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BAYAN II:

Inclusive governance and improved security through influencing
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Project Background:

Bayan, meaning to 'express oneself' in the official languages of Afghanistan, Dari and Pashtu, is a programme designed to link national influencing and awareness raising to the important issue areas of inclusive security and political participation of women. The two-year programme, implemented by three Dutch non-profit international development organisations (INGOs) and seven Afghan Women Organisations (WO) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), have leveraged innovative public outreach and awareness platforms; policy influencing and advocacy at the central level in Kabul, across provincial governments and CSOs, and on an international level in The Hague, Brussels and at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York; and capacity building interventions with partners and programme target participants to promote women's rights in accordance with the Dutch NAP 1325.

During the reporting period the following activities took place:

Radio Dramas:

Under the project total 48 Drama recorded and broadcasted on the different aspects of the family violence are featured in Drama, and raised social awareness on the number of issues related to the family violence: right of widows, rights of heritage, mutual rights of spouse based on Islamic principles, forced marriage, the benefits of mutual respect between the members of family for wellbeing a family, the conditions of marriage for girls and boys, marriage portion and , right for choosing the partner, right for education, early engagement of children, early marriage, giving daughter to settle debt, honor killing , relation and respect between the family members, recognition of faith and contribution of each members of the family towards wellbeing of the family (Male and Female) etc.



Radio Roundtable Discussions:

Under the project total 48 Penal discussions have been recorded with total 48 round tables from the start of project to date. The round tables were attended by the top religious scholars at the country level and women rights activists provided in deep discussion on the family violence form the sharia and Islamic prospective to be more acceptable to listeners and families. The majority of the of the participants of the events conducted were also a key member of the local communities, Civil Societies and religious scholars who provided constructive feedback and recommendations that can lead to policy initiatives.



Radio Packages:

Under the project total 48 packages with the female parliamentarians have been conducted with the total of 48 interviews from the start of the project to date. The interviews with female parliamentarians were also followed by the interviews with other experts: academic scholars, university students, women activists, it contributes to deep understanding of the community, women, Afghan young and families on the benefit of women’s political participation, gender equality, women role and right to work based on Islamic values and women right to vote and be nominated in upcoming parliamentary elections.



Broadcasting schedule

Radio Drama: the total of 48 dramas (24 Pashto and 24 Dari) had been broadcasted during the reporting period.

Radio Package: the total of 48 radio interviews (24 Pashto, 24 Dari) had been broadcasted during the reporting period.

Roundtable Discussion: the total of 48 roundtable discussions (24 Pashto, 24 Dari) had been broadcasted during the reporting period.

The programs (dramas, packages, and panel discussions were aired according to the Project timeline in the specified times (drama: Tuesday, Time: 2:00 pm, 2:05 pm, package: Wednesday, Time: 2:00 pm, 2:10 pm, panel discussions: Thursday, Time: 2:00 pm, 2:20 pm)

Stakeholder's relation and promotional activities:

- Weekly and bi-weekly meetings were initiated with the radio broadcasting partners for compiling the feedback received from the listeners from the radio stations. In addition, to get their feedback in regards to the quality of the programs in order to integrate feedback to be integrated into the program production to ensure the quality of the programs aligned with the context and culture and full file the expectations of the listeners.
- Continues outreach and communication and visibility of the programs and dissemination of programs broadcasting information in to reach to wider listener has been commenced through; distribution of information leaflet (poster) during the focus group meetings. the information is also disseminated through our local radio partners in the provinces as well as by the provincial departments of women affairs in the province.
- Coordination meeting area also conducted with the ministry of women affairs, provincial departments of women affairs, civil society networks for coordination of the program activities; radio broadcasting and focus group meetings, selection of participants for the focus groups meetings.

Monitoring and Evaluation activities:

- During the implementation of the project WHMO provided regular monitoring of the programs broadcasting based on the broadcasting schedule by WHMO journalist Through partner radios the office on daily basis.
- WHMO also initiative the cooperation plan agreed with the Ministry of Women Affairs, for monitoring the programs aired by the local radio stations by the provincial department of women affairs. The provincial departments of women affairs were

consistently encouraged and engaged in monitoring of the program broadcasting. WHMO provided regularly with the department of provincial women affair through the phone to receive their feedback in regards to the broadcasting and feedback of the listeners and also relevance and interest of the program in the province.

- WHMO project officer performed weekly monitoring of the program through Nye CD Distribution Network.

What is your assessment of the results of the project so far? Include observations on the performance and the achievement of outputs, outcomes, and impact in relation to specific and overall objectives, and whether the project has had any unforeseen positive or negative results:

Under the project, 4 rounds one-day focus group meetings have been conducted in Kabul,



Jwzjan, Takhar, and Baghlan Provinces. The meetings participated by the representative of civil societies, listeners, teachers, media organizations, youths, and members of other professional societies such as women groups, universities, legal associations. The purpose of the meetings to evaluate the quality of the radio produced under the project, the major issues in regards to the women's political participation in the provinces which to be included in

the program and also relevancy of the program with local costume and culture and potential impact of the programs. Their inputs are received through designed questionnaires. Inputs from the focus group were played a key role in ensuring the quality of the program, relevance with the existing issues of women encouraged and increased the listeners in regards to the program which is one of the key success increased potential impact on gender equality, gender based violence, women's political participation, prevention and protection.

The provided feedback from the listeners through direct phone calls to our media monitor and our panelist are the key indicators of the success of the programme, according to their feedback, the programs listen with great interests in the rural areas, and one of the key factors of the interest is integrating the religious aspect of the issue related to the women's rights especially violence against women and women political participation and women's rights in all component of the programme.

Lessons learned and Recommendations:

Women Human rights and Media Organization has also learned over the period of the project to pay particular attention to the programme produce in order to increase radio audiences knowledge about women's rights and women's political participation, this project also gave the staff opportunity to learn more about women political participation and Afghan National Action Plan on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security). Get to know various stakeholders within the Parliament, Ministry of Women Affairs, and Civil Society Activists, women politicians, university professors, religious scholars and Department of Ministry of Women Affairs in the country.

With the broadcasting of each radio programs, it is proved for WHMO that the contents of the programs are very effective and important for audiences and all the programs produced according to Islamic values, Afghan National Action Plan on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace, and Security) and Afghanistan laws. The audiences of the programs are satisfied that these programs are very fruitful for increasing the level of awareness of women to participate in political sphere, gender equality, violence against women and especially in upcoming parliamentary elections as candidate and voter.

According to the feedback of participants of the interviews, focus group meetings and listeners the project activities can play vital role in educating and awareness raising of the women especially Afghan young and families, which will have real impact on increasing women's participation, prevention and protection at the community level, and recommended the project to be continued in the future, as well. Therefore, we recommend that the project to funded for another year.

Annexures

- Financial Report
- Participant list
- Media programmes