

Proposal: Policy Dialogue for Women Peacebuilders

1. Background and Current Progress

The *Jaari Women Peacebuilder Fellowship* (Cohort II), launched in May 2025 by Parindey, is an intensive hybrid leadership program equipping 20+ diverse young women from across Pakistan with the tools, knowledge, and solidarity networks needed to lead inclusive peacebuilding efforts. Fellows come from marginalized regions such as Gwadar, Turbat, Jamshoro, Swat, Chitral, and Gilgit-Baltistan, representing ethnic, religious, gender, and professional diversity; including educators, lawyers, doctors, and trans advocates.

Over the past two months, Jaari has conducted a series of virtual sessions focused on trauma-informed leadership, cross-border solidarity, intersectionality, and inclusive peace processes; including a powerful dialogue with Afghan women peacebuilders. Fellows have engaged in reflective readings, shared lived experiences of navigating patriarchal and conflict-affected environments, and begun designing their own community peace projects.

2. The Need for Policy Dialogue

While grassroots action is essential, systemic change is impossible without engaging those in power. One of the key insights from Jaari's sessions has been the urgent need to bridge the disconnect between local women peacebuilders and national policy platforms. Many fellows despite leading impactful community efforts; feel excluded from policy conversations on peace, justice, and inclusion.

In response, Parindey proposes to host a high-level policy dialogue in collaboration with the Women Parliamentary Caucus, civil society partners, and Jaari alumni. This forum will spotlight fellows' work and present key feminist policy recommendations around trauma-informed governance, digital safety, and inclusive peace processes.

3. Objectives of the Proposed Activity

- Provide a formal platform for Jaari fellows to present policy recommendations derived from their grassroots experiences
- Engage parliamentarians, civil society leaders, and government officials in a dialogue on gender-inclusive peacebuilding
- Raise visibility of feminist approaches to conflict transformation
- Document and disseminate outcomes to inform future programs and legislative efforts

4. Proposed Activities

Activity	Description	Timeline
Pre-dialogue Consultations	Virtual sessions to consolidate fellows' recommendations	July 2025
National Policy Dialogue	Half-day in-person forum with WPC members, civil society, and media	August 2025
Communiqué & Report Launch	A feminist policy brief co-authored by fellows and experts	September 2025
Media & Outreach Campaign	Short videos, visual stories, and social media rollout	

5. Budget Outline (Indicative)

Category	Estimated Cost (PKR)
Venue, Logistics, Tech Support	350,000
Fellow Travel & Accommodations	400,000
Speaker Honoraria & Facilitation	200,000
Documentation, Design, Media	250,000
Refreshments & Materials	100,000
Total	1,300,000–1,500,000 PKR