



AFGHANISTAN, TOGETHER WE STAND:

ON AUGUST 28, THE ECONOMY OF FRANCIS IN THE SQUARE FOR AFGHAN WOMEN

More than 30 cities - in Italy and around the world - have joined the *EoF global march* "Afghan women exist. Together we stand!" launched by the Economy of Francis - the international movement of young economists and entrepreneurs.

After the Taliban militias regained control of Kabul and the entire country, the fear for the future, rights and life - especially of Afghan women and girls – has returned. **"Every woman in Afghanistan wonders what will happen to her future and her life: this could not and cannot leave us indifferent"** - the promoters of the initiative said.

Trapani, Benevento, Assisi, Rome, Arezzo, Parma, Ancona, Rio Grande del Sur, Córdoba, Ciudad de Guatemala, Buenos Aires, are just some of the cities where the youth together with numerous citizens, movements, associations including Libera, Emergency and many others, in only a few days have organized and promoted initiatives on that Saturday in a sort of global embrace wherein thousands of people were in the city squares saying: **"Afghan women exist. Together we stand!"** **A lot of sit-ins, protests, and social initiatives were also organized around the world, from the Philippines to South America, including countries like Argentina, Guatemala or Brazil, despite the difficult conditions caused by the Covid emergency.**

In their hands, in the hair, on the wrist, at the windows of the houses, **a piece of blue cloth** - similar to what is intended to hide them - to tell the Afghan women that they are not alone. The city communities were greatly involved. In silence, singing, accompanied by music, poems were read, as well as direct and painful testimonies that denounced the condition of Afghan women today, who are condemned to see their rights trampled, the progress made in the last 20 years shattered, and reduced to silence and submission. One is of Sahraa Karimi, Afghan film director and documentary maker, who wrote in an open letter: *To all the communities in the world. I write to you with a broken heart and the hope that you can join me in protecting my beautiful people. [...] Be our voices outside of Afghanistan.*

The young people, who have already collected adhesions from all over the world for the following Saturdays, reiterated: **"We will repeat the march every Saturday, as long as it is necessary.** From now on, at the windows of our houses, a piece of blue cloth to give voice and visibility to those who risk losing them forever. Even if only one Afghan woman will know that in Italy and in the world, there are other people, other women, demonstrating for them, they will not feel alone".

#AfghanWomenExist
#TogetherWeStand
#AfghanistanIsCalling

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