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Asia Foundation Spokespeople: *Afghanistan in 2009: A Survey of the Afghan People*

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Mr. Michael Haines

Michael Haines joined The Asia Foundation as deputy country representative in Afghanistan in early 2009. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Haines was associate country director for Eurasia Foundation in Azerbaijan where he managed several projects addressing local governance, public-private partnerships, youth development, women's empowerment, and Islam and democracy.

Mr. Haines' background includes an appointment as a director in Iraq with the International Republican Institute developing civil society, political parties, and local governance capacity. He also served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine working in business and economic development with emphasis as a fundraising consultant and trainer with Freedom House, the Ukrainian Institute of Competitiveness, and the Youth Community Action Network. From 1990 to 2003, Mr. Haines enjoyed a career as a private sector business development manager for such companies as Mohawk Industries in Seattle, USA and International Service Systems in Copenhagen, Denmark. More information about Mr. Haines is on our website, here: <http://asiafoundation.org/about/profile/michael-haines>.

Mr. Fazel Rabi Haqbeen

Fazel Rabi Haqbeen joined The Asia Foundation's Afghanistan office as a senior program officer in 2004.

With expertise in local governance, civil society, and elections programming, Mr. Haqbeen has over two decades of experience working in key positions for national and international NGOs. Prior to working at the Foundation, he served in a variety of management positions at the United Nations including supervising a range of programs for Afghan communities throughout the country. In such capacities, he designed, initiated, and implemented a range of programs, from alternative technology programs to low-cost, community-based approaches. He has also assisted in training local project partners.

Mr. Haqbeen currently serves as a member of the Musahi District Council in Kabul. He was also a board member at the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief's (ACBAR) from 2001 to 2002 and again from 2005 to 2006. Mr. Haqbeen recently served as a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle where he studied public policy. He received his MBA from Preston University's Peshawar Campus in Pakistan.

Mr. Zoran Milovic

Zoran Milovic joined The Asia Foundation in 2007 as deputy country representative in Afghanistan. Mr. Milovic oversees the Foundation's governance projects. Prior to working at the Foundation, he worked for 12 years with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), where his work in conflict situations in Croatia and Central Asia included migration and border management issues, emergency preparedness and response, and counter-trafficking. During and after the 2001 international intervention in Afghanistan, Mr. Milovic's office in Turkmenistan worked closely with IOM emergency operations in Afghanistan.

Mr. Milovic is also an accomplished writer, having 3,000 pages of published literary translations and 1,500 pages of published scientific and technical translations. From 1988 to 1992, he was editor-in-chief for two publishing companies. In 1989 he was awarded the Best Young Journalist in Yugoslavia. Mr. Milovic received his M.A. in International Relations from Zagreb University, Croatia. More information about Mr. Milovic is on our website, here:

<http://asiafoundation.org/about/profile/zoran-milovic>.

Mr. Sunil Pillai

Sunil Pillai has served as a program officer in The Asia Foundation's Afghanistan office since 2005. Mr. Pillai served a key role in the Foundation's 2009 Afghan Survey project, assisting with day-to-day management and working closely with the Foundation's key partner, the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research (ACSOR), to coordinate the 648 field surveyors.

Mr. Pillai has been involved in the production of all five surveys, including prior to his role at the Foundation, when he served as a consultant and technical advisor. At the Foundation, he also works on the Support to Centre of Government project where the Foundation provides assistance to streamline work procedures to increase efficiency and improve the work environment.

Mr. Pillai has over seven years of survey and market research experience, including four years with Nielsen, India, and has designed and conducted several nationwide opinion polls in India and Afghanistan. Mr. Pillai holds a post graduate diploma in Rural Marketing.

Mr. Fazel Rabi Wardak

Fazel Rabie Wardak joined The Asia Foundation in 2005 and is a senior program officer in Afghanistan. Mr. Wardak played a key role in preparation, production, and presentation of the 2009 Afghan survey. Mr. Wardak also worked closely with the Foundation's key partner, the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research (ACSOR).

With over seven years of local governance experience, Mr. Wardak manages a variety of projects including with the Afghanistan Social Outreach Program and with the governors and advisory teams of the Helmand and Urozgan provinces, where he led a strategic assessment of the Urozgan province, and provided technical assistance to the governor's office. Mr. Wardak also

manages various project aspects with the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), including research, tribal outreach, partner capacity-building, monitoring and evaluation, donor reporting, and stakeholder engagement. He also supports the IDLG's Strategic Coordination Unit and assists the Foundation's grantee partner, the Center of Conflict and Peace Studies, to develop provincial profiles for IDLG.

Mr. Wardak received his M.A. in General Management from Preston University in Pakistan and his B.A. from Kabul University.