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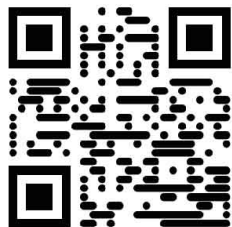
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## Statement from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Regarding the World Bank's Assessment of Afghanistan's Economic Situation



### Introduction:

On August 31, 2023, the World Bank released a comprehensive report on the economic landscape of Afghanistan, offering valuable insights into the nation's progress. The report highlights several key achievements in Afghanistan's economic situation. Notably, it indicates a significant reduction in inflation rates compared to previous months. Furthermore, the nation has witnessed a notable upswing in domestic food production, leading to increased self-sufficiency. Afghani has also strengthened considerably against foreign currencies. This strengthening, coupled with a decline in the prices of both essential and non-essential goods, has improved the economic well-being of the populace. Progressive strides have been made in the banking sector, particularly in the provision of specialized services catering to commercial enterprises. This, in turn, has fostered job growth, bolstering both exports and the national income. Government employees have seen an increase in their salaries, promoting economic stability. Additionally, the report underscores the provision of timely and high-quality healthcare services to the Afghan people, reflecting a commitment to their well-being. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan expresses its sincere appreciation for the World Bank's report. It acknowledges that the facts and developments outlined therein represent an objective assessment that the bank has presented to the global community.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is firmly of the belief that positive international engagement, including the removal of sanctions and the release of frozen assets, will catalyze Afghanistan's comprehensive economic development, alongside advancements in various other domains.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan calls upon all international organizations to transparently communicate the daily developments unfolding within Afghanistan. This transparency will enable the global community to engage in a meaningful dialogue about the real situation in Afghanistan and the progress achieved.

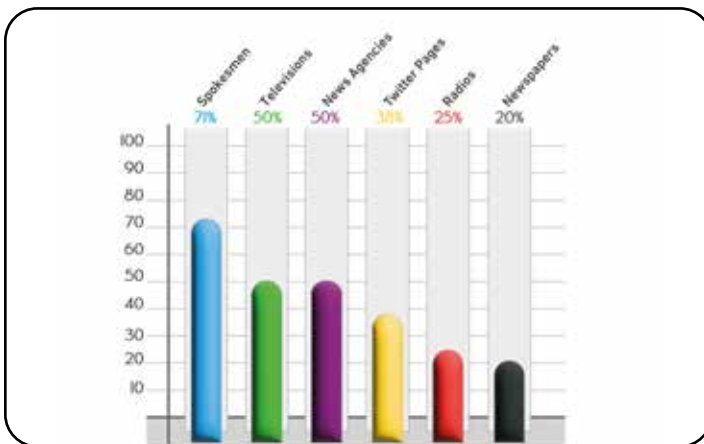
Furthermore, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan urges the World Bank to reactivate and conclude projects previously financed by the organization that remain incomplete, facilitating continued development and growth in the nation's economic landscape.

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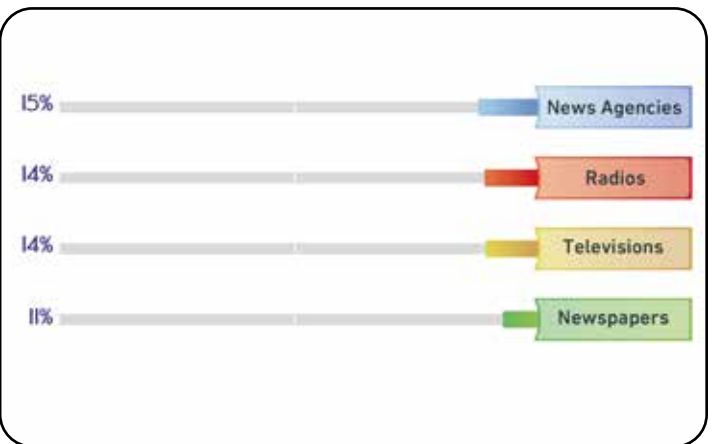
The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan wholeheartedly embraces reports founded on factual information that accurately portray the strides taken in Afghanistan's progress.

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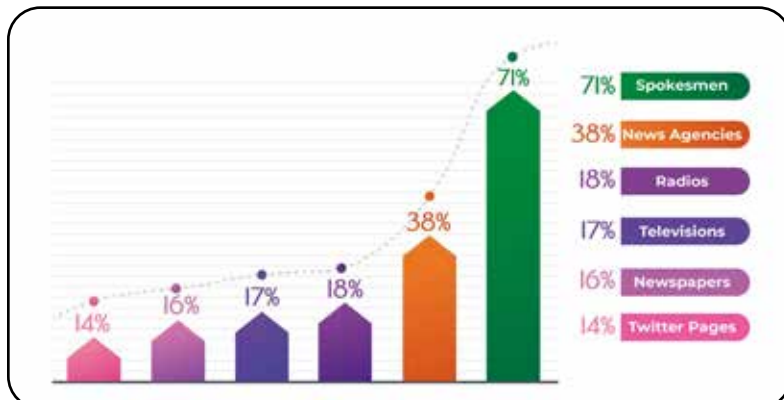
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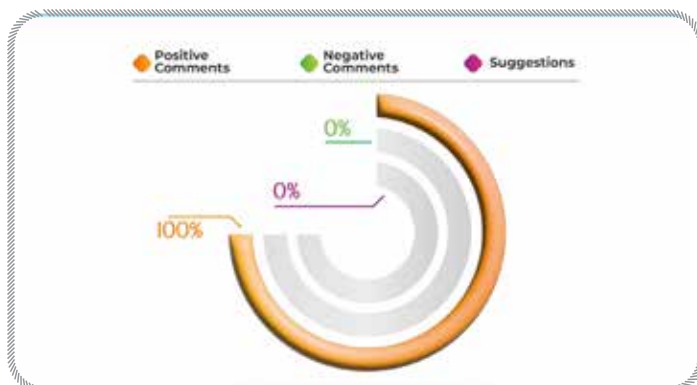


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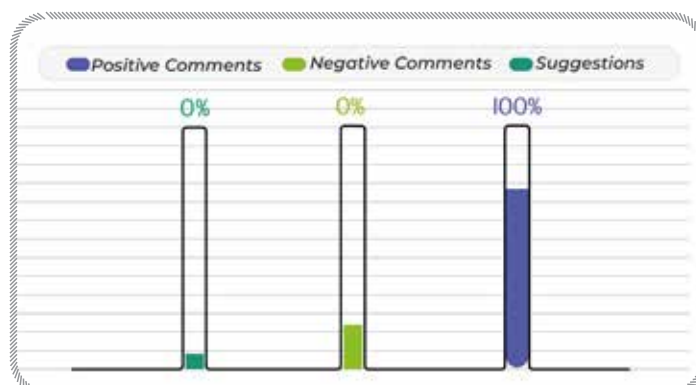
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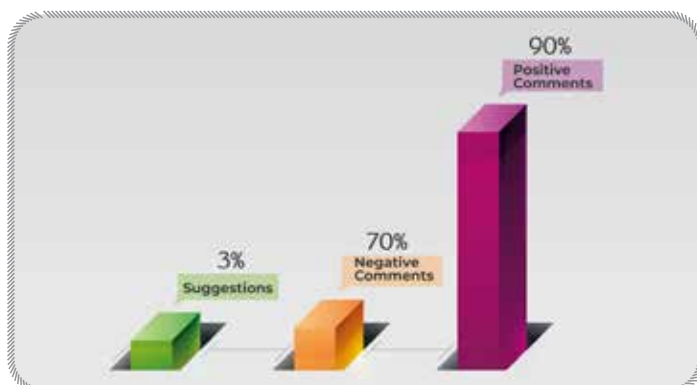
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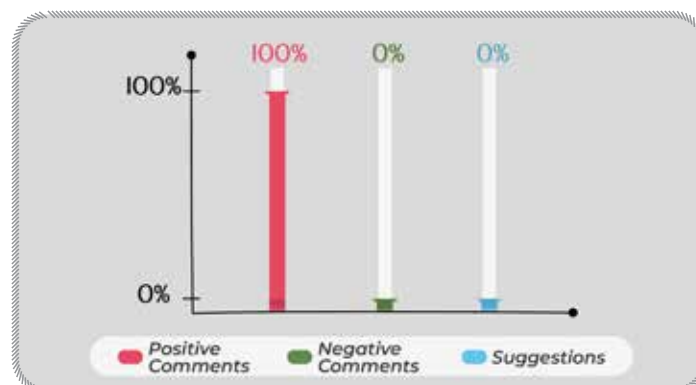
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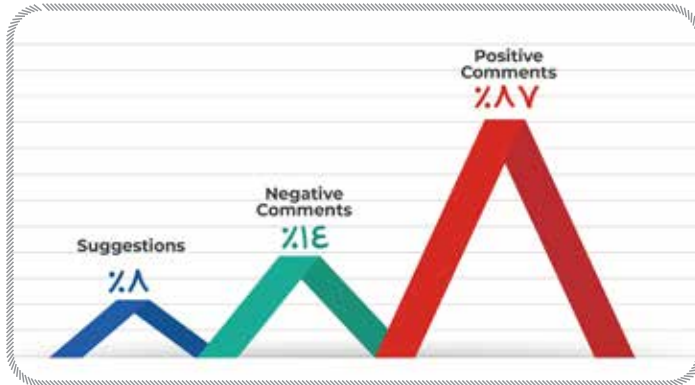
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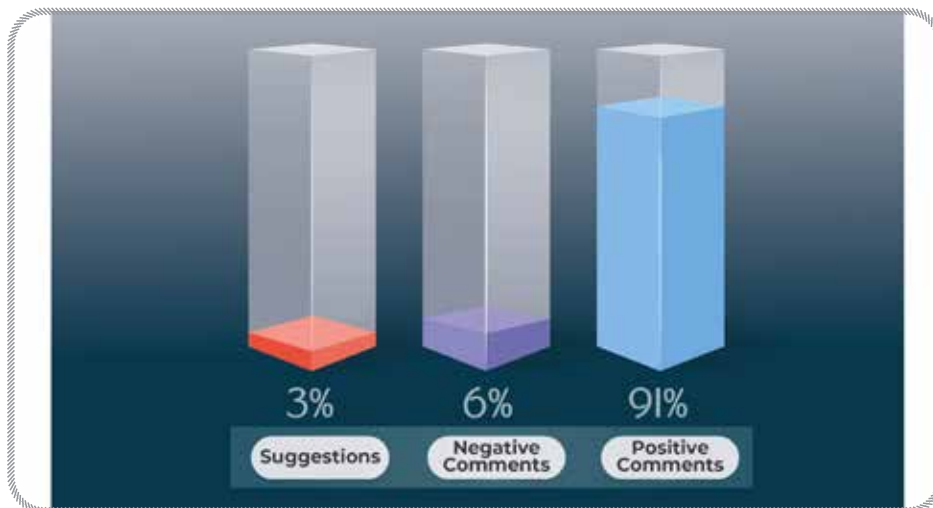
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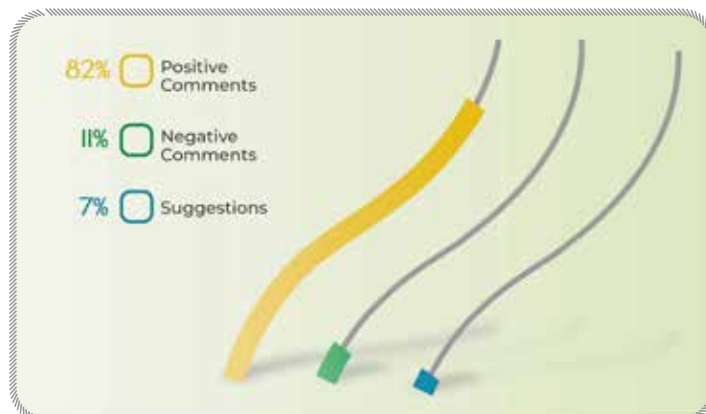


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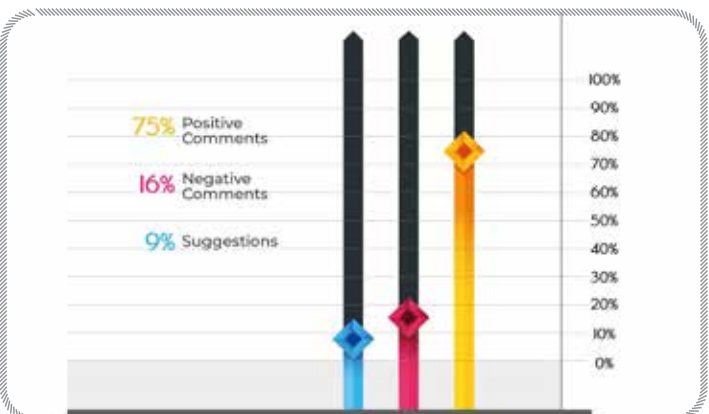


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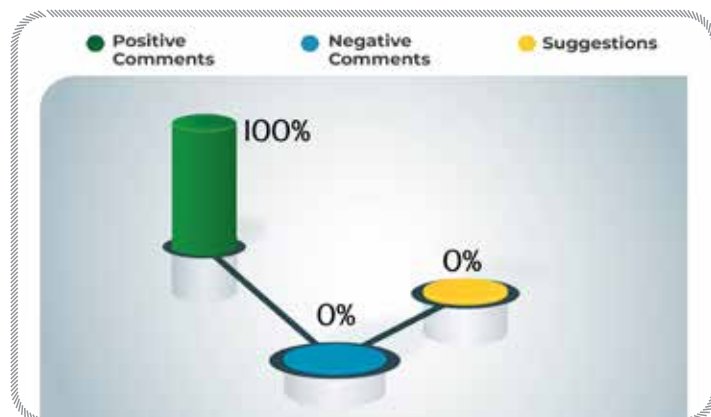




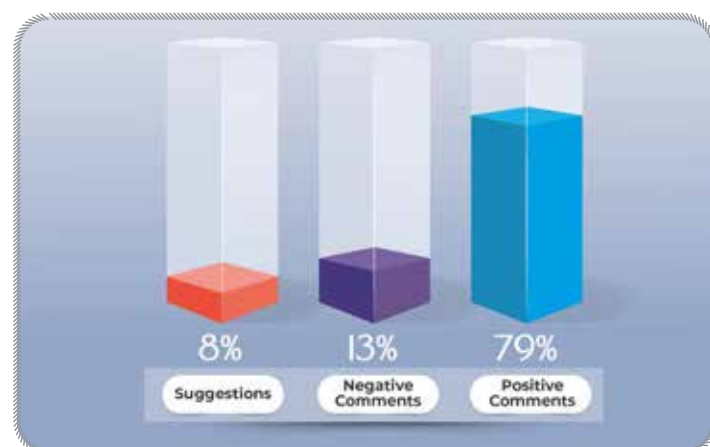
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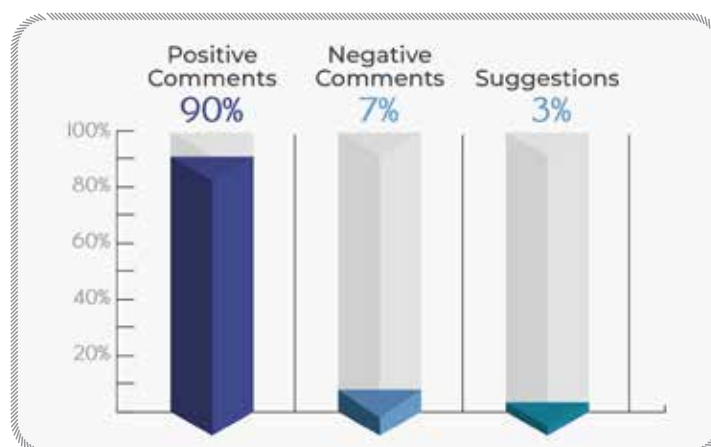
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## Total evaluation of people's comments on state media



## Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



## The analysis and evaluation of people's comments on the media about the published news report

### The Importance of Evaluating Feedback

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## Social Media Usage in Afghanistan

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## Evaluation and Analysis of Public Comments on Media Coverage of the published news

*We can divide the media into two categories: government media and private media:*

The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 1270 comments are recorded, out of which 1161 are positive, 79 are negative, and 30 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 91%, 6%, and 3%, respectively.

Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 151 comments are recorded, out of which 120 are positive, 20 are negative, and 11 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 79%, 13%, and 8%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 1281 positive, 99 negative, and 41 constructive, with the percentages being 90%, 7%, and 3%, respectively.

## Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✦ We strongly advocate for a stringent nationwide ban on the use of foreign currencies, particularly the PKR, and endorse conducting all transactions exclusively in Afghanis. It is imperative that we unite in championing this cause.
- ✦ In accordance with the World Bank's report, the declining inflation trend must be diligently sustained. Furthermore, it is worth noting that while the Afghani's strengthening against the dollar has a positive impact on food prices, fuel and medicine costs remain unaffected. Conversely, a depreciation of the Afghani results in price hikes. The Islamic Emirate should exercise control over these market dynamics to ensure stability.
- ✦ Afghanistan's overall situation is promising, with the exception of the pressing issue of high unemployment rates. Improving the economy is the key to resolving this challenge and fostering a brighter future for our nation.

## **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

- ✦ **First**, numerous individuals have expressed their strong desire for a ban on the use of Pakistani Rupees (PKR) and have advocated for all transactions to be conducted exclusively in Afghanis. This issue holds significant importance, as every nation's unique currency serves as a symbol of its identity. Moreover, it's well understood that a country's currency can lose its value when it is underutilized for transactions. We've witnessed how the Afghani depreciated against foreign currencies during times when Afghanistan lacked a centralized government. Now, with a robust and centralized governance system in place, it is incumbent upon us to promote and prioritize our national currency. The Islamic Emirate has taken resolute measures to achieve this objective, implementing strict measures in all provinces where PKR transactions were prevalent. The Islamic Emirate has earnestly encouraged the use of Afghani instead of PKR, backed by the threat of legal action against any violators. As a result, the overwhelming majority of transactions within the country are now conducted in Afghanis, leading to a steady appreciation of the Afghani's value against foreign currencies. Under the decree of Amir al-Mu'minin Sheikh Al-Hadith Maulvi Hibatullah Akhund, a comprehensive ban on PKR usage has been instituted nationwide. This prohibition encompasses the possession, trade, and any form of utilization of PKR. All provincial governors and district officials have been instructed that, within a two-month period, PKR transactions will be strictly forbidden, with legal consequences for those who fail to comply. These measures reflect our commitment to strengthening our national currency and preserving our economic sovereignty.

✍ **Second,** another noteworthy observation made by individuals in their comments is the decreasing trend in inflation. This observation aligns with the findings in the World Bank's report, which underscores a reduction in the inflation rate. This positive development can be attributed to several factors. First and foremost, the increase in domestic food production has played a pivotal role in curbing inflationary pressures. Additionally, the strengthening of the national currency against foreign counterparts has contributed significantly to this decline. A decrease in the prices of both essential and non-essential goods has also had a favorable impact. Moreover, improvements within the banking sector, particularly the provision of tailored services for commercial enterprises, have fostered economic growth. This growth, in turn, has led to an increase in job opportunities, a rise in both exports and the national income, and a balanced trade scenario. It's worth noting that there are several other factors at play that collectively contribute to the reduction in the inflation rate. The Islamic Emirate has actively pursued these strategies and continues to do so, with a strong commitment to maintaining a low inflation rate. These efforts reflect our dedication to ensuring economic stability and prosperity for our nation.

✍ **Third,** addressing the issue of unemployment in Afghanistan has been a prominent concern raised by many individuals, and it is a challenge that the Islamic Emirate acknowledges and takes seriously. Consequently, significant steps have been taken to combat this problem. The Islamic Emirate has embarked on several substantial projects aimed at alleviating unemployment and providing job opportunities to our citizens. These initiatives hold the potential to make a considerable impact on resolving this issue. Furthermore, the Islamic Emirate has initiated mining operations within the country, a sector that has already generated thousands of employment opportunities for our people. This endeavor not only contributes to reducing unemployment but also harnesses the valuable resources of our nation. However, our commitment to tackling unemployment does not end here. The Islamic Emirate remains resolute in its efforts to launch new projects that will further diminish the problem of joblessness. We are actively seeking to attract both domestic and foreign investors to invest in our abundant mining resources and various other sectors. By doing so, we anticipate the creation of employment opportunities, not only in the mining industry but also in related and diverse sectors. These strategic moves will not only facilitate the exploitation of untapped resources within our nation but also foster investment in various other areas, ultimately leading to a significant reduction, if not the complete elimination, of the unemployment issue that Afghanistan faces. Our vision is to create a prosperous and self-reliant workforce that contributes to the nation's growth and prosperity.

## Conclusion

In August 2023, the World Bank released a comprehensive report on Afghanistan's economic situation, heralding significant improvements compared to preceding months. This fact-based assessment from the World Bank garnered accolades from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs. In their statement, they emphasized that with a positive engagement from the international community, Afghanistan is poised for further advancements in the economic sphere, ultimately lightening the burden on the global community. The report underscores a crucial point: the international community and global institutions can no longer ignore the realities and transformations transpiring in Afghanistan. In spite of the international sanctions imposed, the Islamic Emirate is tirelessly striving to revitalize Afghanistan across various domains. Presently, substantial efforts are underway to invest in critical sectors such as industry, agriculture, electricity, infrastructure, trade, and transit. Remarkable progress has already been achieved in these areas, with ongoing developments in others. As these economic endeavors continue to bear fruit, it becomes increasingly evident that Afghanistan is on a trajectory toward self-sufficiency in all sectors, positioning itself as a robust and economically independent nation in the near future. The commitment of the Islamic Emirate to the country's development and prosperity is unwavering, and it beckons for constructive engagement and support from the international community to realize this shared vision.



## 7 Large Mining Contracts Signed with an Investment of 6.5 Billion Dollars



### Introduction:

The utilization of economic resources stands as a paramount necessity for the continued existence of human life on Earth. Humans relentlessly strive to harness these resources in their quest for sustenance. Regrettably, this pursuit often escalates into international conflicts, underscoring the pivotal role these resources play in human history. Throughout the ages, countries have vied for access to these economic treasures, particularly mineral resources, which are now a cornerstone of global economic stability. Afghanistan, as a nation blessed with vast natural wealth, is no exception to this global dynamic. Extensive research has affirmed that Afghanistan stands unrivaled in the region when it comes to the abundance of minerals. Recognizing the potential locked beneath its soil, the Islamic Emirate has been resolute in its commitment to extract this wealth and bolster Afghanistan's fragile economy. In pursuit of this objective, a historic milestone was achieved on August 31st, with the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund. On this auspicious day, the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, in collaboration with successful companies, inked seven substantial mining contracts valued at an impressive \$6.5 billion. This monumental investment signifies the Islamic Emirate's unwavering dedication to unlocking Afghanistan's mineral potential and forging a path toward economic prosperity. These contracts not only mark a significant stride forward for Afghanistan but also contribute to the global economic landscape, emphasizing the indispensable role that mineral resources play in our interconnected world.

Guided by the Economic Commission of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum initiated an open bidding process for the extraction of four sections of the iron ore mine in the Ghorian district of Herat province. Following an extensive and transparent evaluation, the following enterprises have been declared as the winners: Watan Dorokhshan Company, in which Azaran Industrial Structures Company holds a 70% stake, has secured the first section of the iron ore mine in the Ghorian district with an impressive score of 64.6 points. Sahil Middle East Mining & Logistics Company whose shareholders are Dara-e-Noor, an Afghan company and Epcol, a Turkish company each 15%, has secured the second section of the iron ore mine in the Ghorian district with a score of 61 points. Shamsh, an Afghan company, with GBM and AD Resources, British companies, as its 35% shareholders, has emerged as the winner for the third section of the iron ore mine in the Ghorian district with a score of 68.5 points. Bakhtar Steel Company, with Ahya Sepahan and Parsian Iranian companies holding a 49% stake, has secured the fourth section of the iron ore mine in the Ghorian district with a score of 60.50 points.

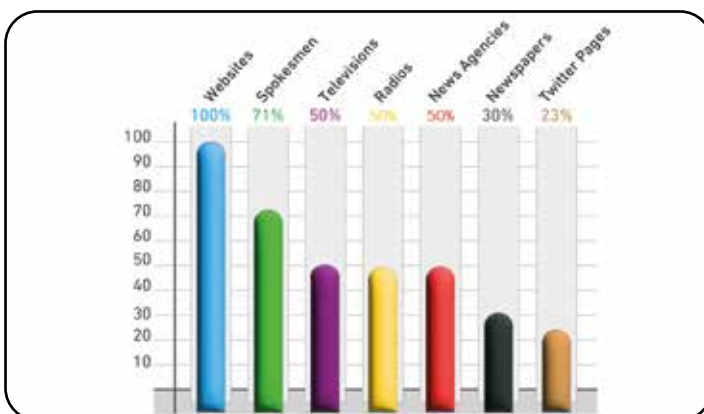
A total of 6 billion and 557 million dollars will be invested for the implementation of these 7 contracts, which will provide employment to thousands of people and will significantly improve the economic situation of the country.

### The Purpose of Signing the Contracts

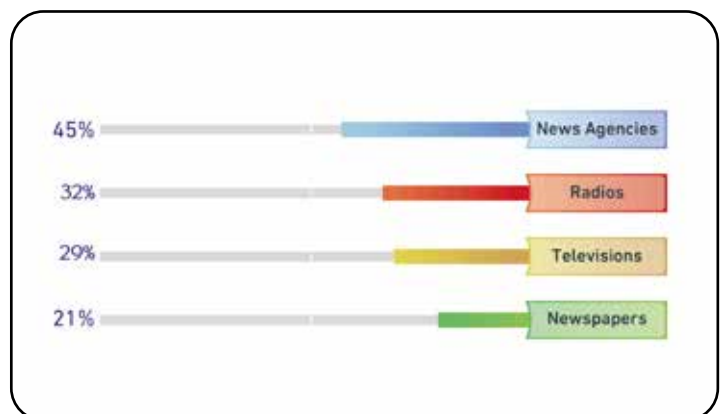
The overarching purpose of these endeavors is threefold: to bolster the national income, generate employment opportunities for our citizens, and foster comprehensive economic development across the entirety of our nation.

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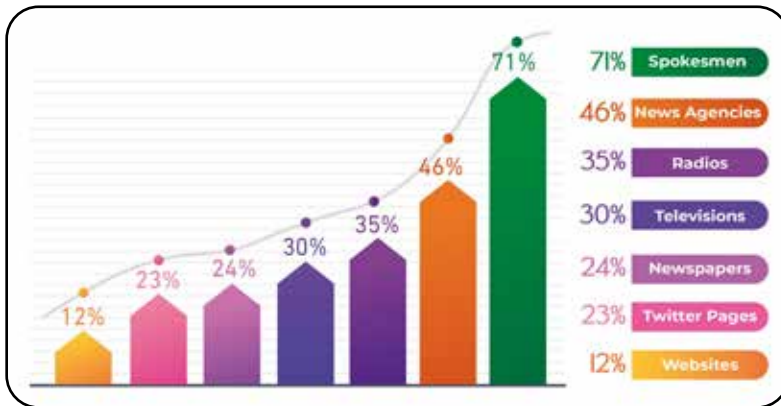
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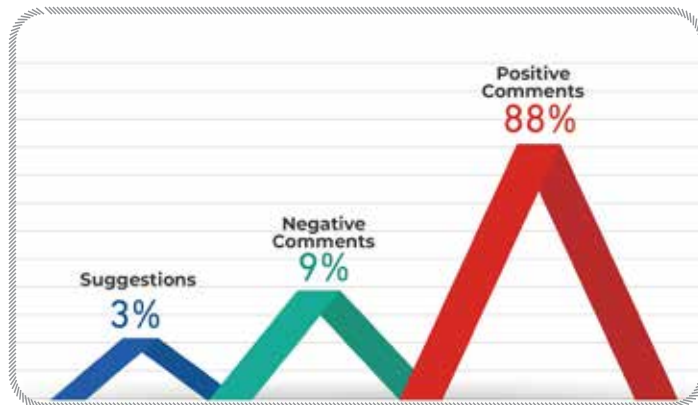


