

# Monthly Progress Report

## Organization Details:

Grantee Name	Human Rights Watch and Media Organization
Project name	Women Voice and Leadership-Afghanistan
Location	Behsud district and Jalalabad city of Nangarhar
Reporting period	June 01, 2021 – June 30, 2021
Date submitted	July 08, 2021

### Highlights of the Activities from 1<sup>st</sup> June until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

1. Street Theatre Show
2. Radio Round Table
3. Advocacy Billboard
4. Advocacy Article
5. Social Media Contents and Key Messages
6. Stakeholder Meetings
7. Ministry of Economy (MOU Letter)

## Activities:

### I. Activities accomplished during reporting period and results achieved, please explain whether the planned target is met or if not why?

#### Street Theatre Show



**Picture-1:**  
Street Theatre Show

ACTIVITY	STATUS
Conducting the 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Theatre Show on Women Rights and EAW	WHMO conducted the 5 <sup>th</sup> street theatre show on 31 <sup>st</sup> of June in the third district of Nangarhar in Araban high school. The show was graced by 30 women, girls and activists with their presence. The main purpose of this theatre was to raise community women and activists' awareness on women education and social barriers hinder girls. During the reporting period so

far, WHMO has conducted five street theater shows in different areas.

**Radio Round Table**



**Picture-2:**  
Radio Round Table

ACTIVITY	STATUS
Conducted Radio Round Table Talks on Women Rights & EVAW	WHMO conducted the third radio talk-show on women's rights and access to justice through local radio partner (Muram FM) on 22nd of June, 2021. During the reporting period, WHMO media team has broadcasted three radio round tables on women's rights and EVAW.
1- PD	<a href="https://youtu.be/wLpMKQ7kjs0">https://youtu.be/wLpMKQ7kjs0</a>
2- PD	<a href="https://youtu.be/_D9_SC_JuWQ">https://youtu.be/_D9_SC_JuWQ</a>
3- PD	<a href="https://youtu.be/mbYq3CCw7Hs">https://youtu.be/mbYq3CCw7Hs</a>

**Advocacy Billboard**



**Picture-3:**  
Advocacy Billboards

ACTIVITY	STATUS
Advocacy of EVAW & Women Rights through Billboards	WHMO has fixed and installed two Advocacy Billboards to create awareness concerning EVAW, Women legal Rights and children's early marriages in the target community on 22 <sup>nd</sup> of June in Araban village of Behsud district in Nangarhar province.

**Articles in Newspapers & Magazines on EVAW & Women Rights**

For online version of news articles please click on below link

[http://www.dailyafghanistan.com/opinion\\_detail.php?post\\_id=156974](http://www.dailyafghanistan.com/opinion_detail.php?post_id=156974)

ACTIVITY	STATUS
Articles in Newspapers & Magazines on EVAW & Women Rights	WHMO published its first news article on Women's Rights and EVAW through "The

	<p>Daily Afghanistan” on 31<sup>st</sup> of June, 2021. The article can accessed both online and offline to positively change people attitude and behaviors.</p> <p>These articles will raise people awareness on freedom of movement, freedom of thought and religion, freedom of rights relating to family life and children, rights relating to citizenship and political participation.</p>
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**Promoting social media**

<p><b><u>Credible source for other media outlets:</u></b>  <a href="https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31298149.html">https://da.azadiradio.com/a/31298149.html</a></p> <p><b><u>WHMO Facebook Page</u></b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/whmo.org/">https://www.facebook.com/whmo.org/</a></p> <p><b><u>WHMO Youth Page</u></b>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpLR-EAcAaZs7KiB9Ud5ftA/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpLR-EAcAaZs7KiB9Ud5ftA/videos</a></p> <p><b><u>WHMO LinkedIn</u></b>  <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/35620162/admin/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/35620162/admin/</a></p>
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ACTIVITY	STATUS
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<p>Managing YouTube, and creating social media content that attracts followers and matches WHMO values.</p>	<p>Majority of WHMO’s target segments are youth and students who have access to internet in one way or another either at university, at office or at home. The number of WHMO Facebook Page fans has reached to 12,000. Likes and comments have steadily been on the rise, especially since WVL project started to post around a central topic – the press release, audio &amp; videos stories and the key messages on women’s rights and EAW. We experimented with posting different types of content – such as photos, status messages and links; pictorial content got the most likes and responses.</p> <p>The primary goal of Facebook is to make it a one-stop source for high quality content around EAW. Our campaign has been focused on creating content around women’s rights in Pashtu and Dari, as very little material exists in Pashtu and Dari. The WHMO Facebook Page can curate (gather, organize and present) high quality content around women’s rights. Interspersed with curated content is engaging questions and</p>
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polls that can draw in readers. WHMO is also generating information from the network through surveys and share that with users in an interesting manner.

