



In the winter of 2005-2006, the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) undertook a comprehensive assessment of Muslim women's needs across Canada, focusing on the level of Muslim women's civic, political, economic and social engagement. Two key instruments were used for the assessment, a survey questionnaire and focus-group discussions. The survey design and analysis were carried out by Dr. Daood Hamdani, Canada's foremost expert on the Muslim Canadian population. Included in this publication is also a Companion Report, which summarizes issues raised by the focus groups and presents possible solutions. We hope the findings of the two reports will guide policy development and help social-service providers and governments at all levels to better plan initiatives that enhance Muslim women's full participation, inclusion and integration into Canadian society.

Dr. Daood Hamdani is among the most influential writers on Muslim Canadians and a pioneer in that field of study. He has published numerous articles, including the critically acclaimed entry on Canada in the *Encyclopaedia of Muslim Minorities and Islam*. His work has been translated into several languages, including French, Spanish, Arabic and Farsi, and is frequently cited in professional journals and doctoral dissertations in legal briefs, in submissions to commissions of inquiry and in the media.

Dr. Hamdani's previous reports for CCMW include *Muslim Women: Beyond the Perceptions*; *Triple Jeopardy: Muslim Women's Experience of Discrimination*; and *Muslim Women's Civic Participation: From Polling Booths to Parliament*.

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