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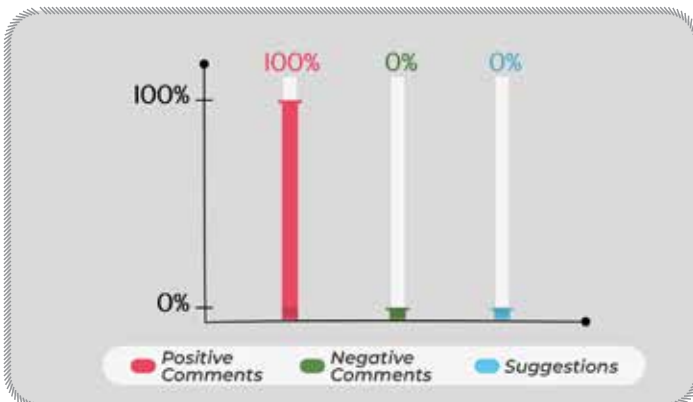
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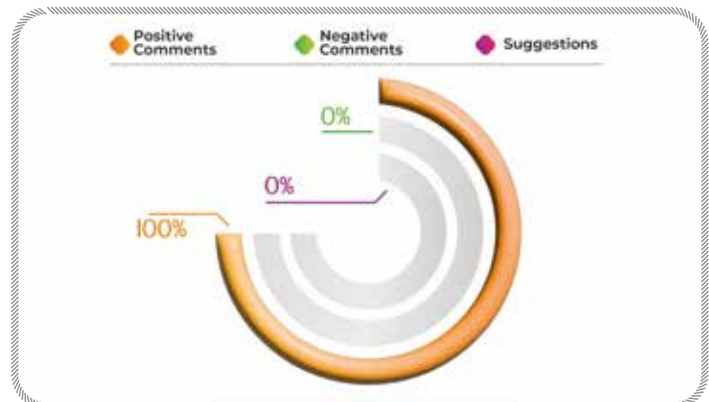
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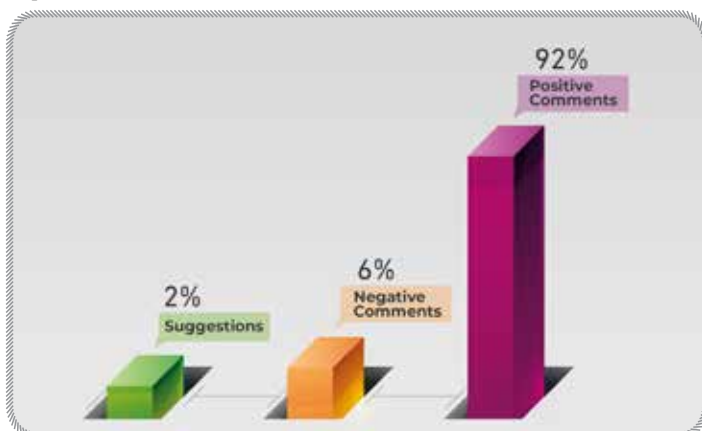
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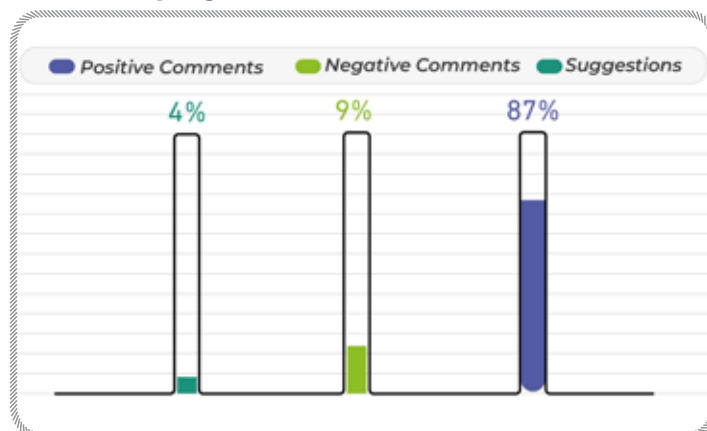
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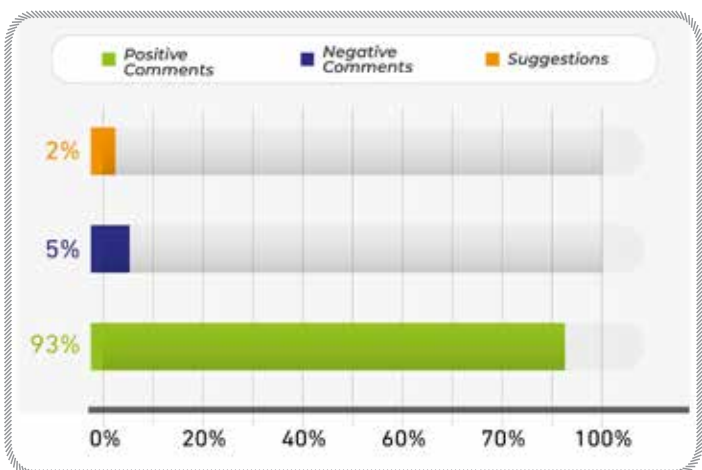
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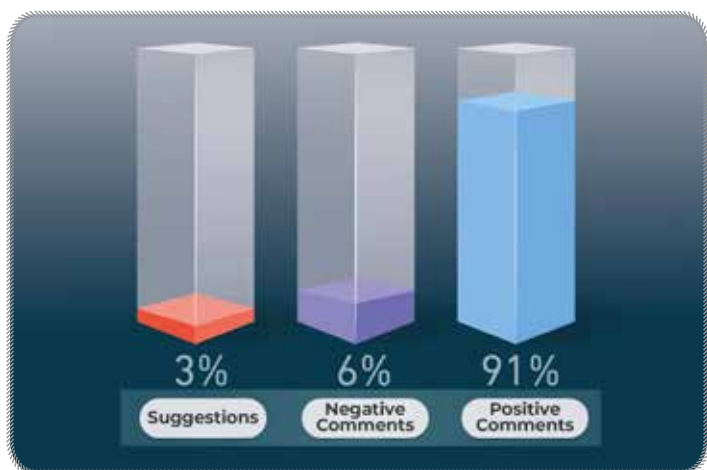
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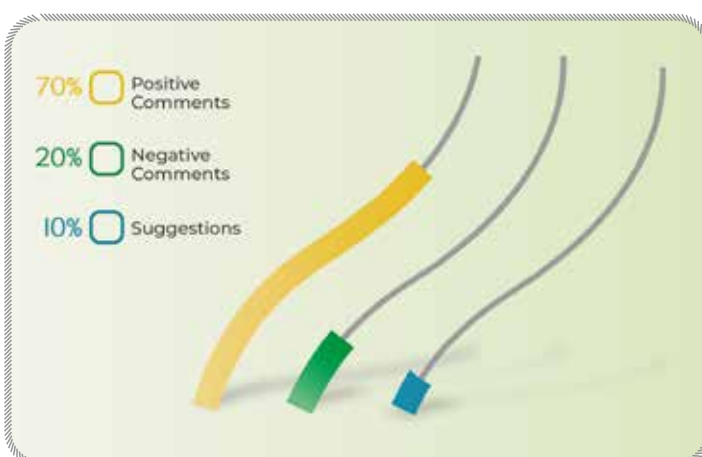


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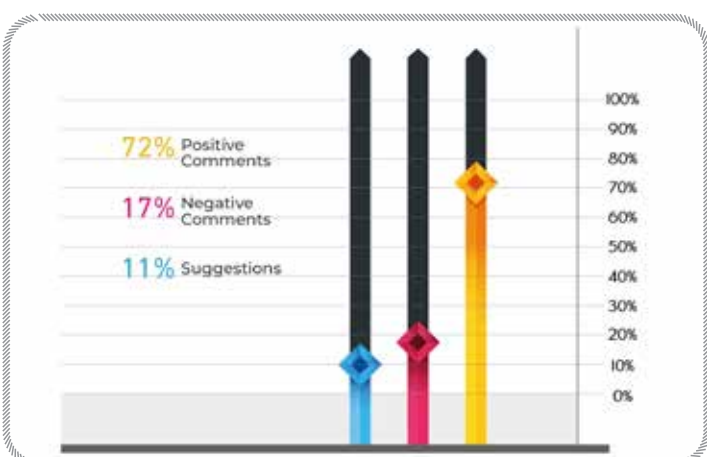


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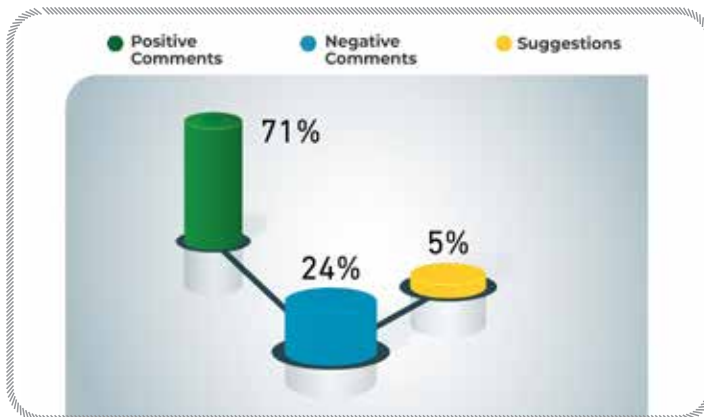
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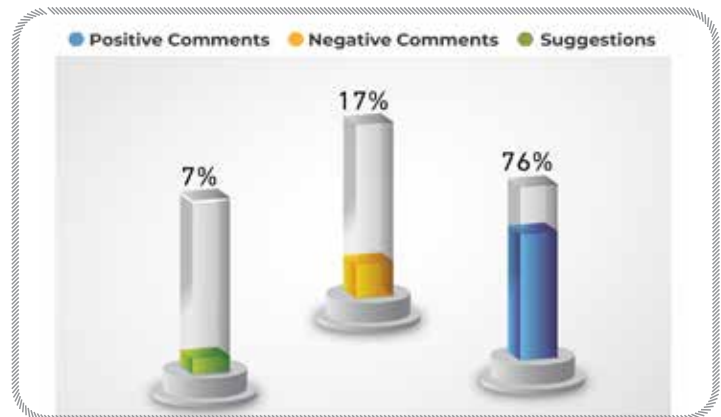
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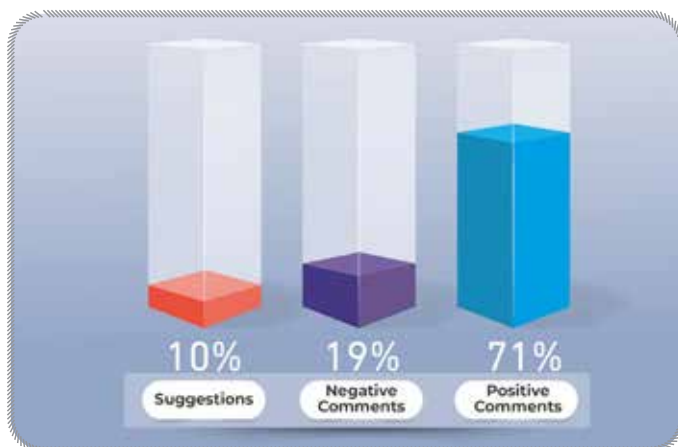
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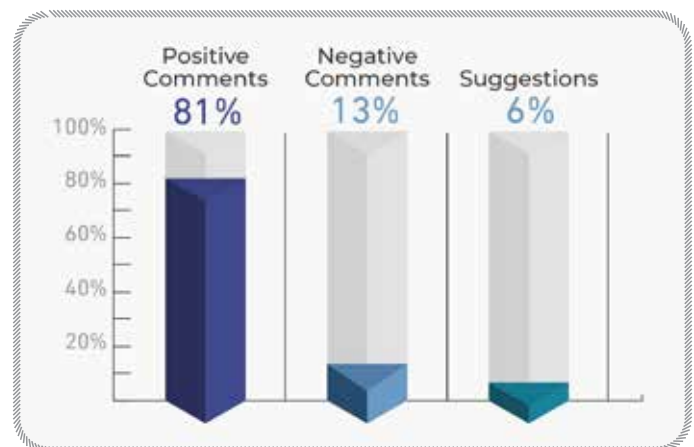
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Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 3735 comments are recorded, out of which 2655 are positive, 692 are negative, and 388 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 71%, 19%, and 10%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 5882 positive, 930 negative, and 481 constructive, with the percentages being 81%, 13%, and 6%, respectively.

## **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

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## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✧ Through the prudent extraction of our subterranean resources, Afghanistan is poised to ascend to the ranks of developed nations, with the Islamic Emirate playing a pivotal role in achieving this distinction.
- ✧ An encouraging development to note is the significant increase in the share allocated to Afghanistan in mining contracts, rising from a mere 2.5% under the previous administration to a substantial 13.5% today.
- ✧ Our nation's mineral wealth is an invaluable asset with the potential to substantially bolster Afghanistan's economy. Regular extraction, appropriate utilization, and strategic investments in infrastructure can pave the way for rapid development and economic strength.
- ✧ It is imperative that any minerals extracted are processed within our borders, thereby creating employment opportunities for a multitude of citizens and enabling the construction of vital infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, and electricity facilities using the generated revenue.
- ✧ It is our solemn duty to harness this national treasure effectively, ensuring the economic betterment of our nation. In doing so, we can aspire to join the league of economically developed countries, akin to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

## **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**


- ✧ **Firstly**, and foremost, it's important to address a significant concern raised by some individuals in their comments regarding the allocation of mining contracts. Under the previous administration in Kabul, mining contracts were indeed granted with a meager 2.5% share for the government. However, the Islamic Emirate has ushered in a new era of complete transparency in mining contracts, with a substantial increase in the government's share, now set at 13.5%. It's crucial to understand that the previous administration in Kabul did not operate with full independence, and as a result, the formulation of laws and regulations was often influenced by external interests rather than serving the best interests of Afghanistan. These laws were shaped by individuals who prioritized foreign interests over those of our nation. In contrast, the establishment of an independent and centralized system in Afghanistan under the Islamic Emirate has heralded a new approach. The government is now committed to leveraging our national wealth, particularly our abundant mineral resources, for the benefit of our country and its people. This is precisely why the government's share in mining contracts has been significantly enhanced. This substantial increase in government revenue from mining

activities is poised to inject a significant influx of funds into the government budget. In turn, this will contribute to fostering economic stability and bolstering our nation's overall well-being. The Islamic Emirate remains steadfast in its dedication to promoting Afghanistan's economic prosperity and self-sufficiency.

✎ **Secondly**, it is indeed a truth voiced by many of our fellow citizens that our mineral resources are the bedrock of our nation's wealth. When harnessed wisely, these resources have the power to propel Afghanistan towards development and prosperity. History attests that countries effectively leveraging their natural resources have risen to prominence on the global stage. Conversely, nations that fail to capitalize on their national wealth often find themselves dependent on external forces, trailing behind, and facing myriad hardships. Regrettably, Afghanistan has been among those countries that historically underutilized their natural resources and neglected this invaluable asset. This neglect has cost us dearly, leaving us lagging behind other developed nations. However, the Islamic Emirate recognizes the urgency of the situation and has embarked on a determined mission to extract and utilize our natural resources to their full potential. Key officials within the Islamic Emirate have repeatedly emphasized the utmost transparency in the mining sector. They have pledged that the revenue generated from these resources will be judiciously invested in critical infrastructure projects, ones that are integral to achieving economic stability and sustainable development for our nation. The Islamic Emirate remains unwavering in its commitment to tapping into our natural wealth, steering Afghanistan towards a prosperous future. Through responsible and transparent resource management, we aim to not only regain our economic footing but also to become a self-reliant and thriving nation on the global stage.

