How to fill in the Victim Representation Form:

The victim representation form is available in two formats:

An online version of the form which can be filled in directly on the ICC website (www.icc-cpi.int/) without a need to download the form on your computer.

Alternatively: A PDF version available for download on the ICC website (www.icc-cpi.int/) which can be filled in by hand and sent to the ICC, VPRS, at P.O. Box 19519, 2500 CM, The Hague, The Netherlands, or per email to VPRS at VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int.

For each victim/group of victims, please select one single form type, either online or PDF, depending on your internet connection/computer capacity and security concerns, to make your representation.
The scope of the Prosecution’s investigation as authorised by the Appeals Chamber on 5 March 2020 is: crimes within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) committed on the territory of Afghanistan in the period since 1 May 2003, as well as other alleged crimes that have a nexus to the armed conflict in Afghanistan and are sufficiently linked to the Situation and were committed on the territory of other States Parties to the Rome Statute since 1 July 2002 as described by the Prosecutor in the Request for Authorisation of an Investigation Pursuant to Article 15 of the Rome Statute of 20 November 2017.

Views and concerns provided by victims in relation to the Prosecutor’s request under Article 18(2) of the Rome Statute are meant to assist the ICC Judges in deciding whether to authorise the Prosecutor to resume his investigation in the Afghanistan Situation. Should the ICC Judges authorise the resumption of the investigation, the Office of the Prosecutor may resume its investigation into the crimes allegedly committed in relation to the Situation in Afghanistan within the parameters authorised by the Appeals Chamber on 5 March 2020. If and when the investigations are complete, a case (or cases) may be brought against individuals deemed to be most responsible if enough evidence has been collected.

The present representations made under Article 18(2) do NOT grant victims participatory status in potential future judicial proceedings. Victims interested in applying to participate in judicial proceedings before the ICC, should a case arise in the future, will have to fill in a separate application form for participation in those proceedings and reparations, if desired. They may also have to provide more specific information and supporting documentation about what happened to them personally.
This template is designed to facilitate both individual and collective representations of victims in the context of the Prosecutor’s request to the Chamber under article 18(2) of the Rome Statute.

An individual representation can be submitted either by only one victim (a natural person or organization) who refers exclusively to the harm (direct or indirect) he/she suffered, or by a representative on behalf of one victim.

A representation is considered collective if it is submitted on behalf of two or more victims. Collective representations can be introduced by a representative on behalf of groups of victims (e.g. families, the population of an entire village, a women association, etc.).

If you are an individual victim making a representation on your own behalf, please provide, at Question 1, your name as it appears on your identity documents. You do not need to provide answers to Questions 2 and 3. Should you wish to provide documents in support of your representation, please do not send original documents.

1. Name of the victim or person/organization representing victim(s)

Question 1: your name as appearing on your identity/registration document.

If you are a person/organization representing a group of victim(s), please answer Questions 1 (above) as well as Questions 2 and 3:

2. If you are a person or organization representing victim(s), please provide a brief description of your relationship to the victim(s)

Question 2: a description of your relationship to the victim(s) on behalf of whom this representation is made, including details of how you contacted the victims and details regarding your communications (e.g. a lawyer in direct communication with victims; an NGO that has been implementing projects in Afghanistan and is a trusted community partner; etc.). Please also include a statement confirming that the person/organization is acting with the consent of all victims concerned.
3. In case you are presenting this form also on behalf of others, on behalf of how many victims is this form submitted?

**Question 3:** the exact number of victims on behalf of whom the representation is submitted. If you can only provide an approximate number, please provide that number and an explanation.

