



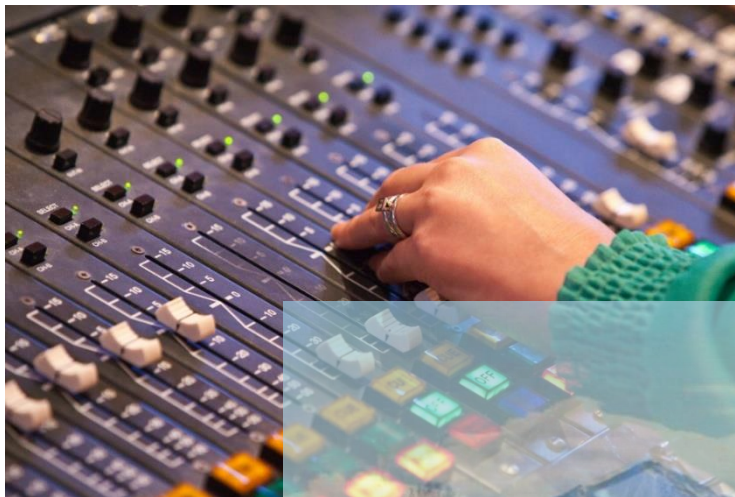
**HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
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Awareness-Raising on Peace Process and Supporting Women Rights Media Project

Weekly Report

(01st of August to 06th of August 2020)



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Highlights of the week:

Using bullet points, please list all deliverables of the week/reporting period.

This week the project successfully kicked off accomplishing the following deliverables with the coordination of the search team.

- Project contract signed
- Coordination meetings with stakeholders conducted
- Orientation Session conducted with the project team
- Mobilization of the project team
- Panel Discussion Structure, Revised Plan, and Broadcasting plan shared with the search team
- Providing Panel discussion signal and script
- Preparation of the radio studio (4 August)
- Panel discussion speakers and radio partner training/orientation
- Broadcasting panel discussion:

Summary of Activities

Please briefly explain each activity delivered during the week/reporting period.

Signing Contract with SFCG: After intensive and comprehensive organizational assessment and checking its eligibility for the successful execution of the proposed assignment, WHMO finally signed the grant agreement with the Search for Common Ground to carry out the media project on awareness-raising on peace process & supporting women rights.

Signing Contract with Partner Radio: When WHMO received a green signal from Search for Common Ground on 1st august regarding being successful. We contacted the same day with the potential Radio Partner (Da Sole Paigham) to determine their consent and willingness concerning broadcasting the media project though we had had initial coordination meetings with the radio representative before this and they had agreed. During this meeting, we analyzed different strategies to be focused on broadcasting this media project and finalized working terms and conditions with them. After having had final negotiations regarding the terms of agreement with the representative of Sole Paigham Radio we finally signed the contract with them on 5th August.

Orientation Session conducted with the project team: When the aforementioned essential tasks were confirmed, Mr. Wali Ahmad Shirzad, the director of WHMO had an orientation session with the project team acquainting them with the project, its goals, and objectives.

Mobilization of the project team: After conducting an orientation session with the project team, the staff was mobilized to accomplish the project activities in a befitting manner as per the donor requirements. Moreover, the team was familiarized with their job descriptions, their duties & responsibilities, project importance, requirements, timelines, and set milestones.

Mr. Akbari, a technical expert, was tasked with holding an orientation session with the radio technical staff to develop their understanding concerning the project and its set goals and objectives.

Revising “Panel Discussion Structure, Implementation Plan, and Broadcasting Schedule”: When other essential tasks were effectively accomplished, WHMO revised the “Panel Discussion Structure, Implementation Plan, and Broadcasting schedule” as per SFCG demand and requirement and shared with the Search for Common Ground for analyzing and approval.

After the approval of these documents, WHMO shared them with the partner radio to strictly follow it while broadcasting this program.

Preparation of the Panel Discussion Signal and Script (4 August). When approval for “Panel Discussion Structure, Implementation Plan, and Broadcasting schedule” came from SFCG, our media team started preparing panel discussion script with a focus to make the program broadcasting more effective, attractive, and interesting.