✎ **Thirdly**, it's heartening to note that some of our citizens have emphasized the importance of processing the minerals extracted within our country, thereby creating job opportunities for our fellow citizens. This notion is not only commendable but also highly practical. When minerals are extracted and processed domestically, the benefits are manifold. By establishing processing facilities within our borders, we not only add substantial value to these raw materials but also provide a much-needed resource to our local industrial sector. This not only ensures a stable supply of raw materials but also fosters the growth of industrial enterprises within our nation. Furthermore, the establishment of processing facilities translates into a significant increase in employment opportunities, benefitting a vast number of our people. The Islamic Emirate has duly recognized the importance of this approach. Consequently, the seven major mining contracts recently signed in the presence of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund prioritize processing within Afghanistan before export. This strategic decision will not only create thousands of jobs but also contribute to improving the economic well-being of our citizens. The Islamic Emirate is committed to optimizing the benefits of our mineral resources and channeling them toward the prosperity of our people. By harnessing these resources through responsible and transparent practices, we aim to not only enhance our economic

prospects but also enhance the livelihoods of our fellow citizens.

 **Fourthly**, it is heartening to note that some of our fellow citizens have voiced the belief that the proper utilization of our natural resources can lead Afghanistan to a level of development akin to countries such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. While these nations have primarily relied on oil and gas for their development, Afghanistan boasts a diverse array of valuable mineral resources beyond oil and gas. The Islamic Emirate is resolutely committed to realizing this vision of becoming one of the world's most developed nations, and it aims to achieve this through the prudent management of our abundant natural resources. Presently, Afghanistan stands independent, with no foreign aid or substantial assistance from the international community. In this challenging environment, the Islamic Emirate has initiated the extraction of minerals on a modest scale, and this initial progress has already begun to have a positive impact on our national economy. As we continue to harness our mineral wealth, there is no doubt that Afghanistan's trajectory is one of development and prosperity. With the full exploitation of our mineral resources, we are poised to emerge as a developed nation, providing a brighter future for our citizens and securing our place on the global stage. The Islamic Emirate remains dedicated to this noble pursuit, underpinned by the potential of our natural riches to transform Afghanistan into a prosperous and self-sustaining nation.

## Conclusion

The reality of Afghanistan's desert terrain and relatively arid climate underscores the significance of our nation's natural resources, along with the agricultural sector, as the primary lifelines to safeguard our economy from long-term collapse. While Afghanistan boasts abundant natural resources beneath its soil, regrettably, their potential has not been fully harnessed to improve the livelihoods of our people. With the commencement of practical mineral extraction and the subsequent creation of employment opportunities, the economic engine of Afghanistan is primed to roar to life. This resurgence promises to draw international attention, paving the way for an influx of investors eager to participate in our nation's economic revitalization. Mines are poised to play a pivotal role in the economic growth of Afghanistan. Their vast potential, amounting to billions of dollars, can serve as a cornerstone for strengthening our economy and addressing the myriad challenges our nation faces. By unleashing this wealth, the Islamic Emirate is taking vital steps towards self-sufficiency, prosperity, and the transformation of Afghanistan into a vibrant and self-reliant nation.

## Exports from Afghanistan Reach 49 Billion Afghanis from April to August



### Introduction:

Over the course of four decades of conflict in Afghanistan, various sectors of the country, including its businesses involved in products like carpets, dried fruits, and fresh fruits, have endured severe setbacks. This adversity has had a detrimental impact on the country's exports, leading to a halt in these trade activities. However, the Islamic Emirate has actively embarked on a journey of economic development, prioritizing this as a key agenda. Remarkable progress has been made in the past two years, marked by an increase in Afghanistan's exports. Notably, efforts have been made to enhance transparency in the processes of export and import revenue collection, while also extending support and facilities to traders. These initiatives have collectively stimulated the growth of trade within the country. During this aforementioned period, Afghanistan's exports have surged to 49 billion Afghanis, with 96.5% of these products finding markets in countries such as Pakistan, India, Tajikistan, Iran, Turkey, Kazakhstan, and Iraq. The remaining 3.5% has been directed to other countries across the globe. The primary contributors, comprising 60% of total exports, encompass commodities like coal, cotton, grapes, tomatoes, raisins, caraway, saffron, apricots, and herbal remedies, while the remaining 40% comprises diverse other items.

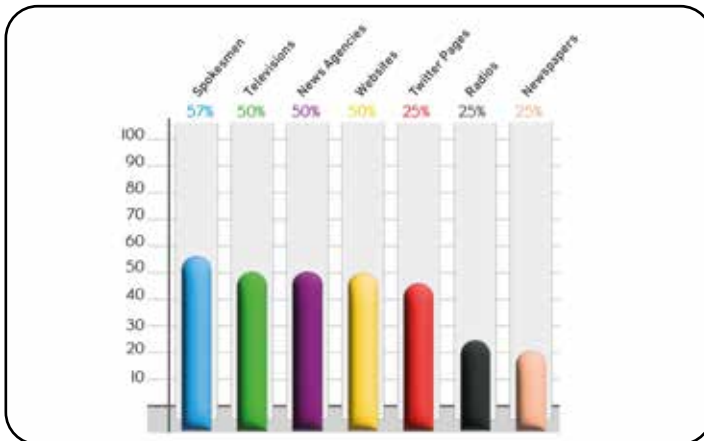
### The Purpose of InCreasing the Exports

The objective is straightforward: with the resurgence of the Islamic Emirate, economic activities have flourished, resulting in a notable upswing in export levels.

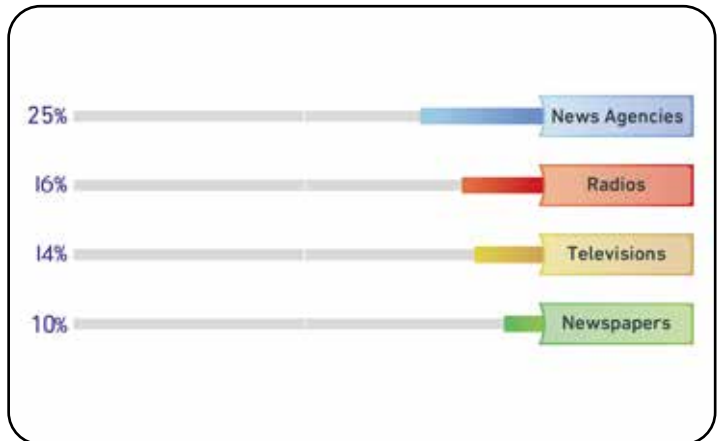


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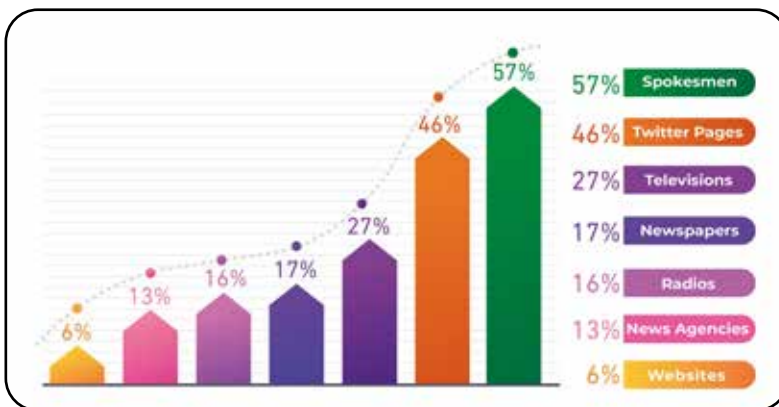
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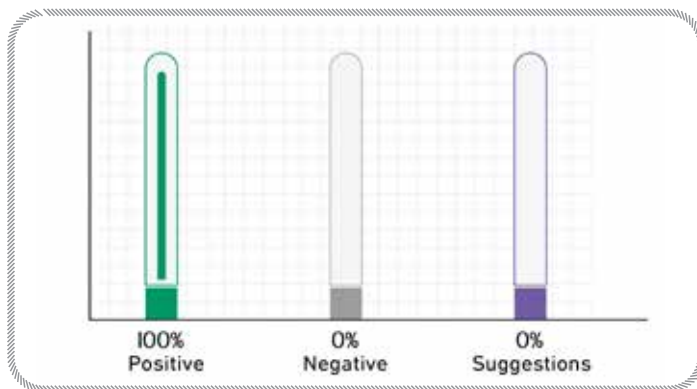


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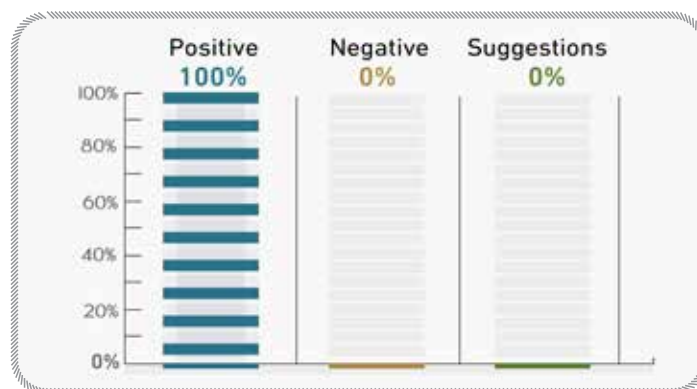
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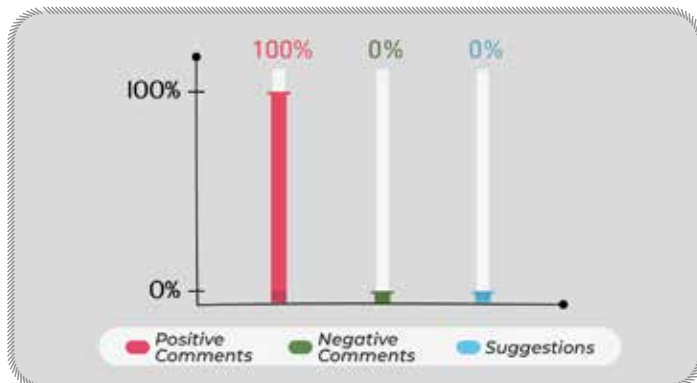
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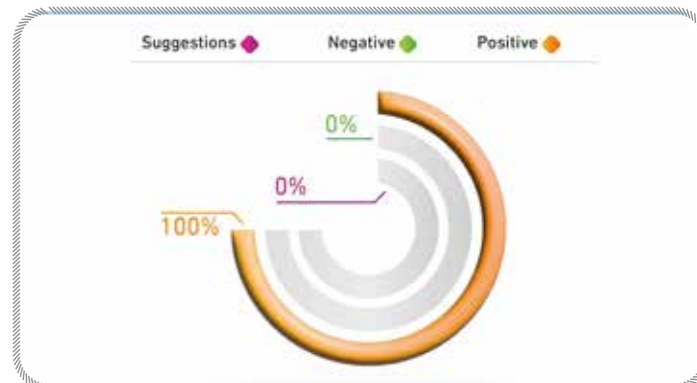
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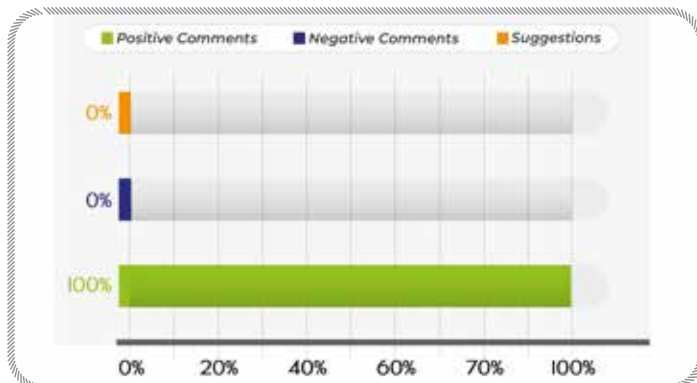
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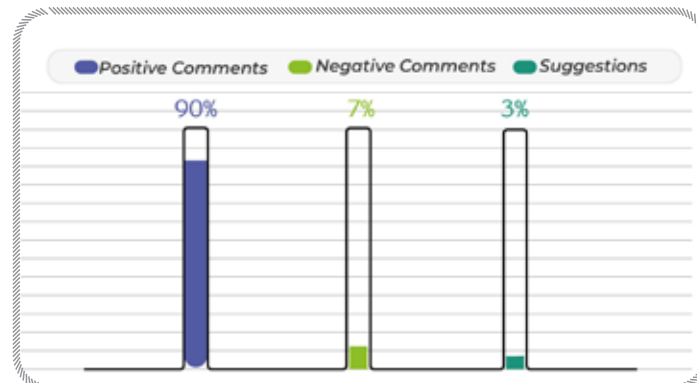
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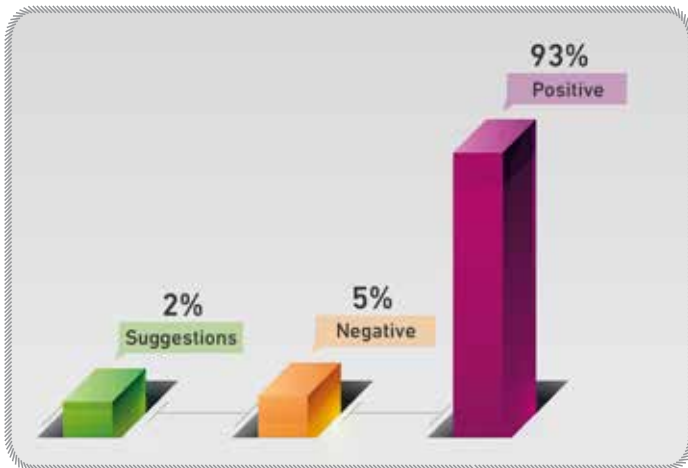
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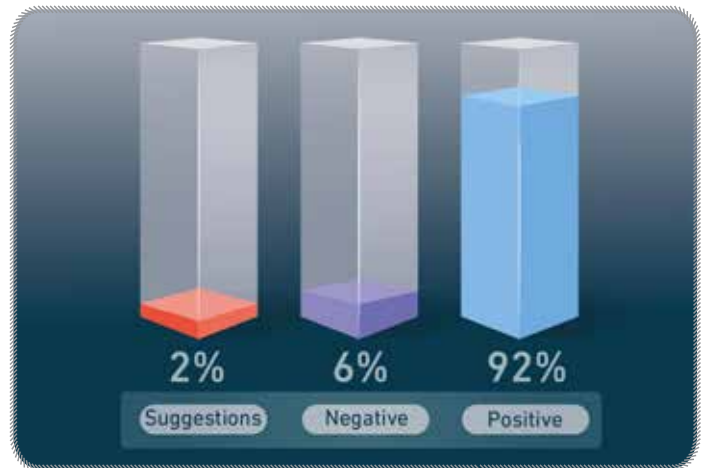
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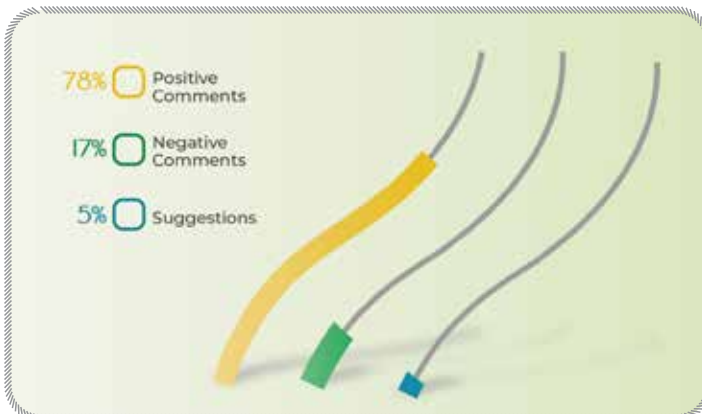


