Concerns regarding the rights of women in Afghanistan persist and they are on the rise, threatening overall development. Though it is a new issue that women suffer from discrimination and injustice, the attention paid to solve the issue is really negligible. Particularly, after the downfall of Taliban, there were expectations that the country would make strides in bringing women to social and political lives but the hopes were disappointed only hopes. Though some developments were made, they are being sacrificed as the country is moving towards instability and war.

A statement by the Ministry of Finance on Tuesday revealed that women are not represented sufficiently in the government and, therefore, there should be more seats reserved for them in the future. Hazine Amini, ABB head, told a news conference in Kabul that they had prepared their suggestions for the upcoming Brussels Conference and they were aimed at encouraging the Afghan government to increase women’s role in the administration. Samira also said the ABB wanted to emphasize the women’s role to be heard about in the discussions, particularly those that are to be considered for governance, law enforcement and the peace process.

Concerning the rights of women in Afghanistan, the government has not been very progressive. The number of women who are ministers, deputy ministers, four ambassadors and nine others are also women. However, Samira Hamidi, AWN board director, said, "Currently only four women are ministers, nine others are deputy ministers, four ambassadors and one woman is governor in the country. And, six percent of staff members of the attorney general’s office, eight percent of the Supreme Court and one percent of the Ministry of Defence are women." So, for Afghanistan, the priorities need to be changed. All these issues women in this country have not been empowered as much as they should be. Women in Afghanistan have not undergone discriminative behavior for decades now. The religious extremism and atrocities practiced by the TALIBAN have been voluntarily fought by the women and men and the discrimination and violence does not necessarily mean that women alone should shoulder the responsibility. They should be given a voice too and should continue in every possible way. One of the ways to up to and count is local elections which can be a source of empowerment and political institutions and processes. And, this is not the responsibility of the government and international agencies only. The particular gender but of all these human beings have some concern and some love for human rights, the ones who believe in dignity of human beings and their existence without any differentiation of gender.

Particularly, men can play an imperative role. If they have been mostly responsible for the discrimination, modern men can now change that. They can show their love of humanity and non-discrimination and the discrimination and violence does not necessarily mean that women alone should shoulder the responsibility. There should be efforts to bring about changes in the society and to ensure that the women who are fighting for the rights of women would be very difficult. In the Afghan society, some women are in influential social and political positions. Therefore the society must also fulfill their responsibilities and they must ensure that there should be some seats reserved for women in the parliament. The political parties and practice must never be inclined towards discrimination and injustice on the basis of gender. Not only the women rights organizations but different other social, political and administrative organizations can have a part in the process and women are properly compensated within the system and are not neglected on the basis of prejudice. In addition, the religious and tribal institutions can also play tremendous role in uplifting the position of women and girls in the society. Women in Afghan society are mostly responsible and, as a result, they can be easily motivated by such institutions for better and higher purposes. It is important to note that the efforts regarding women rights do not end only in conferences and celebrations by certain organizations and individuals but rather should be turned into practical and effective actions for the rights and position of women. The upcoming Brussels must realize that this really happens.

For instance, the government and Afghanistan are trying to bring about changes in the society. Within the past year, the government has introduced a new strategy to promote women’s roles and rights. This strategy includes a range of measures, such as education, health care, and economic empowerment. However, the government has been criticized for not doing enough to protect women’s rights and for not implementing the measures effectively.

Concerning the role of women in society, the Afghan government has implemented several initiatives to promote their participation in various sectors. For instance, the government has set aside a percentage of seats for women in local and national elections. Additionally, the government has established women’s desks in government offices to address their grievances and concerns.

On the other hand, the Taliban have been criticized for their discriminatory policies and attitudes against women. They have banned women from attending school, working outside the home, and receiving medical care. However, the Taliban have been weakened by the Afghan government’s efforts to combat terrorism and extremism.

The rights of women in Afghanistan are still under threat, and efforts must be made to ensure that they have equal access to education, employment, and political participation. The government must continue to work towards creating a society that values and respects women’s rights.