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#### I. Information about Organization

The International Law Moot Court Alumni Association (IMCAA) is a non-profit and nonpolitical organization that has been registered with the Ministry of Justice in Afghanistan since 2020. It has around 500 Afghan lawyers as members, either within the country or living in different countries. It aims to develop the capacity of legal education institutions in conducting several types of programs, including the Jessup moot court competition within law schools in Afghanistan. The board of IMCAA recently conducted several workshops on research methodology and children's rights for both male and female law students in Bamyan, Paktia, and Laghman provinces in Afghanistan. The purposes of such trainings are to improve the legal capacity and legal awareness of Sharia and Law students and professors within law schools in Afghanistan. However, IMCAA has recently experienced financial gaps in administrative support and program capabilities within Law and Sharia faculties in Afghanistan.

**II. Project Title:** Supporting the clinical legal activities within law schools in Afghanistan.

#### **III.** Problem Statement

The clinical legal education institutions are experiencing either substandard programs or lack of professional resources to offer the best services for law students since the state collapsed in Afghanistan. The students are hopeless at learning the best methods of practical clinical activities within the legal education institutions in Afghanistan. But they are eager to participate in standard practical clinical activities to support advocacy for women's rights, disability rights, and access to justice within the justice institutions in Afghanistan. Because Afghanistan's law schools have provided limited services in providing the best practical skills for law students, IMCAA intends to launch several clinical legal activities to fill gaps within Afghanistan's legal education institutions.

The board of IMCAA has strong commitment to develop the clinical activities, professional development workshops, and mock trial competitions within law schools in Afghanistan. IMCAA is eager to design mock trial competitions on human rights, environmental law, and rights of access to education, in light of international law norms in Afghanistan. The IMCAA board established an office in Kabul in August 2022 to manage capacity building programs within clinical legal education in volunteer based in Afghanistan on September and October 2022. It further aims to promote its activities to assist law and Sharia students in accessing quality legal education programs within law schools in Afghanistan. But it needs financial support to cover its administrative and program costs in its future programs.

The IMCAA board creates three categories of activities from September 2023 until August 2024. The first types of activities are supporting, in the short term, the professional development workshops for both professors and students at law and sharia faculties on legal writing, professional identity, and the importance of legal aid in the clinical activities at over 14 public and private universities in Afghanistan. The second round of activities is administering the local language mock trial competitions within six low ranking public schools in Afghanistan. It enables non-English speakers to participate in the legal analysis process and critical thinking in order to improve their legal knowledge and oral advocacy before the court. Finally, IMCAA will consider administering the Jessup mock trial competition in the follow-up year in Afghanistan. Because it enhances the



standard skills of legal writing, critical thinking, and oral advocacy for law and sharia students, it plays an effective role in the standardization of the justice and legal education institutions in Afghanistan.

## **IV.** Goal and objectives:

## A. Goal:

Empowerment the clinical legal education activities within Law and Sharia faculties in Afghanistan.

## **B.** Objectives

- 1- Clinical legal activities: IMCAA aims to increase the professional skills of both law and sharia students through conducting several types of clinical activities within law schools in Afghanistan.
- 2- Professional capacity building activities: IMCAA aims to hold several capacity building programs for both students and professors to build their skills in research and critical thinking.
- 3- Legal aid: IMCAA aims to introduce the legal aid phenomenon within the clinical legal education institutions in Afghanistan.

## V. Implementation plan & Estimated timelines:

IMCAA has planned to conduct project activities within law schools in Afghanistan from September 2023 until August 2024. The IMCAA board encourages law schools in Afghanistan to provide space for venues, along with any other assistance available. The Jessup moot court competition is the highest priority program to be designed for the national rounds in Kabul, Afghanistan, from September 2023 until February 2024. The other types of projects will be implemented within the law schools in Afghanistan over a different period. However, the IMCAA board plans to hold two local language moot court competitions in Afghanistan in the fall of 2023 and the spring of 2024 at a minimum participation of 6 public and private law schools.

## VI. Evaluation and Impact

- A. Quarterly and annual report submission on the activities
- B. FPJRA-IMCAA website provides updates on activities in Afghanistan.
- C. Success stories of students from the IMCAA project activities in Afghanistan

## VII. Sustainability

- A. The IMCAA board will encourage law schools in providing space for meetings and events and it obliges law schools to initiate clinical activities for law students within their faculties.
- B. Holding professional development programs from law schools' resources for law students

## VIII. Target audience

- A. Law and Sharia students from over 8 public and private law schools in Afghanistan
- B. Law and Sharia professors from several public and private universities in Afghanistan
- C. Clinical legal institutions in Afghanistan

# IX. Estimated budget.

To achieve the project's goal and objectives, it is anticipated \$78,200 as a total budget is needed based on the following categories:

# Item Responsibilities	escription Unit cost	Percentage	Total \$
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1	3 Staff				
1.1	Technical assistance	Overall managing the program activities: Drafting cases for the local language moot court competitions, financing, reporting and analysis activities	\$75,000	30%	25,000
1.2	Finance officer	Managing the cost and expenses of the program		90%	6,000
1.3	Project coordinator	Managing each activity of the programs and updating the program manager		90%	6,000
	Director of IMCAA	Allocate his half hour time in daily basis to support IMCAA in Afghanistan			
2	Office Rent		\$5,000	100%	5,000
3	Internet Package		\$1,200	100%	1,200
4	Professional capacity building workshops	10 workshops: Climate Change Protections, Child Rights, Professional Identity, legal aid, legal writing, criminal and civil procedure for over 8 public and private law schools	\$10,000	100%	10,000
5	Clinical legal activities (Jessup and two local moot court programs	<ol> <li>Case 1: Climate Change hypothesis case</li> <li>Case 2: Criminal hypothesis case</li> <li>Jessup Moot Court Competition</li> </ol>	25,000	100%	25,000
	Total				78,200 USD