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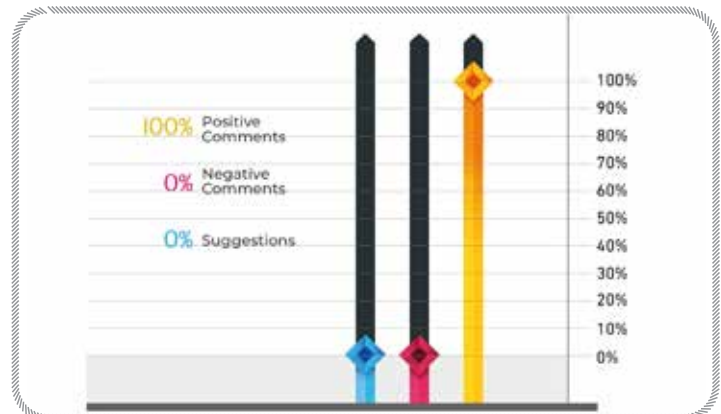


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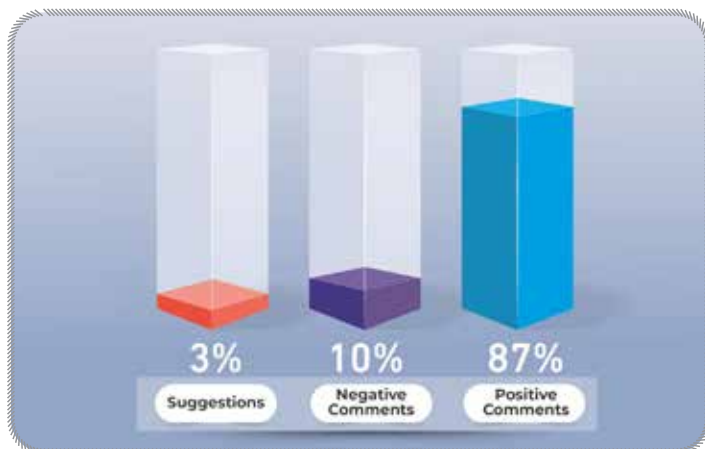
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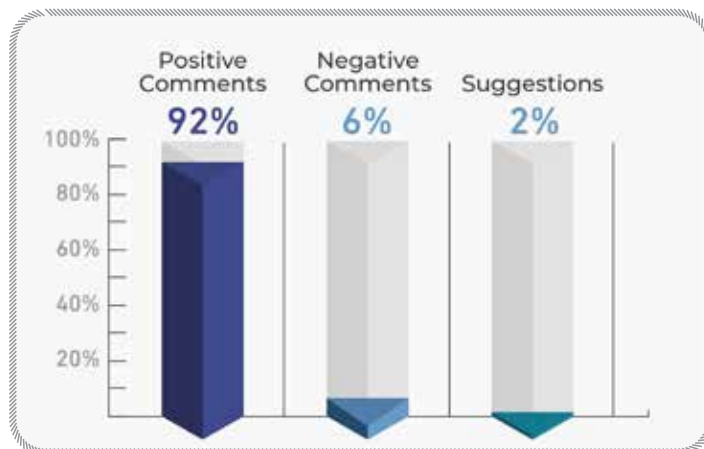
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### Total evaluation of people's comments on private media



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



## The analysis and evaluation of people's comments on the media about the published news report

### The Importance of Evaluating Feedback

Assessing feedback, both positive and negative, on media and social networks involves recognizing and giving consideration to people's opinions. Analyzing and sharing such feedback enables individuals and society to express their perspectives, requests, criticisms, and suggestions concerning the government's economic decisions, actions, and projects.

### Social Media Usage in Afghanistan

Most Afghans use Facebook, while government officials, institutions, and various political, economic, social, and cultural activists tend to prefer Twitter. Nevertheless, both governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as political, economic, social, and cultural activists, are actively present on Facebook and Twitter, providing coverage of public and official individuals and institutions and publishing daily official and unofficial news and reports.

### Evaluation and Analysis of Public Comments on Media Coverage of the Published news

*We can divide the media into two categories: government media and private media:*

The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 1007 comments are recorded, out of which 925 are positive, 56 are negative, and 26 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 92%, 6%, and 2%, respectively.

Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 132 comments are recorded, out of which 60 are positive, 70 are negative, and 2 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 87%, 10%, and 3%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 685 positive, 126 negative, and 28 constructive, with the percentages being 82%, 15%, and 3%, respectively.

### **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

One reason is that people give positive views about the news, which is in the interest of both the country and the people and is a step towards progress. The news of the exports indicate the progress of the country that's why it has been widely published. Furthermore, news that is related to the government is widely published by the state-owned media that's why it gets more comments.

### **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✂ There is a need to boost imports as well, with a view to lowering prices and addressing the issue of unemployment.
- ✂ Strengthening the economy requires a simultaneous increase in exports and a decrease in imports.
- ✂ Since the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, there has been an unparalleled surge in export levels.
- ✂ If the current pace of export growth persists, Afghanistan is on the path to achieving economic self-sufficiency in the near future.



**After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

✍ **Firstly**, several citizens have aptly pointed out in their comments that an increase in imports could potentially lead to a reduction in prices for essential commodities like food and fuel. This perspective is indeed valid. However, it's crucial to recognize that the aspiration of every nation is to evolve from a state of heavy dependence on imports to becoming an exporting powerhouse. Achieving this transition is vital not only for fostering economic development but also for stimulating the growth of domestic industries. A compelling illustration of this shift can be found in the earlier mentioned news regarding the remarkable surge in exports. If this momentum in export growth continues, Afghanistan is poised to experience a significant economic transformation in the near future. This is undoubtedly a promising development and a cause for optimism.

✍ **Secondly**, some individuals have aptly underscored the remarkable nature of the increase in the country's export rate, characterizing it as an unprecedented achievement in Afghanistan's history. When we examine the export levels prior to the establishment of the Islamic Emirate, the current statistics indeed appear as a triumph. To provide context, Afghanistan's exports in 1399 amounted to goods valued at \$777 million. However, during the subsequent year, 1400, when the Islamic Emirate assumed control midway through the year, the export rate experienced a modest uptick, despite the challenges posed by sanctions, reaching a total of \$850 million. The most striking development came in the year 1401 when the export figure soared to \$2 billion, setting a remarkable precedent in the country's history. This tangible progress stands as a testament to the success of the Islamic Emirate's economic plans and strategies.

✍ **Thirdly**, there is a prevailing sense of satisfaction among some individuals regarding the uptick in exports. They have expressed the belief that if the current pace of export growth continues, Afghanistan is on the verge of achieving economic self-sufficiency. The revenue generated from exports can be channeled effectively towards the realization of critical infrastructure projects and the development of various sectors, including agriculture, industry, trade, and more. This promising outlook holds the potential to transform Afghanistan into an economically independent nation in the near future.

## Conclusion

The Islamic Emirate has implemented concrete measures aimed at fortifying economic growth. Evidently, extensive efforts have been dedicated to constructing and rehabilitating highways across the nation, facilitating the seamless transportation of goods to neighboring countries and beyond. This initiative has yielded tangible results, as exemplified by the substantial surge in Afghan product exports to foreign nations.

A noteworthy accomplishment is the period between April and August of 2023, during which goods valued at 49 billion Afghanis were successfully exported to foreign markets—an immensely positive development. If this momentum in export continues, Afghanistan is poised to surpass its previous records, transitioning from a predominantly importing nation to a thriving exporting one.

Such a transformation would not only bolster Afghanistan's economic resilience but also serve as a catalyst for overcoming existing economic challenges. Moreover, it holds the potential to drive down the unemployment rate in the country, eventually leading to a significant reduction, if not the complete eradication, of unemployment.

## A Conference Under the Title “Afghanistan Trade and Economic Relations” Held in Kabul



### Introduction:

At present, Afghanistan has diligently worked to create a conducive environment for investors, addressing their essential requirements. The Islamic Emirate has demonstrated unwavering support for investors, streamlining administrative processes, and, most significantly, ensuring the safety of investors' lives and assets. Consequently, both domestic and foreign investors are showing keen interest in investing in Afghanistan.

A notable testament to this investment-friendly climate was the “Afghanistan Trade and Economic Relations” conference held in Kabul on September 6th, organized by the Afghanistan-American Chamber of Commerce and the Afghanistan Business Council. During the conference, Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, the esteemed Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, highlighted the improved security situation in Afghanistan and the government's resolute stance against corruption. He underscored the growth in exports, imports, national income, and the uptick in production. Major projects across various sectors, including industry, trade, and transit, have been initiated, further fostering economic development.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund revealed several measures taken to support the private sector, including the reduction of taxes on raw materials, the development of industrial parks, and the launch of highway reconstruction projects to enhance trade. Efforts are also underway to connect Afghanistan with neighboring regions through railway networks.

Furthermore, he emphasized Afghanistan's wealth of natural resources, a supportive investment climate, a young and skilled workforce, international market access via regional connectivity, and favorable investment laws as key factors attracting investment. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund assured both domestic and foreign investors that opportunities abound in Afghanistan across various sectors, from electricity and mining to agriculture, transportation, infrastructure, technology, and healthcare.

To facilitate investments and minimize bureaucratic hurdles, an inter-ministerial committee has been established, dedicated to providing investors with necessary information and support. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund recognized the rising importance of land routes amid the evolving international political landscape, given their security advantages over sea trade routes in Afghanistan's neighborhood. Consequently, the Islamic Emirate is committed to establishing commercial transport routes and expanding the network of highways, roads, and railways throughout the country.

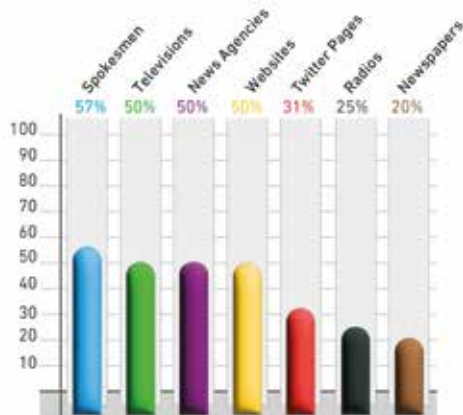
In conclusion, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund reiterated the Islamic Emirate's unwavering support for both domestic and foreign investors, vowing to provide all essential facilities and assistance. The conference witnessed the participation of not only Afghan investors but also American and numerous investors from various countries, highlighting the growing interest in Afghanistan's investment potential.

### The Purpose of the Conference

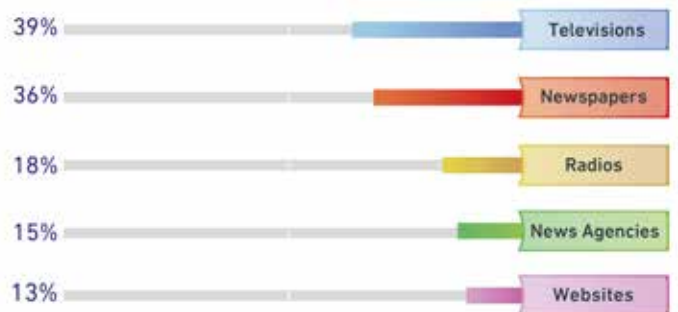
The primary objective is to entice foreign investors, as Afghanistan currently offers ample opportunities for investment. The Islamic Emirate is actively leveraging this favorable climate to draw investors into sectors that can significantly contribute to the nation's economic advancement.

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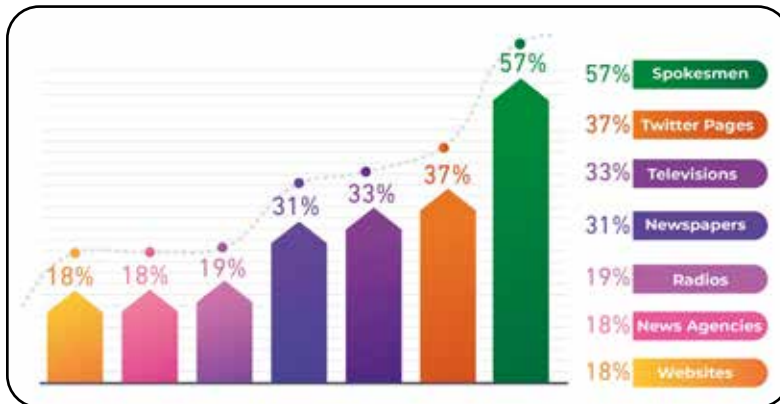
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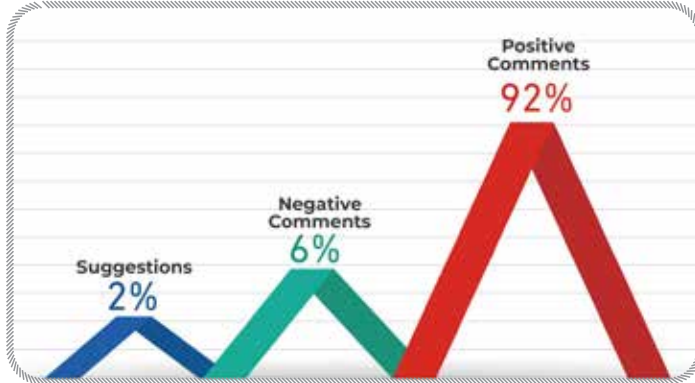


