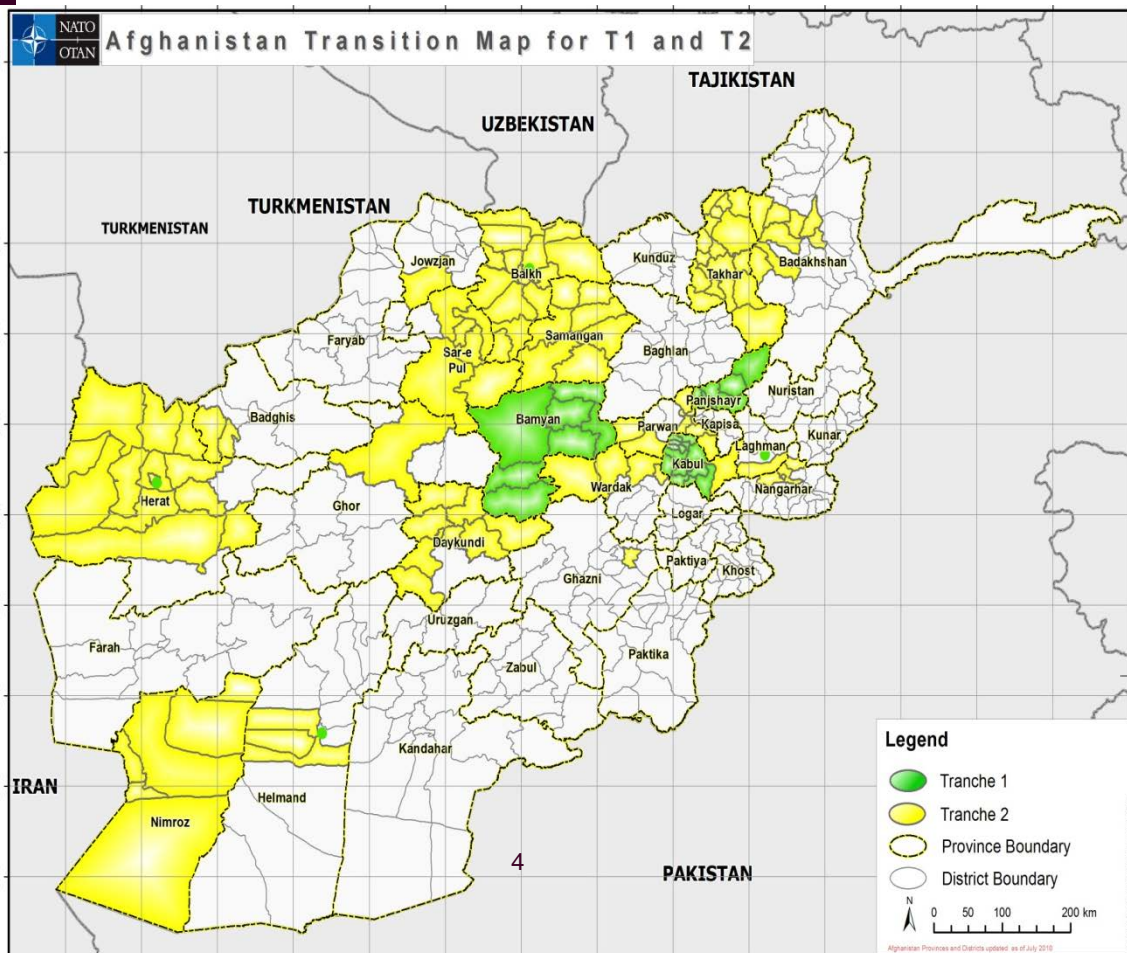
Transition and Women's Security

First Tranche Transitioned Provinces, March 2011: Bamyan, Kabul, Panjsher



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