

WAF Meeting

30th May 2018

Agenda:

1. WAF Manifesto for upcoming Elections 2018
2. Discussion on various aspects of the manifesto / sharing of points send by members

Details / Discussions:

The main headings of WAF manifesto for elections 2018 are:

1. Constitutional issues and the elections ... Balance of power (parliament, executive, judiciary, military) ... Devolution ... FATA (women in fata) ... Citizenship ...Women and Politics, Women's Seats Quotas etc....Islam. Minorities ... Freedoms and rights guaranteed in the constitution
2. Justice rule of law violence and militancy.... ATC ... NAP
3. Macro economy including CPEC (transparency reservations etc. and what is already public)
4. Agrarian sector women in agriculture. Land ownership, inheritance, tenants' rights women and land
5. Women workers: formal sector contract workers home based workers domestic workers bonded labour etc.
6. Health
7. Education
8. Social Protection
9. Women and violence, Cyber Crime etc.
10. Other areas members would like to include

A detail discussion was held on the following points:

- Women workers / Home-based workers / factory workers / workers on regular wages / contract workers

Ume Laila will take lead on this issue and will write the points of manifesto. We must include the issue of youth work force in our manifesto. It was discussed that we should also include the issue of migrant workers? NSK said that at this stage we can't include as it needs a comprehension detail discussion

- Constitutional issues and the elections ... Balance of power (parliament, executive, judiciary, military) Role of Cabinet, ... Devolution ... Citizenship ...Women and Politics, Women's Seats Quotas etc

All the legislatures, Prime Minister and provincial minister should at least attend 50% sessions of National assembly as well as provincial assembly. Likewise Parliamentary committee meetings go on throughout the year. Ume Laila said FAFEN has published detailed report on data of national and provincial assembly. After reviewing the report, she would be able to share some concrete information. In the last tenure 33% quota was specified in local government for women. WAF demands 10% women seats in this round. Laila will share the criteria of Reserve seats. Political parties should allocate funds for women on general seats. 33% women representation in Punjab.

NSK spoke that she has extensive work experience in women in politics so she would prefer to write up the points “Women in Politics”

Nighat Said Khan will work on Constitutional issues / Judiciary/ Law-Legislation etc. Perhaps she will give her input in women in agriculture.

WAF positions were discussed which WAF has taken regarding different issues and still holds.

Tauseef Hayat has already given comprehensive bullet points on education.

WAF demands the Quality Education for ALL

Rani and Neelum are specialized in Environment hence both will work on “Environment”.

It also came in discussion all WAF members will visit the respective constituencies, independent candidates, women on reserve seats and women in general seats etc. WAF members will also provide the support to those women who would contest election first time with the support of their male family members.

Health

Psychological / Mental/ Post-Partum / Teenagers health issues / menstrual health issues / Drugs / Rehabilitation

WAF demands the regulation of counseling centers.

Decisions

Both conveners will form an e-mail group of existing regular members for working on manifesto. To further input and sharing of respective points on concerned issues.

Naila will be made attachments- pages with separate headings of earlier discussed topics/ issues and share with all members in e-mail group.

The demands should be specific and not more than one pager.

Tauseef needs to add the constitutional reference in education.

Naila and Maria Kokab will give some concrete points on violence against women and in this connection, she would coordinate with Nabila, Mumtaz (Aurat Foundation), HRCP as well.

WAF demand women's shelter, one window operation at community level but no legal proceedings at this level, no judicial rights

Sarah Sheraz, Shahnaz Iqbal will give detailed points on women in agriculture covering the issue of social protection, equal enumeration, work hours and protection from harassment at work place.

Anum and Sahera will coordinate with Khawar Mumtaz, Kausar S Khan and Doctor Naureen Zafar in order to provide precise info on health in general and women health in particular.

The deadline of submitting the bullet points on concerned issues will be 8th of June while the translation of manifesto will be done by Naila and Sahera.

WAF will do lobbying with political parties, women candidates, independent candidates, marginalized women candidates, women on General seats, ombudspersons' etc.

It has been decided after the formation of manifesto all WAF members will not only visit the candidates of different political parties but try to include WAF manifesto in Parties main agenda.

WAF can hold a press conference to introduce / present their manifesto