



SUPPORT OF THE MEDIA

THE AFGHAN MEDIA SCENE WAS SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE RADICAL REGIME OF THE TALIBAN. DURING TALIBAN RULE, PEOPLE WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO LISTEN TO A PROPAGANDA RADIO STATION, VOICE OF SHARIA.

Today the country has private radio stations, as well as state and community broadcasters, all of which are very important not only for the access to information but also for the restoration of civil society.

Logar has two community radio stations, two private radios and one state-based. The community stations struggle with a lack of equipment and financing. The range of knowledge and education of local journalists is often limited by the borders of their district or, in better cases, their province. So far the only possibility for studying journalism existed in the capital Kabul.

The Czech PRT supports the local media through both improving the professional skills of journalists and by providing material help to the radio stations. Millie Paygham community radio, for example, received recording equipment and a transmitter with strong enough output to cover most of

the province. To make reporting easier, the radio station also received a motorcycle.

The shortage of equipment has also hampered the work and development of staff at the Logar state radio Radio Television Afghanistan (RTA). The Czech PRT supplied RTA with basic equipment essential for the production of independent broadcasting, i.e. recorders, a mixing desk, computers, microphones. This enabled the radio to broadcast their own program instead of only transmitting radio broadcasting from Kabul.

“Now we can broadcast our own program 5 hours a day.” Abdul Shakoor, director of RTA Radio

“In the past, people could tune in to our station in just three districts of Logar. Today they can hear it through the whole province and also in Kabul.” Mohammed Nasir, director of Millie Paygham Radio



More media projects include financial aid for journalists taking part in training sessions and workshops, and support for future journalists at Kabul University who took part in a video camera competition organized by Czech PRT.

A marketing training was organized for Logar Radio directors in order to help them understand how to increase their incomes from local market.

Czech PRT has supported broadcasting of a radio series focused on women audience. The episodes covered several topics concerning violence, human rights and education.

In cooperation with one of the radios – commercial radio Zinat, meaning beautiful – Czechs have organized a media training for twenty Afghan women.

- All five radio stations in Logar were supplied by technical equipment from the Czech PRT.

- Thanks to the Czech support, more than 20 journalists from the provincial radio stations underwent training courses in production, editing, basic journalism, media law, etc.

- Three journalists from Logar went through six-weeks internship in the Afghan section of Radio Free Europe RFE/RL in Prague.

- Two more journalists have spent three months in Radio Free Europe in Kabul in another internship, 8 more journalists are scheduled to participate in similar internship in the future.