WHMO Facebook is a credible and reliable source for other national and international media to utilize its press release and information for enriching their media reports and news.

**Stakeholder Meetings**



**Picture-1:** Cultural and Information



**Picture-2:** AIHRC

ACTIVITY	STATUS
<p>WHMO Project Officer &amp; Project Manager Official Visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission</li> <li>- Department of Cultural and Information</li> </ul>	<p>On 17<sup>th</sup> of June, WHMO project officer paid a visit to Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) where he met with its provincial director “Mr. Shamsulrahman Habibi” to exchange views and ideas on the challenges faced by women in Nangarhar province. They discussed how equality between women and men can be attained and how all forms of discrimination against women can be eliminated. Mr. Habibi further added achieving equality between women and men requires a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which women experience discrimination and are denied equality so as to develop appropriate strategies to eliminate such discrimination. He sounded committed to work for women basic rights and eliminating violence against them.</p> <p>On 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021, WHMO provincial Project Manger met with deputy director of Department of Cultural and Information Mr. Ahmad Shah Safi. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss women’s rights and violence against women in Nangarhar province. The deputy director expressed his</p>

	<p>views that there are some groups of women generally in Afghanistan and specifically in Nangarhar who face additional forms of discrimination based on their age, ethnicity, nationality, religion, health status, marital status, education, disability and socioeconomic status, among other grounds. During the meeting, Mr. Attullah Mohmand, WHMO provincial director and Lema Shirzad shared WVL Project objectives with Commission for further cooperation in terms of coordination and women and girl's vulnerabilities in the Nangarhar province.</p>
<p><b>Women Rights &amp; EVAW Documentary</b></p>	
<p><a href="https://youtu.be/jKayWuFwXLs">https://youtu.be/jKayWuFwXLs</a></p>	

## II. Activities planned but delayed during the reporting period:

- During the reporting period, one Street Theatre Show delayed due to the lockdown imposed by the government in Nangarhar province.
- During the reporting period, one Awareness-raising Training Workshop hindered due to the lockdown imposed by the government for the safety and security of the people.

## III. Activities Planned for next reporting period:

- Two awareness training workshops to be conducted
- Two advocacy billboards to be fixed or installed
- One radio roundtable to be broadcasted.
- One TV talk-show to be conducted.
- Four Articles to be published.
- Printing Advocacy Materials
- Meetings to be conducted with project stakeholders.

## IV. Challenges & Lessons Learned

Challenge	Lessons learned / solutions
<p><b>COVID-19</b></p>	<p>COVID-19 is the greatest challenge humans ever experienced in their life, caused delay in street theatres and awareness-raising workshops etc. For the sake of safety and security, government has imposed lockdown, schools and university have been declared close and routine life has come to standstill. However, program is effectively and successfully being executed to achieve the set goals. Our project is strictly following and observing the protocols set by the Ministry of Public Health and WHO to keep themselves safe.</p>



<b>Limited mobility due to Covid-19 and Lockdown imposed by Govt.</b>	Limited mobility has not affected our programs as the nature of our activities is such that they progress unaffectedly.
<b>Closure of Educational Institutions</b>	Educational institutions are the platforms used by WHMO off and on for awareness-raising so that the mindset of the young blood may positively change regarding women rights and violence against women.
<b>Reluctance of some Activists/Guests due to COVID-19</b>	Life is dear to everyone and therefore, some activists showed unwillingness to participate in programs as guests, but when we assured them that we strictly follow the SOPs set of WHO then they agreed.

**V. During this reporting period we required assistance from the WVL Project team related to the following:**

There was no assistance required during this reporting period, otherwise WVL project team is always very easily accessible to ask for support in the need of hour.

**VI. The WVL Project team provided the following guidance/directions/advice or**

The WVL Project team provided guidance and advice for the following:

- To fix billboards in squares where more and more people can take a look at and read the message.
- To carry out project activities in close coordination with relevant stakeholders.
- Ensure the safety of the project staff in any emergency situation.

**VII. The WVL Project team's response is still pending**

There is no any response on the part of WVL project team pending rather they are very quick-responsive when asked or requested for any sort of support or information.

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**VIII. Work Plan Tracker:** (Please copy your approved work plan for Year one in format below and update the status for the reporting month with any conditions/changes anticipated (e.g., not started, in progress, completed, pending, cancelled, On-board (for staff only))