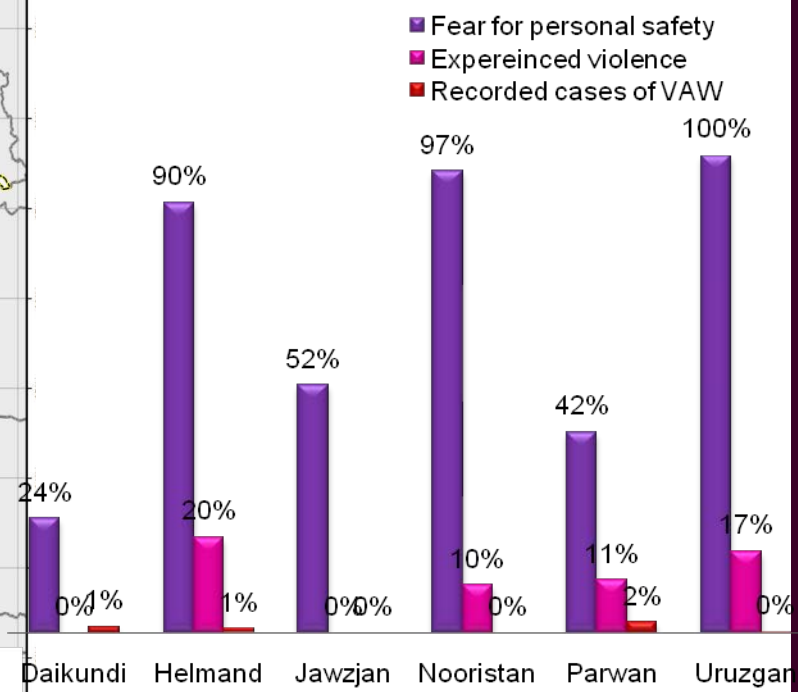
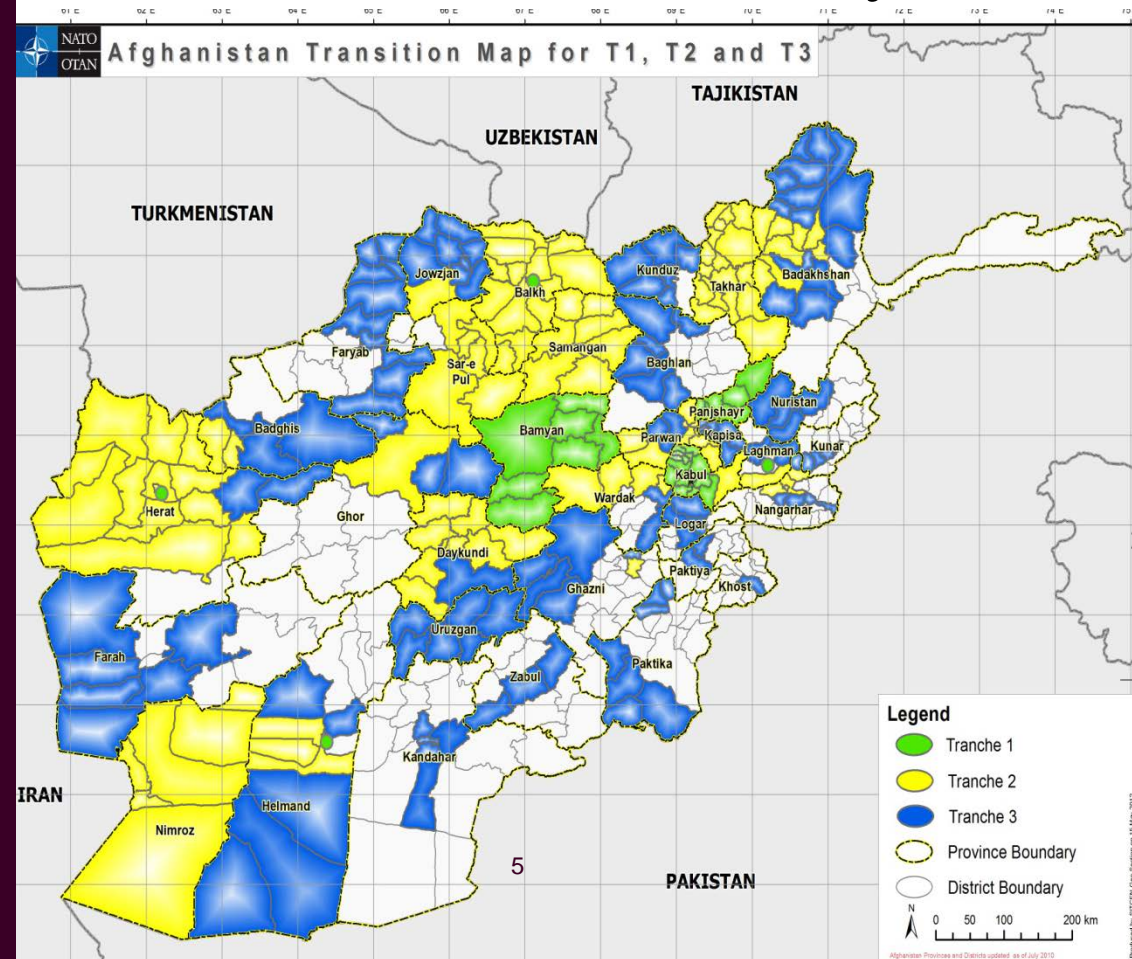
Second Tranche Transitioned Provinces, November 2011:
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