

Integrity Watch and Pajhwok news agency signed MOU to facilitate anti-corruption partnership

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On April 20, 2014, Integrity Watch Afghanistan and Pajhwok News Agency (PAN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen the organizations' collaborative efforts in carrying out anti-corruption activities and in launching an anti-corruption-awareness campaign.

The two parties agreed to cooperate as they take on anti-corruption issues and promote an anti-corruption campaign, both online and through social media. The partnership will additionally include the development and promotion of mutual anti-corruption projects and proposals aimed at increasing the efficacy and efficiency of anti-corruption efforts.

In consideration of transparency and ethical standards, Integrity Watch and Pajhwok are committed to implementing the MoU successfully.

Significant improvement in court watch and community monitoring efforts in Kapisa province

In a visit to Kapisa on April 21, senior management from Integrity Watch found significant improvement in the court watch and community monitoring efforts taking place in trials, in court rooms, and in other judiciary institutions. As a result of these efforts, the number of open trials has increased over the past year. In a meeting, the head of the Appeals court of Kapisa said of IWA's work: "I have read your last quarter report, and I personally look at each single problem you reported on the trials. I have taken into account all of your suggestions and recommendations and made necessary improvements."

The community members tasked with monitoring trials in Kapisa considered the program extremely effective in improving the transparency of trials and judiciary processes. Members of the community repeatedly mentioned that all judges and court officials regularly collaborate with them and help facilitate both their attendance in the courtroom and their ability to observe trial processes.

In another meeting with the Head of Prosecution and the Head of Justice departments, cooperation between local communities and the Justice and Prosecution department has been discussed as a means of extending community monitoring to additionally include the monitoring of detention and investigations. This level of monitoring would be made possible through the official engagement of Integrity Watch with the Attorney General's office and the Ministry of Justice. The Justice and Prosecutor departments are also collaborating with Integrity Watch staff and community members in order to track all criminal and civil cases.

Integrity Watch is grateful for the collaboration and support of the Kapisa courts and Prosecution department for their continued partnership, as well as to Kapisa communities for bringing more transparency to their performances. In terms of open trial practices, Kapisa is one of the top provinces: almost 65 percent of Kapisa trials have been conducted openly and at courtrooms that largely allow public attendance at trials.

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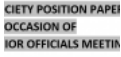
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