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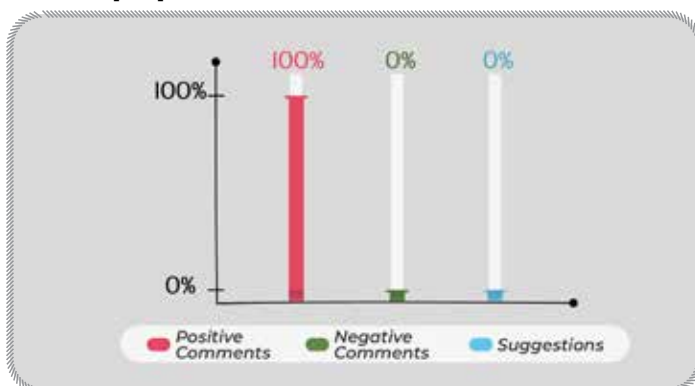
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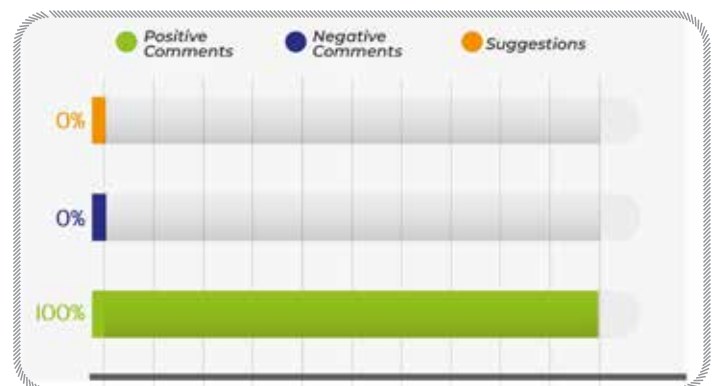
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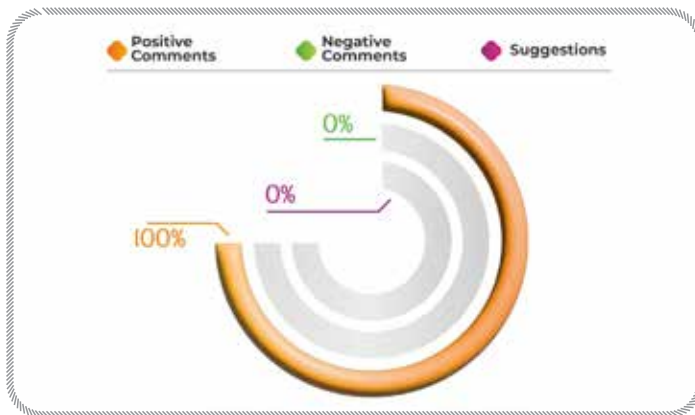
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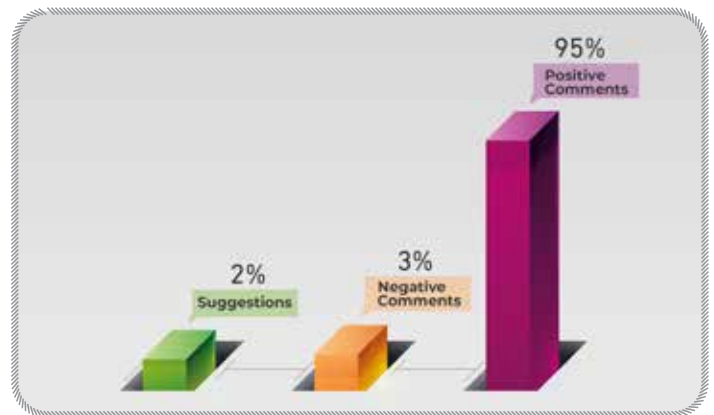
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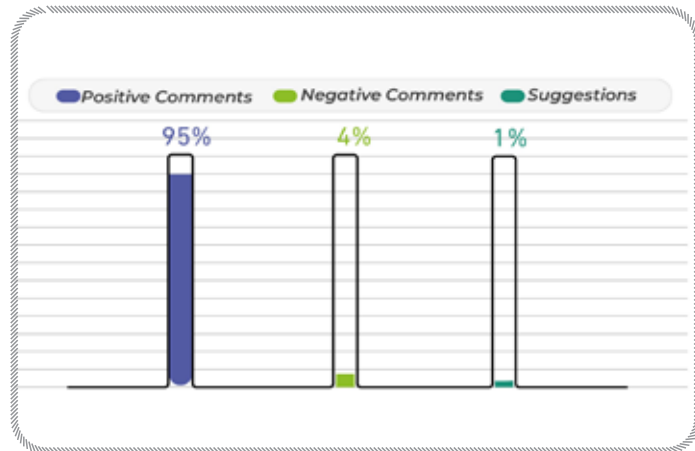
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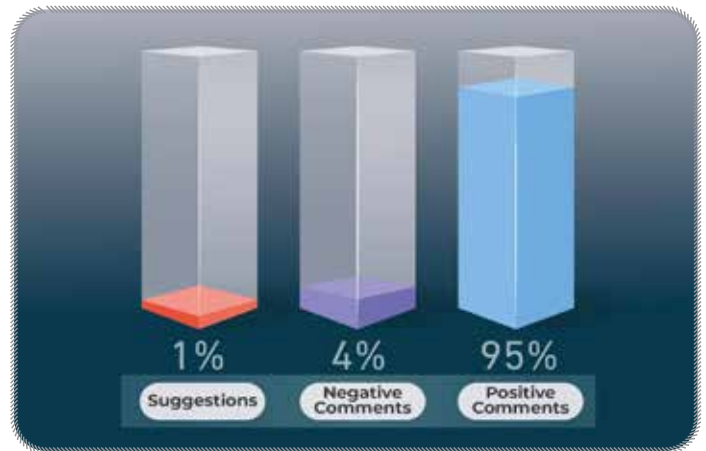
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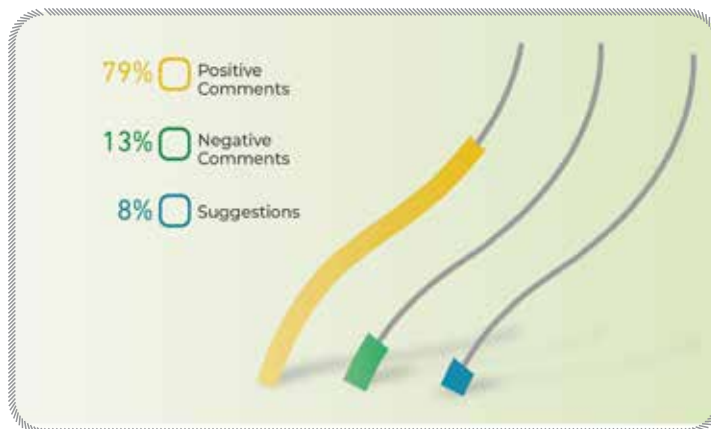


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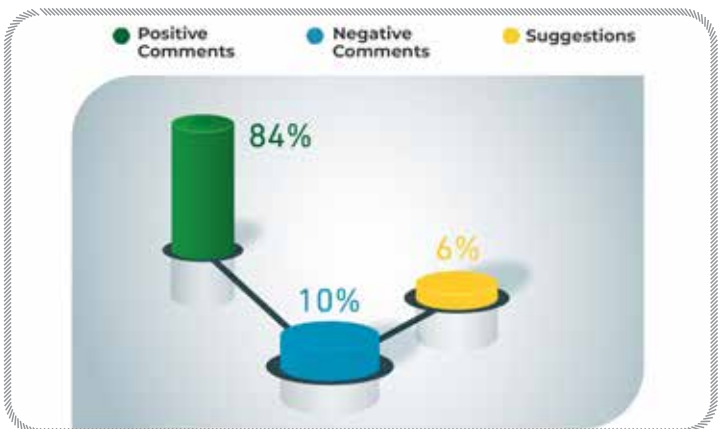


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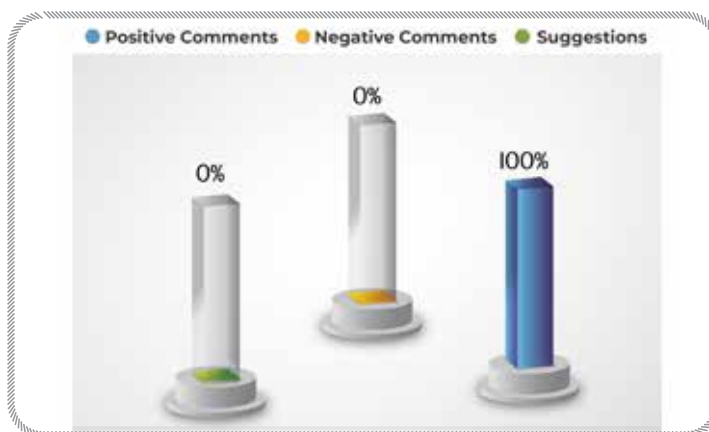


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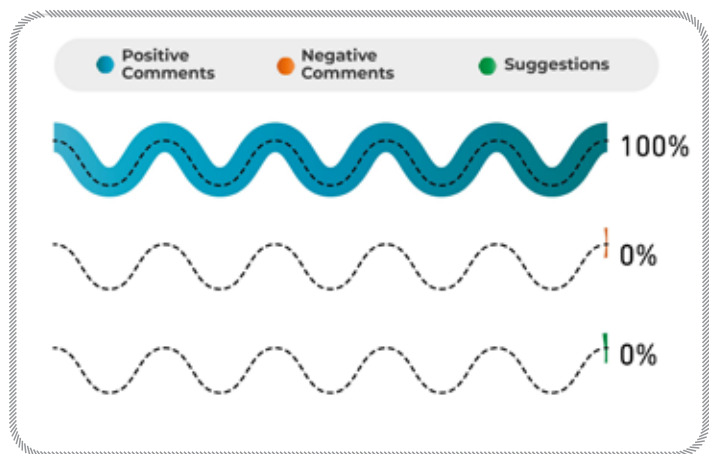
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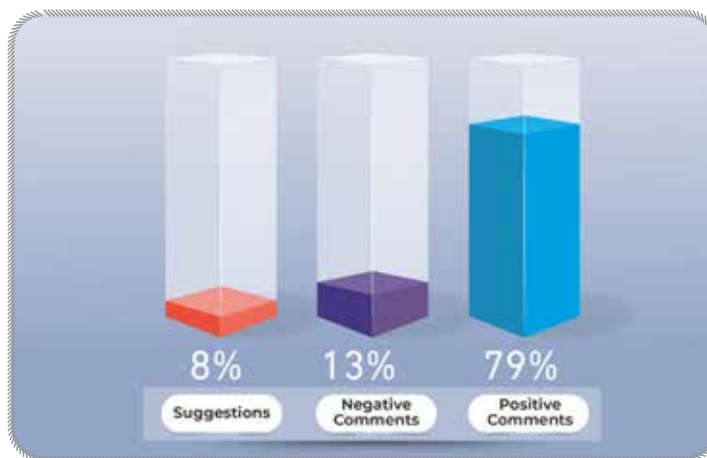
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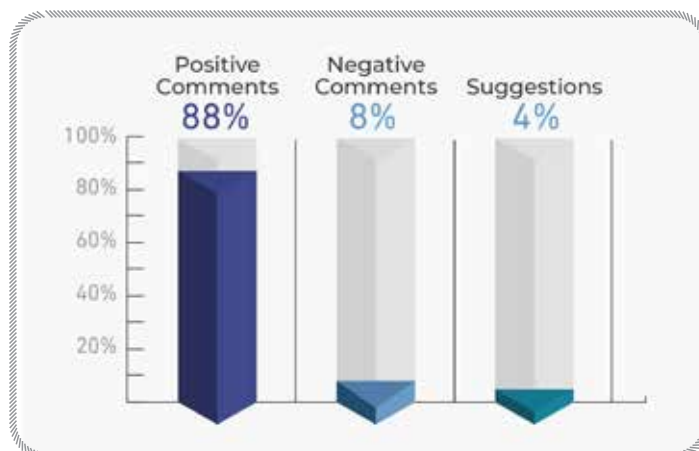
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Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 2628 comments are recorded, out of which 1999 are positive, 340 are negative, and 199 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 79%, 13%, and 8%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 4868 positive, 461 negative, and 232 constructive, with the percentages being 88%, 8%, and 4%, respectively.

## **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✧ The proactive steps taken by the current leadership are praiseworthy. Addressing poverty, fostering mutual respect in international interactions, and progressing in various sectors can lead to self-sufficiency and reduce dependency on neighboring nations. This, in turn, may eliminate the need to send patients abroad for medical treatment and enable young people to find employment opportunities within the country.
- ✧ These leaders have rightly placed a strong emphasis on effective governance, education, reconstruction, economic development, and a genuine commitment to their homeland.
- ✧ The promotion of the private sector is poised to make a positive impact on Afghanistan's economy, fostering growth and self-reliance.
- ✧ The end of hostilities marks a pivotal moment, shifting the focus towards economic recovery and reconstruction. This is indeed welcome news for the Afghan people.

## **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

- ✧ **Firstly**, numerous individuals have highlighted the importance of engaging with the world on the basis of mutual respect. They believe that such an approach would propel the country's progress in all aspects, eliminate dependence on neighbors and external entities, and ultimately alleviate poverty. The Islamic Emirate has consistently emphasized its willingness to engage in respectful interactions with the global community. However, it often appears that the world seeks to exert influence over countries, imposing its preferences and disregarding the principles of sovereignty and independence. This tendency to disregard a nation's unique beliefs and aspirations has been a recurring issue, resulting in outcomes like those witnessed over the past four decades in Afghanistan.

✍ **Secondly**, some individuals have rightly pointed out in their comments that fostering the private sector will yield positive results for the Afghan economy. Their perspective is well-founded. By providing support and opportunities for the private sector to thrive, the country can experience an uptick in both domestic and foreign investments. Moreover, such support can pave the way for industrialization, contributing significantly to economic stability and employment generation. Recognizing the significance of the private sector, the Islamic Emirate has consistently extended its support, actively participating in initiatives related to mining and various other critical projects with the aim of promoting and nurturing this vital economic sector.

✍ **Thirdly**, a number of our fellow citizens have emphasized in their comments the presence of robust security in the country and urged for concerted efforts toward nation-building. Indeed, with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, a tangible improvement in overall security has been realized, accompanied by rapid strides in the realm of reconstruction. A multitude of projects, including large-scale endeavors, have been initiated across the nation. Additionally, notable progress has been achieved in the field of trade, with a simultaneous increase in export levels. Furthermore, significant strides have been taken in both agriculture and industry. All of these endeavors collectively contribute to Afghanistan's path towards prosperity and economic growth.

## Conclusion

At present, Afghanistan offers a favorable environment for investment, catering to the needs of both domestic and foreign investors. The establishment of security across the nation has played a pivotal role in this regard. Additionally, a concerted effort to combat corruption has been launched, leading to an increase in imports, national income, and exports. There has also been a marked improvement in domestic food production, the commencement of large-scale projects, and advancements in industry, trade, and transit.

