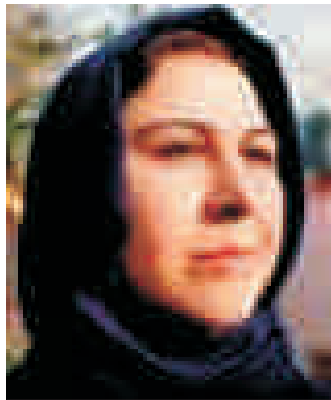




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- Shinkai Karokhail is a renowned women's rights activist and also a founding member of the Afghan Women's Educational Center (AWEC) where she initially worked as a volunteer and later as Director promoting children's rights and women's education and empowerment.
 - **Experience:** Shinkai is a member of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Afghan Lower House. She initiated the gender budget line in the national budget of Afghanistan. She is a member of the ACTA (Afghan Coalition for Transparency and Accountability) and the Gender Equality Platform (GEP).
 - **Advocacy:** Shinkai is also the Founder and Coordinator of the Afghan Civil Society Forum and the Parliamentarian Network for Women. During her six-year Parliamentary career she has been vocal on issues of justice and human and women's rights. Shinkai has played a key role in promoting the Elimination of Violence against Women Bill and the National Plan of Action for Women in Afghanistan as well as assisting gender reform in the Shiite Personal Status Law.
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