



Horia Mosadiq Short Biography

Horia Mosadiq is Afghan human rights defender and journalist with around 26 years of work experience in Afghanistan and South Asia region, in the fields of human rights, peace, justice and reconciliation, transitional justice, gender, security and violent extremism. She is a well-known and well-respected Women Human Rights Defender in Afghanistan and region.

Award Winner of 2007 national human rights award in Afghanistan and in 2011 she was recognized among 50 bravest women of the world for her work by Glamour magazine in the United Kingdom, and in 2012 and 2015 won Women Rights Defender Award from Amnesty International and in 2015 also won the prize for outstanding achievement in human rights from Open Asia/ Armanshahr Foundation in Afghanistan, in 2017 won the Aspire Award in the UK and 2018, won the outstanding achievement in the field of human rights by Afghanistan Democracy Development Organization in 2019 and in 2020 she won the Award from Afghan Women Network (AWN) for her outstanding work on women, peace, justice and reconciliation.

Horia is the founder of a number of organizations in the past 20 years including Conflict Analysis Network (CAN) a research, advocacy and capacity building think thank focusing on the issues of violent extremism, radicalization and its impact on human rights and Safety and Risk Mitigation Organization (SRMO) which focuses on protection of Human Rights Defenders.

Moreover, in the past 26 years Horia Mosadiq served as South Asia Researcher for Amnesty International Director of Human Rights Research and Advocacy Consortium (HRRAC) Afghanistan, Media Commissioner for Afghanistan Elections Commission, Senior Advisor to Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, Observer in the Constitutional Loya Jirga of Afghanistan in 2003- 2004, Political and Gender Advisor to the Canadian Embassy in Kabul and served as journalist and war reporter for many years in South Asia.

She worked with many reputable international organizations and think thanks including European Institute of Peace (EIP), Geneva Call, Safer World, PEN International, International Alert, Amnesty International, UNICEF, Action Aid, CIVICUS, UNICEF and UNDP among other organizations and conducted researches, Monitoring and Evaluation of the projects and trainings on advocacy, lobbying and campaigning, human rights,

International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and Transitional Justice, Peace and Reconciliation.

Horia established the first war victims network in 2006 and proactively advocated for the accountability and justice to the past human rights abuses.

Horia conducted 10s of research missions and produced research reports on different subjects related to human rights, women rights, IDPs, radicalization and violent extremism, peace-justice and reconciliation, transitional justice and civilian casualties among others in the past 20 years and has extensive level of expertise in Afghanistan on the issues.

Horia is also author or co-author of tens of research reports for organizations including Amnesty International, UNICEF, Action Aid, and HRRAC and more than 100 articles on human rights, women rights, human rights, peace and reconciliation, published by different national and international media outlets.