4. In order to ensure the ICC Judges will have sufficient information about the identity of the victims submitting representations, please provide the following information:

- Nationality(ies)/Ethnic group(s)
- Gender
- Date of birth/age (range)
- Language(s)
- Place(s) of origin
- Current location(s) of residence

For individual representations, please provide all details requested in **Question 4.**

If the representation is filled in by a person or organization representing a group of victims, please include, to the extent possible:

- a breakdown of the nationalities and the ethnic groups or tribes of the group members (e.g.: 51 Afghan, 35 Pashtun, 3 Tajik, 12 Hazara, 1 Uzbek). If some victims are stateless, this should be mentioned here;
- a breakdown of the gender of the group members (e.g.: 51 male and 48 female);
- a breakdown per age category (e.g.: 8 victims – age 0-18; 79 victims – age 18-55; 15 victims – 55+); For the date(s) of birth please follow this format: DD/MM/YYYY;
- a breakdown of the languages spoken by the members of the group (e.g.: 55 victims – Pashto; 38 victims – Dari);
- places of origin of group members (e.g.: Kabul, Kandahar, etc.);
- a breakdown of current places (city/town/village and province) of residence of group members (e.g.: 55 victims – Kabul; 38 victims – Gizab; 17 victims – Panwa).

5. What happened to you or the victim(s) that you represent? Who do you or the victim(s) that you represent believe to be responsible for the harm suffered?

**Question 5:** Please be specific about what happened to the victim(s) personally. It is important to provide an accurate description of facts and details of the victims’ personal experience. Please also specify who the victim(s) believes to be responsible for the events.

If the victim(s) does not know who the relevant persons responsible for the events are, it is sufficient to provide some information that would identify the group to which the alleged perpetrators belong,
and why the victim(s) believes this. If the victim(s) does not know who is responsible for the events, it is sufficient to indicate in your answer the fact that the perpetrators are not known.

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**6. Where did the event(s) occur?**

**Question 6:** Be specific. If possible, provide the name of a town or city near the place where the incidents occurred.

**7. When did the event(s) occur?**

**Question 7:** If the date of the events is unknown, please give an approximate date; if that is not possible, please provide any information that could assist in determining/approximating the date of events.

**8. What harm did you or the victim(s) that you represent suffer as a result of the event(s)?**

**Question 8:** Please provide information about the exact nature of the injury, damage or suffering that the victim(s) has personally experienced, either directly or indirectly as a result of the suffering of close family members, as a result of the actions or events described in Questions 5 to 7. The ICC recognises different types of harm that a victim may suffer as a result of crimes within the ICC jurisdiction. These crimes can cause physical suffering to a person’s body, psychological harm, by which a person’s mind is affected because of what she or he has experienced or witnessed. Material harm could also be recognised, e.g. loss of or damage to property as a result of the crime, economical loss. Loss of opportunities (for example, to study) and loss of social status within the community may also be recognised.

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Questions 9, 10 and 11 are designed to give victims the opportunity to convey their views and concerns on the request of the Prosecutor for the judges’ authorisation to resume his investigation into the crimes allegedly committed in the Situation in Afghanistan. These views will assist the ICC judges in deciding whether the Prosecutor’s request to resume his investigation in the Afghanistan situation should be authorised.

In Question 10, the victims who answered YES to Question 9 may wish to convey any views regarding the Prosecution’s request for the judges’ authorisation to resume the investigation, as well as their concerns.

In Question 11 the victims who answered NO to Question 9 may indicate their concerns related to the resumption of the investigation and raise any other issues they deem relevant.

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By signing the form, the victims/organizations representing the victims confirm the authenticity of the information provided. By signing, the victims/organizations representing the victims also confirm their intention to make a representation.
If the representation is made by a person/organization representing more victims, the signature of the victims’ representative is sufficient.

| No additional documents are required in order for the representation to be considered complete. Should you, however, wish to provide additional documents connected to this representation, please send them together with the victim representation form to the International Criminal Court, Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS), P.O. Box 19519, 2500 CM, The Hague, The Netherlands or contact the VPRS at VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int |

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Victims/organizations representing victims should NOT send originals, but only copies. Photocopies of documents that the victims/organizations representing victims consider relevant for the representation, such as forensic, medical, police or court records, photographs, films, etc. may be attached to the PDF representation form.

Please contact the VPRS at VPRS.Information@icc-cpi.int for further information on how to submit the additional documents.