To further support the private sector, the Islamic Emirate has implemented several measures, including the reduction of taxes on raw materials, the development of industrial parks, and the initiation of highway reconstruction projects aimed at facilitating trade. Moreover, ongoing efforts to connect Afghanistan with the region through railway networks have expanded the investment landscape.

Given these circumstances, both domestic and foreign investors have expressed keen interest in investing in Afghanistan. The presence of American businessmen and investors, including the head of the Afghanistan-American Chamber of Commerce, underscores their understanding of the investment potential in Afghanistan. The Islamic Emirate wholeheartedly welcomes these investors and is actively striving to attract investment, thereby bolstering the country's economy and fostering its overall development.

## **An Inter-Ministerial Investment Committee Formed to Support Investors**



### **Introduction**

Investment is a topic of paramount significance, well-understood by all. It serves as a means to augment one's income, safeguard assets, and secure future profits. Recognizing this critical importance, the Islamic Emirate has undertaken proactive measures to foster investment and create a conducive environment for both domestic and foreign investors within the nation. The latest development in this endeavor involves the establishment of an inter-ministerial investment committee, operating within the framework of economic assistance, to facilitate the essential needs of domestic and international investors.

In accordance with a special decree issued by Amir Ul Momineen Sheikh Hibatullah Akhundzada, an inter-ministerial committee has been established under the purview of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs. The primary objective of this committee is to facilitate and streamline processes for both domestic and foreign investors.

This development comes as a result of the implementation of His Excellency's Decree, and the direction of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, in alignment with this year's 2nd Resolution of the Economic Commission. The inaugural meeting of the inter-ministerial committee for investment facilitation took place on Saturday, the 16th of September.

During this meeting, Maulvi Abdullah Azzam, Special Secretary of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, underscored Afghanistan's significant strides in the economic arena following the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate. He expressed satisfaction with the positive outcomes achieved thus far. Mr. Azzam emphasized the abundant investment opportunities available in Afghanistan and affirmed that this committee's primary role will be to eliminate bureaucratic hurdles within Emirate institutions, providing essential support and a conducive environment for both local and foreign investors.

Subsequently, Maulvi Zabihullah Nasir, Chairman of the Technical Committee of the Economic Commission, who also leads the Inter-Ministerial Investment Committee, elucidated the committee's mandate. He outlined its core missions as focusing on refining investment procedures and policies, expediting and enhancing transparency in the investment processes, and fostering effective coordination between investors and relevant ministries.

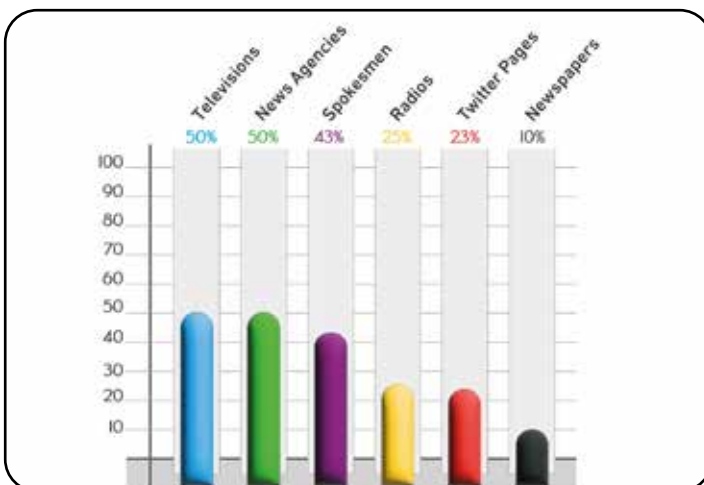
Concluding the meeting, it was decided that all relevant ministries would submit their written recommendations for enhancing the committee's operations to the committee's secretariat within three days. Consequently, they will consolidate these inputs to formulate a unified and comprehensive procedure for approval by the Economic Commission.

### The Purpose of the Committee

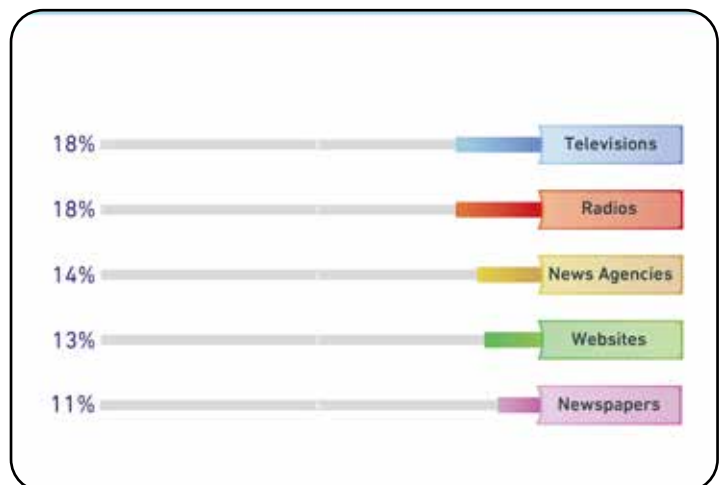
Its purpose is to facilitate the process of investment in the country and create facilities for investors and prevent bureaucracy.

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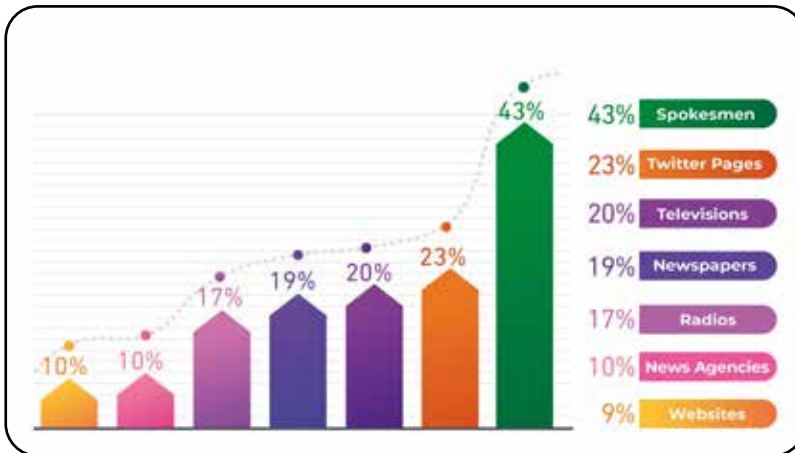


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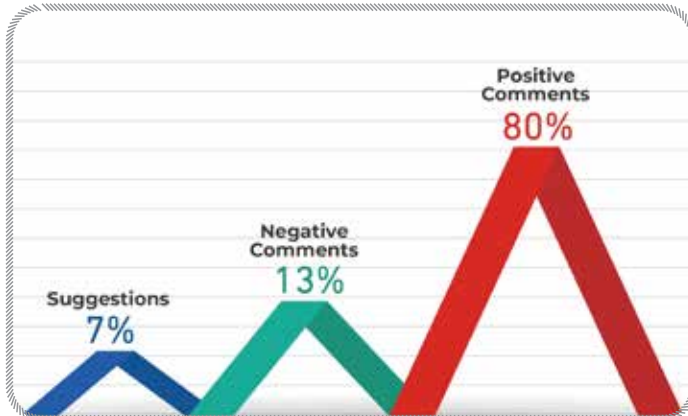


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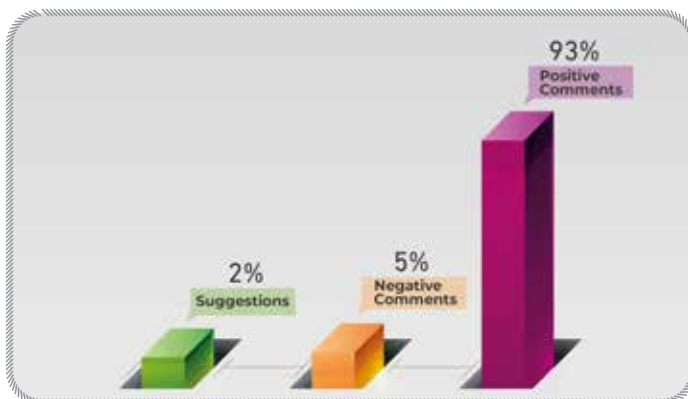
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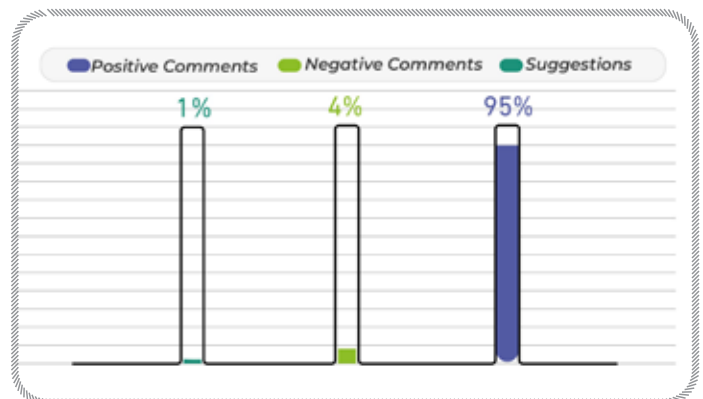
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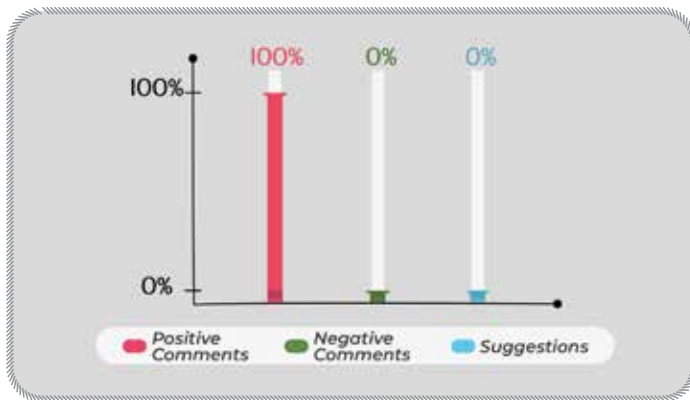
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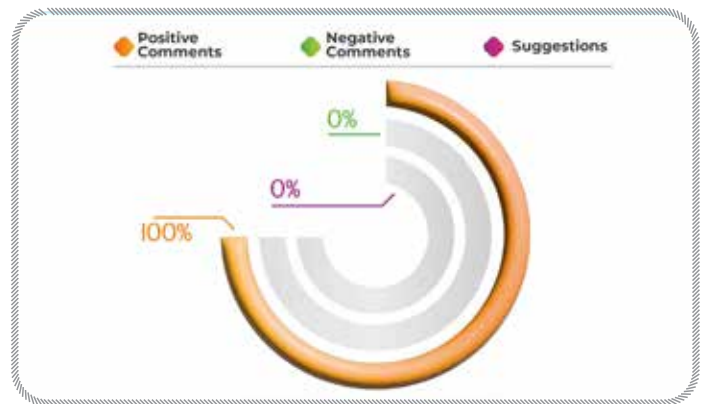
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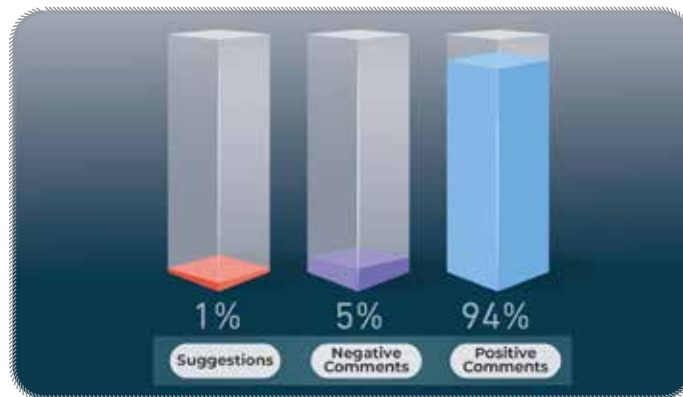
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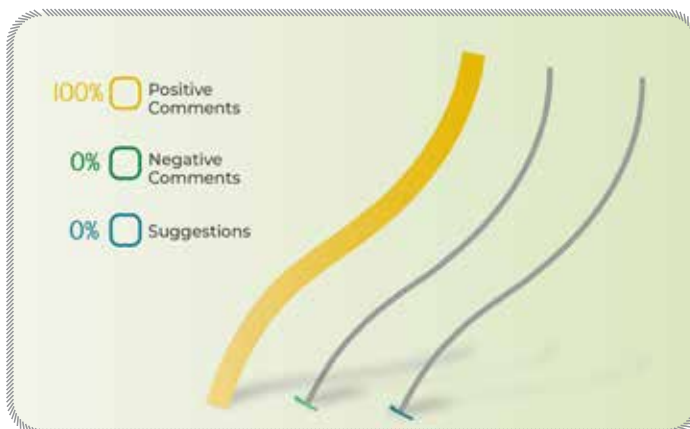


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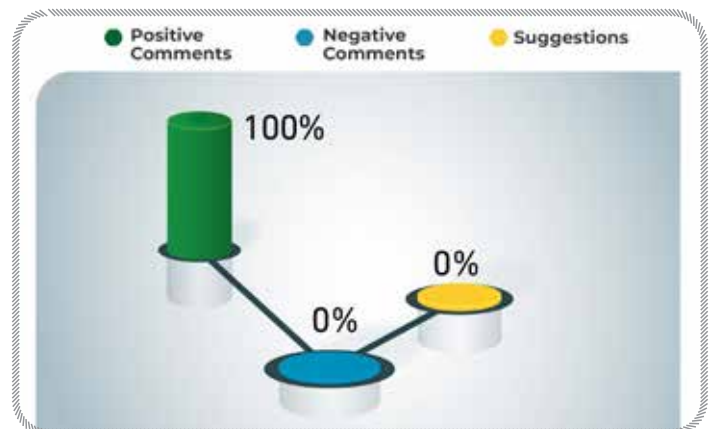