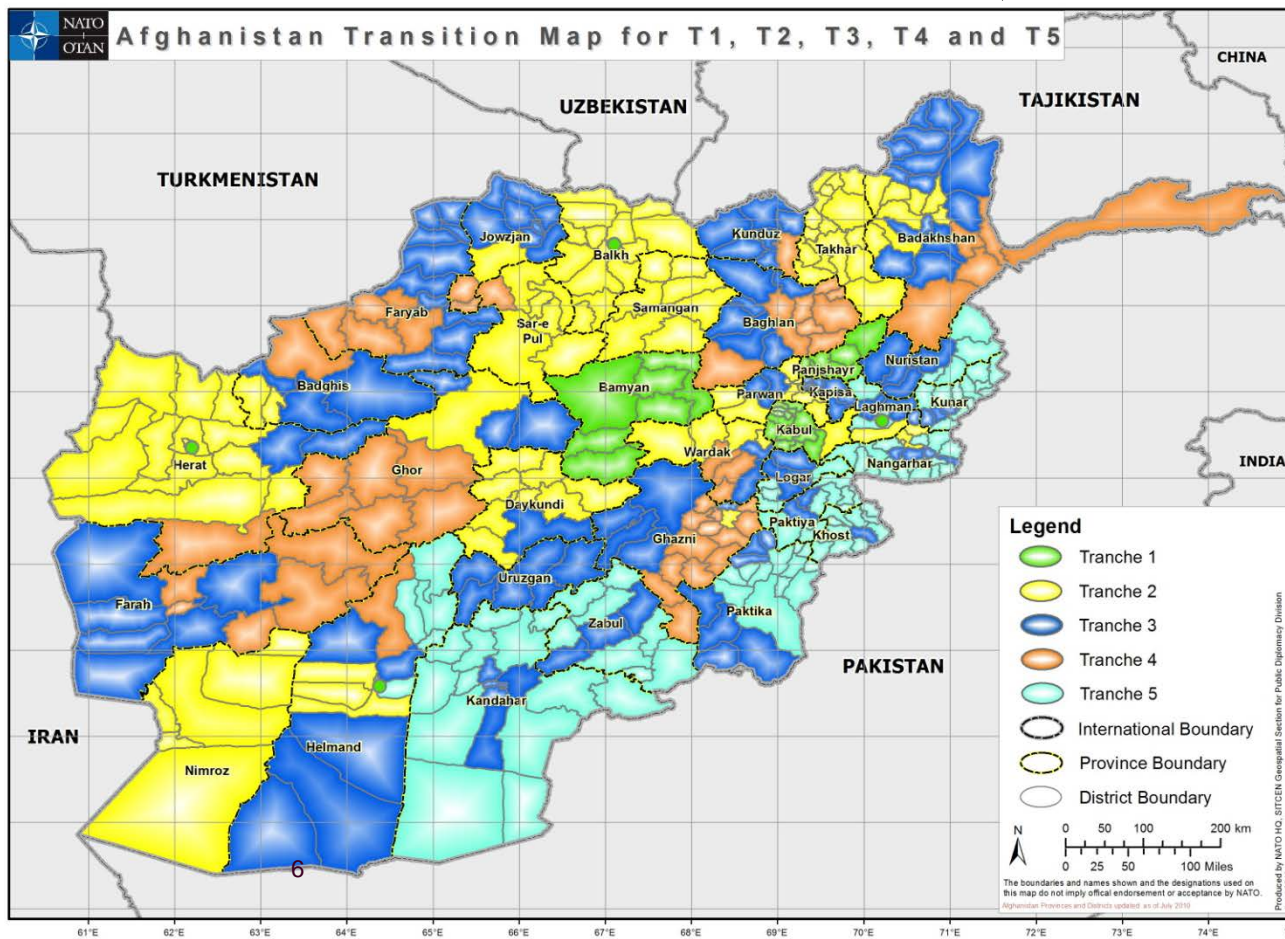
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Third Tranche Transitioned Provinces, May 2012: Daikundi, Helmand, Jawzjan, Nooristan, Parwan, Uruzgan



