

and Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Programme, which include 50% quota for young women. A robust National Youth Policy is in place while provincial youth policies are in process of finalization.

Mr. President.

~~Recognizing the key role of women, efforts have been made to encourage women~~

by promoting female literacy, access to health services, employment, representation in elected and executive bodies as well as access to productive resources and microfinance. Several laws have been passed to protect women