
Weekly Report

Awareness-raising on Peace Process and Supporting Women Rights-Media Project



Period Covered: 29th of August 2020 to: 3th of September 2020

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The Latest Achievement in Peace Efforts:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - President Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, the chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation met with the negotiation team. President Ghani said that all barriers and excuses have been removed that impede the intra-Afghan talks. The Afghan negotiation team consisted of 21 members out of which just five are women in the negotiation team. These women represent all Afghan women and carry their voices in the negotiation with the Taliban. President Ghani assured that these members as a national team have strong support of the government and the people of Afghanistan and the Afghan see strength in the team's diversity, unity and coordination. Representatives of the ulema, women, and youth have political weight in the peace negotiating team and they will represent every section of the society well, said Ghani.

"The president said that the main goal of our delegation is to end violence, because people want lasting peace and the preservation of the values of the new society,".

Highlights of the week:

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

WHMO successfully stepped forward accomplishing the following activities:

- Developing scripts and contents for the sixth Radio Panel Discussion.
- Coordination with Panelists for Programs
- Broadcasted the third radio drama on 31th of August 2020
- Broadcasted the sixth Panel Discussion through the local Partner Radio Station on 3rd of September 2020
- Monitoring the programs

Summary of Activities

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



Broadcasted the third Radio Drama on 31th August 2020: The media team broadcasted the third and fourth Radio Drama based on the feedback received from radio audiences and panelists during broadcasting the last four live panel discussions. These dramas were focused on women duty, role and responsibility in maintaining peace in the country. The dramas highlighted the different aspects of women's lives, different roles

women can play, issues of the peace process, women's responsibilities, and to encourage the

community to support the ongoing peace negotiations, and encourage women participation in local governance and social endeavours.

Developing the sixth Radio Panel Discussion Scripts and Contents: PDs are being effectively and efficiently conducted with the cooperation of WHMO and technical support of the partner radio. The media team routinely is engrossed in developing scripts and contents for the planned panel discussions. One roundtable this week was broadcasted via our partner radio based on the approved schedule. The media team focused on peace from the perspective of Islam.



Broadcasted the sixth Panel Discussion through local Partner Radio Station: The 6th Penal discussion was held and broadcasted on 3rd September 2020 in which prominent personalities partook expressing their valuable ideas and concepts. The media team invited religious scholars Mr. Younas Farooqi a well-known Mawlye in the province who contributed to importance of peace and women role in guaranteeing successful peace process in the country.

The Panel discussion was broadcasted at 9:00 AM on Thursday whereas radio drama was broadcasted at 5:00 PM on Wednesday based on WHMO already approved broadcasting schedule across the Khost province.

Guest Name	Designation	Exposure
Zahra Jalal	Representative of Provincial Council	Islam values peace for all creatures alike as without peace life turns out to be a far cry and impossible. Everything turns out to be at stake when life becomes impossible. When there is peace, there is improvement, development, prosperity, and even brotherhood. Therefore, we need to call upon all conflicting groups to stop violence, to protect and respect human being especially the fair gender and chilferen who are the most vulnerable in terms of life and rights during decades of ongoing war in the country.
Faiz Mohammad Atif	University lecturer	The tribal and community leaders of Khost have made untiring efforts for peace. Whenever there are local and community gatherings, they raise and have already raised their voice to positively change the minds of the people on importance of peace process and espeicilly women participation and role in peace process. We call upon all that there is blessing in Peace, there is security in peace and there is welfare and prosperity in peace.
Younas Farooqi	Religious scholar	If we study peace from Islamic point of view, all the rules and all the treaties are based on peace, and Allah says that

		<p>peace is better. We have many examples of peace agreements and contracts during the Islamic era of prophet of Mohammad (PUH) for the benefit and betterment of the society and people. All Islamic values are stabilized on peace and brotherhood.</p>
Radio listeners opinions		
<p>Women have equal rights as men, so we hope and expect women to be included in any negotiation meeting in Doha and both sides of negotiation should show respect for their rights and their voice. Decades have gone by for the achievement and ensuring women fundamental rights and freedom. We, Afghans want sustainable and lasting peace and there are many benefits in peace, we all are extremely happy that peace talks are underway and come to negotiation table and we hope an inclusive peace will result in the future considering women participation in peace process and talks very important.</p>		

Panel Discussions published through Partner Radio and WHMO Social Media: This is another medium to reach out to men and women to positively change their attitude and behaviors. As most of the people have access to social media, the media team and local partner radio published their weekly programs on social media pages. Besides, it is a good method as it facilitates information sharing and developing understanding of the people about a specific social issue. Social media networks are the major source for promoting gender parity and women empowerment.

Panel Discussion event monitored:
 WHMO values monitoring as it gurrentees successful and productive execution of the project. M&E is always at hand to systematically collect and analyze information from project and to achieve the fixed goal and objectives. He ensures completion of all forms during broadcasting the program.

Monitoring of program through WHMO Phone system: The programs are frequently heard with profound interest in the target province which can be determined by their feedbacks-both positive negative. The programs are broadcasted on time in accordance with the weekly plan, the first radio drama broadcasted at 5:00 AM on Monday on 31th of August, following the Panel Discussion which broadcasted at 9:00 Am on Thursday on 3th of September too.

1. Conclusion:

The media team broadcasted its sic (6) panel discussions and three (3) radio dramas which have been monitored by WHMO internal Cell system and field monitoring system. WHMO Media team developed its first and second radio drama, which was analyzed by a well-known media expert based on social and Islamic values. He ensured its development with edutainment- to both raise their awareness and to educate people and to amuse them with interesting script and performance of the role-players.

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?

During the reporting period, there were no major problems in the implementation to be reported. All the activities have been implemented smoothly.

Future Plan:

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

Activities being planned for next 7 days

- Broadcasting fourth radio drama
- Developing seventh panel discussion scripts and content
- Broadcasting seventh radio panel discussion
- Monitoring and evaluation

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

Attachment: Radio Listners list