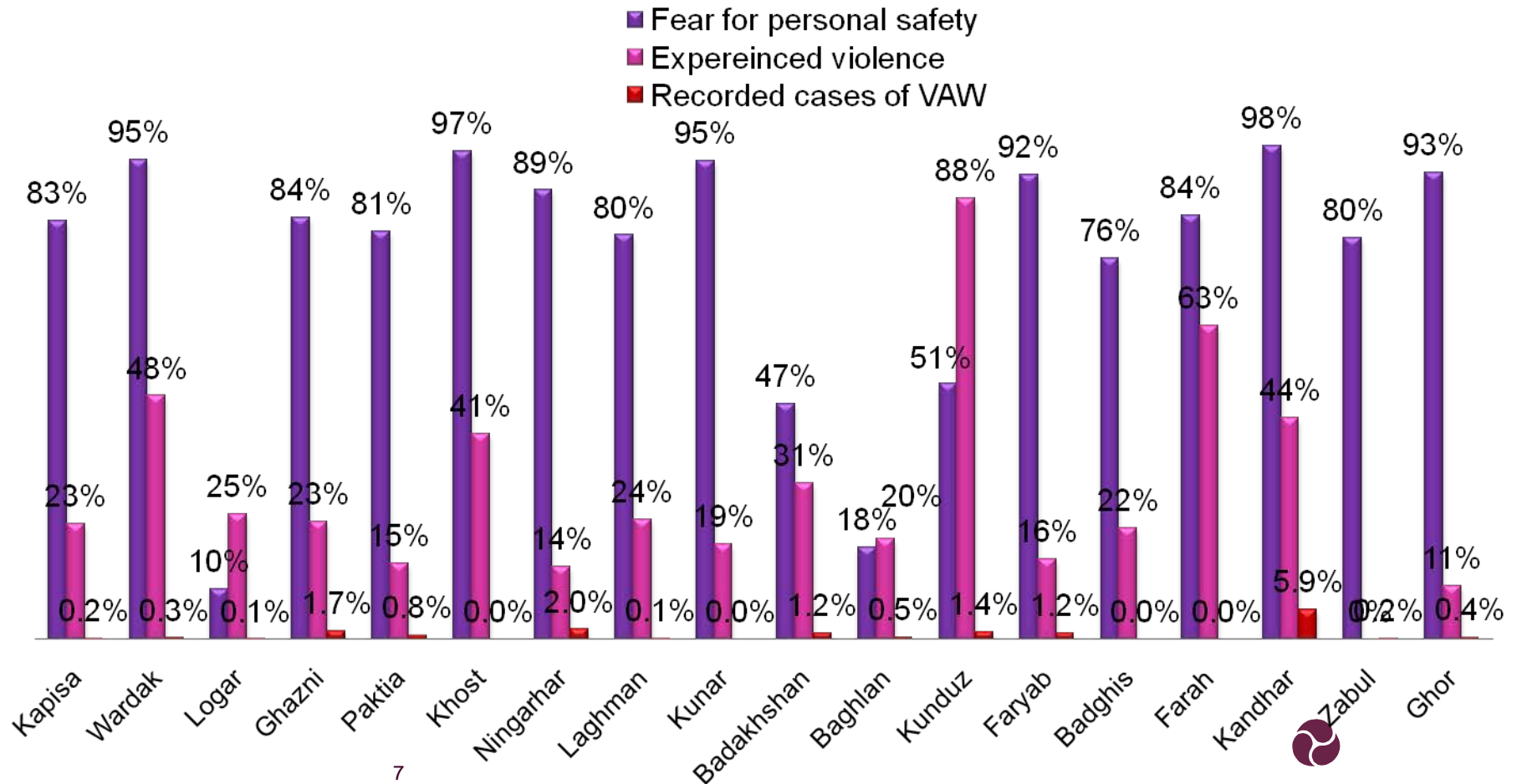
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Fourth Tranche Transitioned Provinces, December 2012 & Fifth Tranche Transitioned Provinces, June 2013



Transition and Women's Security (cont.)

Data collected in 2012 before 4th and 5th Tranche Transitioned:



Uncertainty and Women's Security

- Conservatism
 - Anticipating Taliban/experiencing threat
 - Local Taliban verses External (Ramadhan initiative)
 - Reactionist behavior against women
 - eg. Men in parliament pressuring women
 - Laws—EVAW and Quota
- Hysteria—Mental health (90% of population, MoPH est)
 - Threats heard –parliament, women candidates, schools
 - eg. Girls schools-23 schools across the country, no poison



EVAW law and Women's Security



Conclusions

- Afghanistan is deeply religious (99% want Sharia, 74% think Religious leaders should be consulted)
- Trend towards Conservatism—making concessions anticipating Taliban
- Changing laws
- Threats and Attacks on women and girls persons & institutions as transition progresses

- Will security stabilize? At what cost to women?



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