



Peace Innovation Fund (PIF)

Implementing Partner	Human Rights Watch and Media Organization
Title of Innovation	Encouraging local community to say no to social conflict through media participation and dialogue
Reporting Status	Weekly (Every Thursday before 1200 hrs)
Reporting Period	05/06/2021 - 10/06/2021

<i>Province</i>	<i>Khost</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>All related District</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Covered area</i>
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A. Highlights of Week

A brief analytical result-based performance report including coordination activities, mobilization of the local actors, progress of the activity, participation and lessons learnt.

Radio Drama: Since the commencement of the project and during this reporting period, script for 3 dramas have been successfully developed through professional script-writer. The dramas’ script developed has the power to raise awareness on a number of issues related to social peace and women meaningful participation based on Islamic and culture perspectives.

Broadcasted the first Radio Drama on 10 May: WHMO’s director and technical expert have trying to develop the planned dramas with edutainment-to not only educate but to also amuse the listeners and audience. The media team broadcasted the first Radio Drama. These dramas are meant to focus on 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 initiatives.

Broadcasting the 1st Panel Discussion: WHMO during the reporting period successfully conducted the first round-table talk-show after sharing and discussing project objectives with relevant stakeholders and radio technical staff. WHMO held an orientation session with technical staff of the talk-show to boost up their knowledge, knowhow and understanding on the project set objectives and program structure. The media team then broadcasted the program on 5th June based on WHMO broadcasting schedule. The first Panel Discussion was aired from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday across the Khost province through partner radio with the purpose to raise awareness among local audience about:



- Women's meaningful participation in the peace process
- Women and youth role in social conflict mitigation, and
- Women role 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.

Activities planned for next 7 days

1. Development of radio panel discussions scripts
2. Panelists will be coordinated and invited to the next Panel discussion
3. Second Penal discussions would be broadcasted on 19 May.
4. One radio drama would be recorded.
5. Compile and receive feedback from radio listeners through live round-table and its telephone system.

B. Photos



(Khost)

Picture 1: Radio Drama picture



(Khost)

Picture 2: Radio Drama picture



(Khost)

Picture 3: Round table picture



(Khost)

Picture 4: Round table picture



Broadcasting Schedule:

Geographic Location:

The Sole Paigham Radio is based in the southern part of Afghanistan which is one of the independent radios in six provinces and was founded half a century and one decade before. The Sole Paigham radio is airing its programs through 88.8 and 93.2 FM.

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

Roundtable Guests' Views

Tahir Jan Khayal, President of Mangal Association

Peace is life, peace is prosperity and peace is the development of a society. The value of peace in society is that all members of the society have a good life. Peace is a great blessing of God. Everyone needs peace. If there is no peace, there is no life. When peace talks start, peace talks are being discussed everywhere. The benefits of peace are as follows.

- People feel satisfied, businesses continue to grow and the country's economy flourishes.
- Everyone in the community works for lasting peace. Fighting destroys infrastructure while peace preserves infrastructure in a country.

Ms. Wazira Sadat (Civil Society activist and Rana Organization director)

When there is peace there will be tolerance and harmony, there will be justice and equality, women will be able to do their work freely and teach their lessons well. There will not be any sort of problem. Peace is in everyone's interest. When there is peace, Afghan women will enjoy their basic rights of education, employment and social engagements prescribed by Islam. When peace comes, it encourages co-existence. As responsible citizens of the country, we have to work hard for peace to make it happen. Whenever, I find the opportunity to speak in any meeting, conference or seminar, I have spoken and still determine to speak to everyone about the value



of peace. A woman can play an important role in bringing peace by encouraging her males to be on the side of peace-loving ones not peace haters.

Radio Listeners' Point of Views

- PoV**
 - Khayal Gul Faryad
 - Everyone needs peace as through it everyone can realize their dreams.
- PoV**
 - Abdul Raziq Saeedi
 - We are tired of war, we want peace for ourselves and upcoming new generation.
- PoV**
 - Adil Yar
 - When there is no peace, there is no development, there is no prosperity and there is no co-existence.
- PoV**
 - Niaz Muhammad Islam Yar
 - The reason for no peace is corruption which is the mother of all evil devouring our current system.