Preparation of the Radio Studio (4 August). When an interesting script was developed, our media team visited the radio studio to see if it is well-equipped and well-resourced. They also checked arrangements for the panel discussion as well as the recording and sound system.

Panel Discussion Speakers and Radio Partner Training (4-5 August). As Mr. Akbari, being a technical expert was assigned the duty to hold an orientation/training session with the radio panel discussion speakers to boost up their know-how and insight to carry out their responsibilities efficiently and effectively during the implementation of the project. They were properly familiarized with job responsibilities, project requirements, project timelines, and milestones. So before conducting the first-panel discussion the media team trained the panel discussion speaker and partner radio technical staff on project objectives and program structure to coordinate and run the program smoothly and effectively.

Broadcasting the 1st Panel Discussion: When panel discussion speakers and partner radio technical staff knowledge and understanding were suitably developed on project set objectives and program structure, then the media team broadcasted the program on the 6th of August based on WHMO broadcasting schedule. The Panel Discussion was aired from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday across the Khost province.

Panel Discussion aired through partner radio aimed at raising awareness of the local audience and participants about women's meaningful participation in the peace process, leadership, and women roles as decision-makers to take stand as change-makers for their political participation.

This program enhanced people's knowledge and their understanding of women's rights and their crucial role in the peace process. The following women's rights activists took part in the panel discussion: Mr. Spen Rawan Noorzi (Khost University Lecturer), Ms. Sohela Nazar (Women's right activist), and Mr. Bustan Walizi (Law & legal Rights Expert).

These top guests, who are well-known across the southern provinces for their positive and constructive roles advocating for women rights and the ongoing peace process, providing a deep and detailed discussion on the women's political participation in accordance with the sharia and Islamic prospective to be more acceptable to listeners and families.

Challenges:

Please briefly mention any challenges you have faced during the reporting period. How did those impact your activities? What was/is your mitigating strategy?

- Unavailability or reluctance of influential personalities thanks to their busyness or a busy schedule
- Shortage of time to find out and convince eminent figures
- Security measures as most radios in Afghanistan are under severe threats of attacks.

Future Plan:

Please clearly list all your activities scheduled to be delivered next week. Please mention the exact dates, location, and timings.

Activities being plan for next 7 days

1. Coordination meeting with partner radio about new panel discussions on 8 and 13 of August
2. Development radio panel discussions scripts and contents based on feedback received during the first round table
3. Panelists will be coordinated and invited to the next Panel discussion
4. 2 Penal discussions would be broadcasted.
5. Meeting and coordination of radio drama objectives with radio actors
6. Providing first radio drama script
7. Monitoring program
8. Weekly report to SFCG

Annexes/Attachments:

Please include any supporting documents to this report as annexes or attachments. These may include any photographs from an event convened during the reporting period, a list of participants, etc.

Panel Discussion Event and Orientation Training Photos:



Picture 1: Mr. Spen Rawan Noorzi panelist



Picture 2: Mr. Bustan Walizi Panlist



Picture 3: Ms. Sohela Nazar Panalist



Picture 4: Mr. Spen Rawan Noorzi panelist



Picture 5: Training of Radio staff on project objectives and women role in peace process

Attachments:

Annex A: Training Handbook

Annex B: Program structure

Geographic Location:

The Sole Paigham Radio is in the southern part of Afghanistan which is one of the independent radios in six provinces and was founded half and one decade before. The Sole Paigham radio is airing its programs through 88.8 and 93,2 FM.

Despite Khost province, it covers six districts of Paktia province (Wazi Kha, Gardi Seri, Shawak, Samkani, Aryob Zazi, and Sayyed Karm) and it covers cross the border such as North Waziristan, Kurmi Agency, Tal and Han and Hang areas. Currently, the Selo Paigham radio has more than 1.5 million audiences and broadcast its programs from 6 AM until 11 Pm.

Program broadcasting Detailed schedule