

Female Engagement Teams (FET)

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**“The decisive terrain is the human terrain. The people are the center of gravity. Only by providing them security and earning their trust and confidence can the Afghan government and ISAF prevail.”
(General Petraeus, August 01, 2010)**





Command Guidance and Female Engagements

- HQ IJC//FRAGO/507-2010- 121037D+30 SEP 2010
 - Key Tasks:
 - (a) Conduct female engagement in support of BSO requirements.
 - (b) Conduct female engagement to achieve campaign plan objectives.
 - (c) Conduct female engagement in a culturally sensitive manner.
 - (d) Support concerning GIRoA and Afghan female population.
 - (e) Leverage the accepted influence of females with Afghan society.
- MG Campbell, HQ, CJTF-101 FRAGO 587- 51545OCT10
 - TASK 1: Implementation of Female Engagement Support to GIRoA.
 - TASK 2: Provide PRT Command BackBriefs.
 - TASK 3: Command Information Tracker Due-outs.
- Brigades



What is a “Female Engagement Team”?

- Formally trained team of females that work with Afghan women and children to meet the Command’s goals.
- Minimum 2 females per mission
- Essential to have a female linguist
- Tailored to BSO needs
- If possible:
 - Female medic
 - ANSF female partners
 - Female GIRoA officials





Requirements for FET Members

Top 5:

- Volunteer
- Mature
- Adaptive
- Patient
- Motivated



Other:

- Creative
- Empathetic
- Appropriate Rank





Current FET Training

- IJC Directives 507-2010
 - Engagement techniques (6 hrs)
 - Cultural Sensitivity (5 hrs)
 - Language-Dari/ Pashto (10 hrs)
 - Information Collections/ Reporting (6 hrs)
 - Tactical Patrolling, Movements, basic defensive skills (within unit)
 - Practical Examination (3 hrs)
- Expanded Topics
 - CERP/ NGOs in AO (2 hrs)
 - Medical Care in Villages (2 hrs)
 - Practical Study at hospital (6 hrs)
- Important Issues:
 - Kinetic vs nonkinetic missions
 - Physical demands
 - Psychological demands





Place for Men and FETs



- Include Tribal Elders/
Mullahs
 - Understanding Afghan Rights
- Include husbands/ brothers/
uncles
 - Understanding Resources
- Empower the women
through the men
- Opportunity to identify the
needs of the Family and
Village



PRTs and FETs



(U) Zabul PRT, July 08, 2010

- Female Engagements
 - Combined effort to develop positive relationships
 - Dedicated to enhancing lives of Afghan people
 - Understand the female perspective and how to empower them to have a voice and ownership in solutions for problems in their families, villages, country.
- FRAGO 587
 - PRT members may be used for Female Engagements
 - KLEs; Shuras; Developmental activities; etc.
 - Reporting Requirements
 - Monthly (CIDNE/POC) reporting of engagements, atmospheric, information, future events
 - Facilitate Coordination and Cooperation of activities
 - Outgoing PRT CDRs provide Command Back Briefs: EXSUM, AAR, & Lessons Learned



What to expect in your AO

- Specific Female Issues:
 - Poverty
 - Poor access to clean water
 - Malnutrition/ Disease
 - Widows
 - Drug addiction
 - Physical/ Sexual Abuse
 - Terrorism
 - Learned Helplessness
 - Suicide Attempts
 - Cultural Restrictions



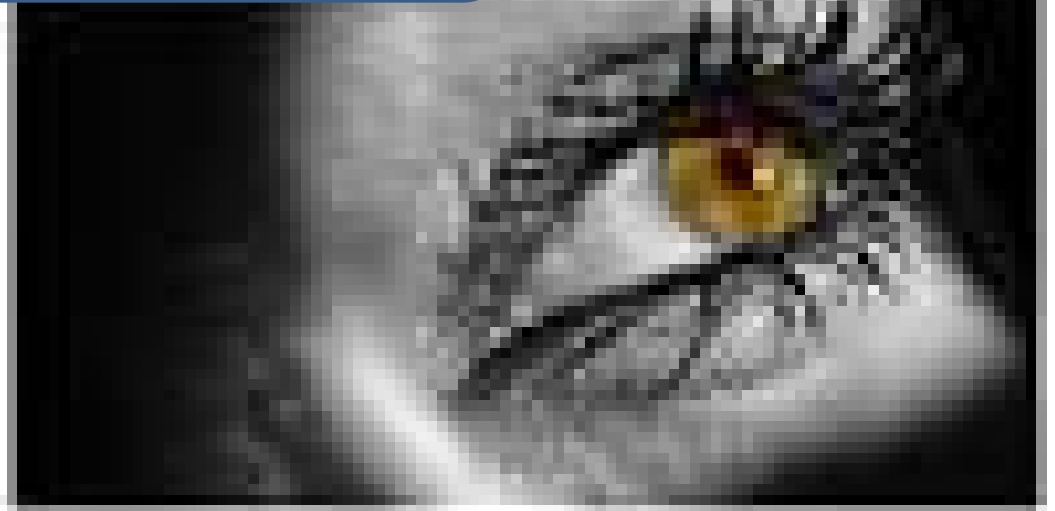


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FET "LOOKING FORWARD"



FAMILY

EMPOWERMENT

TEAMS



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Recommended Reading/ Viewing

Books / Articles

- A Bed of Red Flowers: In Search of My Afghanistan: Nelofer Pazira
- A Woman Among Warlords, Malalai Joya
- Behind the Burqa, Sulima, Hala, & Batya Yasgur
- Freedom and Culture, John Dewey
- Half The Sky, Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn
- Kabul Beauty School, Deborah Rodriguez & Kristin Olson
- Kabul in Winter, Ann Jones
- Land of the High Flags: When the Going was Good, Rosanne Klass
- Meena: Heroine of Afghanistan, Melody Ermachild Chavis
- My Forbidden Face, Latifa, Shekeba Hachemi, & Linda Coverdale
- Religions, Values, and Peak Experiences, A.H. Maslow
- The Booksteller of Kabul, Asne Seierstad
- The Disappearance, Philip Wylie

Books / Articles, cont.

- The Swallows of Kabul, Yasmina Khadra
- The Three Women of Herat, Veronica Doubleday
- Veiled Threat: The Hidden Power of Women in Afghanistan, Sally Armstrong
- Women and Nation Building, Cheryl Benard
- Women for Afghan Women, Sunita Mehta
- Women of Afghanistan, Isabelle Delloye
- Women of Afghanistan in the Post-Taliban Era, Rosemarie Skaine
- Women of Courage, Katherine Kiviat & Scott Heidler
- Zoya's Story, John Follain & Rita Cristofari

Movies

- Osama, Siddiq Barmak
- The Beauty Academy of Kabul, Liz Mermin
- Iron Jawed Angels, Katja von Garnier
- The Stoning of Sorya M., Zahra
- Lioness, Meg McLagan and Daria Sommers