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MYANMAR WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS NETWORK

About Myanmar Women Parliamentarians Network

Following the military coup in February 2021, elected representatives at the national, state and region level stood in solidarity and joined with millions of Myanmar citizens around the country to protest the junta's illegal seizure of power. A group of women members of parliament (MPs) stood in solidarity with people from all walks of life and actively supported the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) and peaceful massive protests despite the junta's violent reprisals. In October 2021, this group of women MPs from state and regional parliaments came together with women MPs elected to the national parliament and they shared the common goals of opposing the military dictatorship, securing the restoration of democracy in their country and establishing a fully democratic federal state. Since that time, this group of women MPs have been convening regular meetings to identify ways to provide assistance to citizens in their communities that are experiencing the hardship of conflict. The network was formally established on November 2, 2022, and has been working towards restoring democracy in Myanmar, providing humanitarian assistance, and advocating both nationally and internationally for the rights of all Myanmar citizens including ethnic minorities and women.

Vision

A Federal Democratic Union of Myanmar in which all the people of Myanmar can enjoy human dignity, human rights and equality of opportunity regardless of race, gender, religion and languages.

Mission

The Network will stand in solidarity with all ethnic people of Myanmar in opposing this deadly military regime that has violated the human rights of its citizens and conducted a campaign of torture and murder. The Network will ensure the rights of citizens of Myanmar to be recognized and reflected in future government and constitutional structures.

Who we are

A network of over a hundred of women MPs of the Union Parliaments and State and Regional Parliaments elected in the 2020 general elections. It is composed of 60% re-elected and 40% newly-elected MPs who represent 13 ethnic groups. It is a cross-party network. The network welcomes all elected women MPs of the 2020 general election who are not collaborating with the military.

Our work

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- Collaboration with the local and international governments, parliaments and Civil Society for political and humanitarian support for Myanmar
 - Advocacy for gender equality, all inclusive, women empowerment and democratic rights
 - Strengthening communication among the executives, the public and the stakeholders
 - Participating in the Constitutional Development process

- Building working relationships with civil society organizations
- Capacity Building and awareness raising for women MPs, women in politics and public sectors, and the constituents

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