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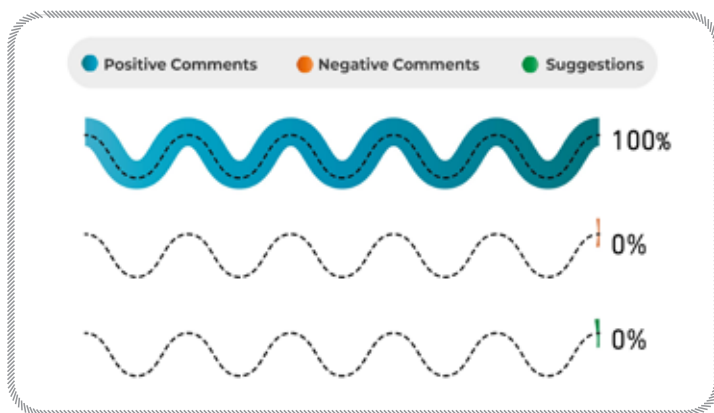
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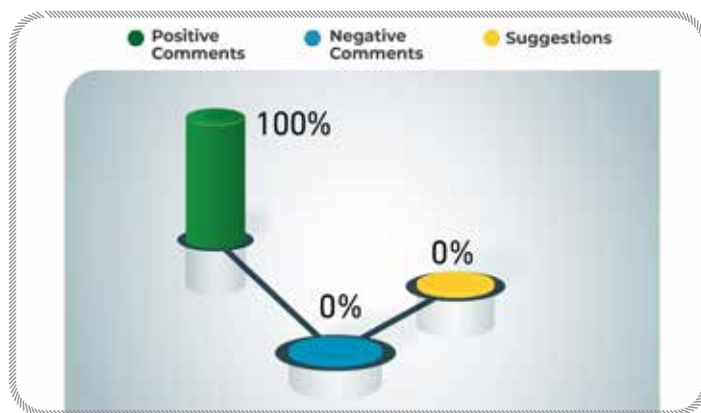
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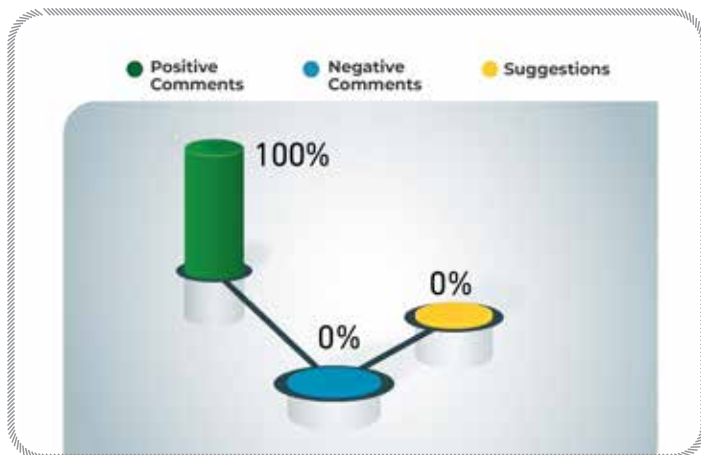
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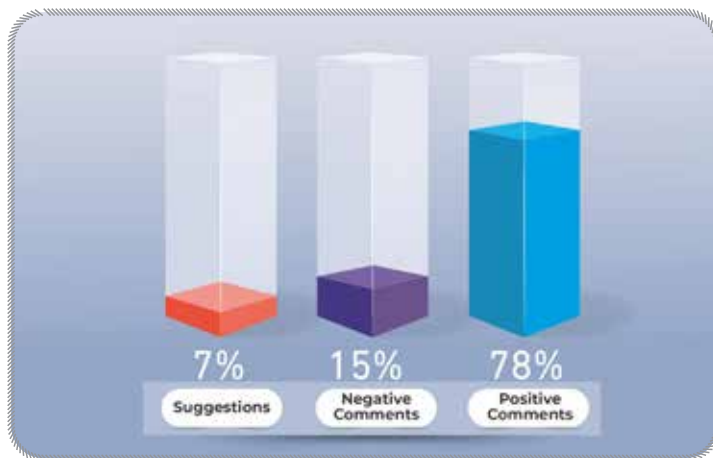
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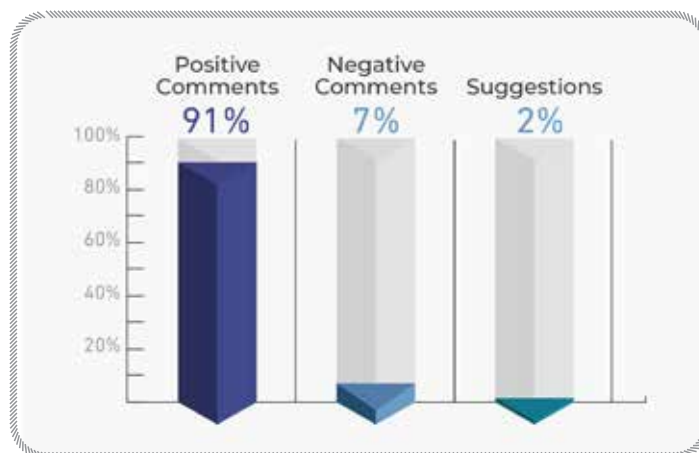
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## **The analysis and evaluation of people's comments on the media about the published news report**

### **The Importance of Evaluating Feedback**

Assessing feedback, both positive and negative, on media and social networks involves recognizing and giving consideration to people's opinions. Analyzing and sharing such feedback enables individuals and society to express their perspectives, requests, criticisms, and suggestions concerning the government's economic decisions, actions, and projects.

### **Social Media Usage in Afghanistan**

Most Afghans use Facebook, while government officials, institutions, and various political, economic, social, and cultural activists tend to prefer Twitter. Nevertheless, both governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as political, economic, social, and cultural activists, are actively present on Facebook and Twitter, providing coverage of public and official individuals and institutions and publishing daily official and unofficial news and reports.

### **Evaluation and Analysis of Public Comments on Media Coverage of the published news**

*We can divide the media into two categories: government media and private media:*

The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 945 comments are recorded, out of which 887 are positive, 45 are negative, and 13 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 94%, 5%, and 1%, respectively.

Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 217 comments are recorded, out of which 169 are positive, 33 are negative, and 15 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 78%, 15%, and 7%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 1056 positive, 78 negative, and 28 constructive, with the percentages being 91%, 7%, and 2%, respectively.

## **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

## **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, we can say that:**

If we take note of public feedback, it becomes evident that people have expressed their approval of the establishment of an inter-ministerial committee aimed at facilitating investments. They view it as a significant step in attracting global investors. This committee was formed by a special decree from Amir al-Mu'minin Sheikh Al-Hadith Hibatullah Akhundzada, with the primary objective of streamlining the investment process and eliminating bureaucratic hurdles. Operating under the Office of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, this inter-ministerial committee's central goal is to simplify and expedite investment procedures. Its establishment is expected to incentivize both domestic and foreign investors to consider Afghanistan as a viable investment destination. As investment levels rise within the country, various sectors are poised for development, leading to increased job opportunities, industrial growth, and a stronger economy. The Islamic Emirate is dedicated to intensifying its efforts to create employment opportunities for Afghan citizens. It is noteworthy that a recent conference titled "Afghanistan's Trade and Economic Relations" was convened in Kabul. Apart from Afghan investors, numerous American and international investors attended this event. All these developments underscore the Islamic Emirate's commitment to fostering comprehensive economic growth and attracting investments, alongside utilizing domestic resources, to execute infrastructure projects that will contribute to Afghanistan's economic development.

## Conclusion

As a responsible government, the Islamic Emirate is diligently advancing its efforts to accelerate the nation's development. In this pursuit, the establishment of an inter-ministerial committee has been initiated to streamline the investor experience. The primary aim of this committee is to provide essential support to both domestic and foreign investors, as well as to eliminate bureaucratic hurdles within the Emirate's institutions. This streamlined approach enhances the efficiency and transparency of the investment process at all stages. Notably, the Economic Commission approved the Economic Advisory Board plan as part of its commitment to expediting economic activities. These measures underscore the Islamic Emirate's dedication to creating a favorable environment for economic growth, contributing significantly to sectoral expansion and development. Afghanistan is now poised to welcome investments from both domestic and international sources, marking a significant milestone. While the groundwork for investment has been laid, the Islamic Emirate continues to address minor challenges in the investment landscape through the establishment of this committee. This initiative is expected to foster increased investor confidence, leading to higher levels of investment, which, in turn, will bolster Afghanistan's development and strengthen its economy.



## Inauguration of the 10-Megawatt Solar Power Generation Project: A Step Toward Self-Sufficiency



### Introduction

Afghanistan has grappled with a persistent and formidable challenge—lack of electricity. Despite having abundant water and resources for power generation, decades of war and foreign intervention have hindered Afghans from harnessing their natural energy potential. The previous administration in Kabul resorted to importing electricity from neighboring countries, paying scant attention to domestic power generation. With the end of the American occupation and the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, concerted efforts have been initiated to address this longstanding issue, among others. To this end, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, inaugurated a 10-megawatt solar power generation project in Kabul's Sarobi district on September 19, 2023. During the ceremony, Deputy PM emphasized Afghanistan's role as a common homeland for its people, their pride, and their identity. Unlike past regimes, the Islamic Emirate is dedicated to serving its citizens and the nation. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund acknowledged that industry is pivotal to a strong economy, with electricity being a crucial element for industrial development. Recognizing the importance of self-sufficiency, the Islamic Emirate has prioritized domestic electricity production and encouraged both domestic and foreign investors to participate in this sector. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund highlighted the significance of the 10-megawatt solar power project, stating that it marks a significant step toward self-reliance in meeting the nation's electricity needs. Furthermore, he revealed that a contract has been awarded for a 500 KV transmission line connecting Turkmenistan to Afghan Invest Company, which will transfer hundreds of megawatts of electricity to Afghanistan and save \$200 million annually. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund extended an invitation to investors to engage in

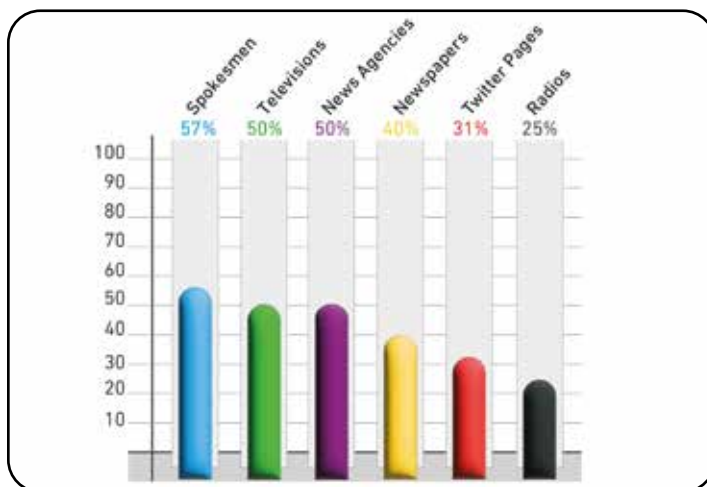
Afghanistan's reconstruction and seize the economic opportunities emerging in the country. This 10-megawatt solar power generation project, supported by the Islamic Emirate, will be completed by the private sector within a year.

### The Purpose of Inaugurating the Project

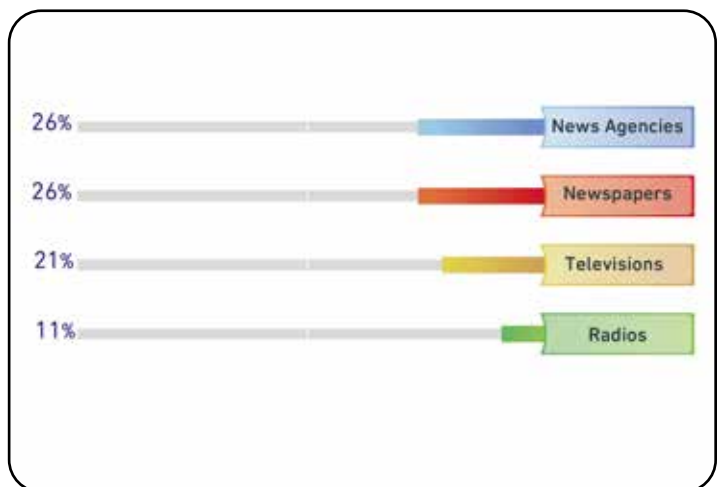
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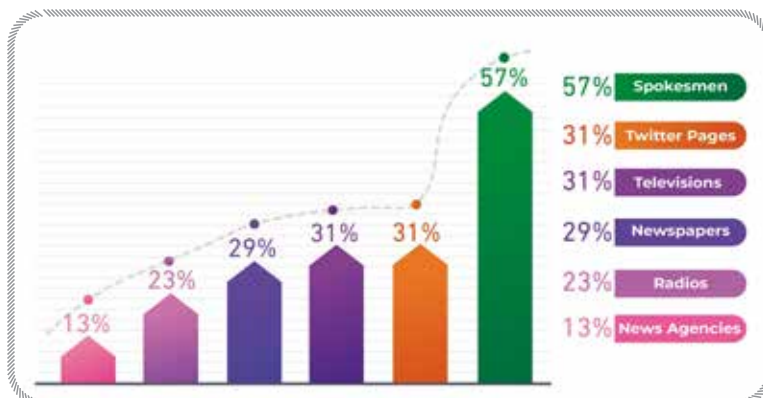
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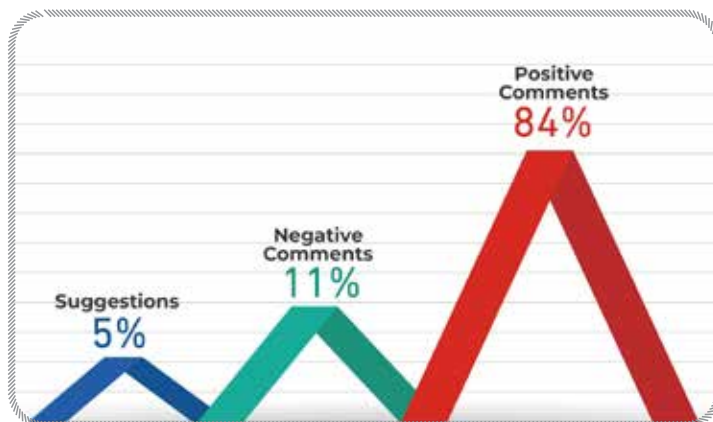


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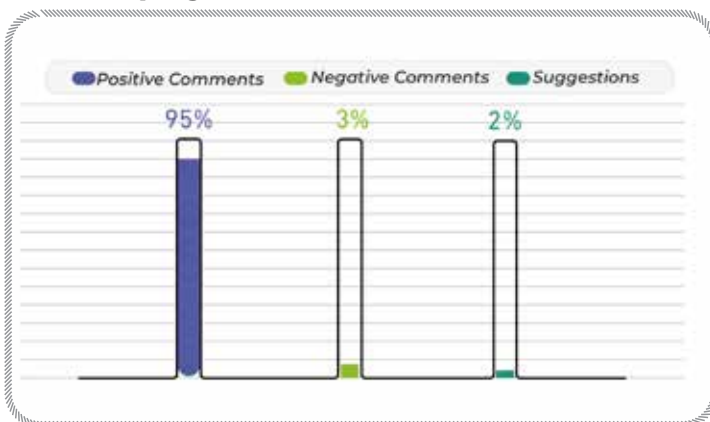
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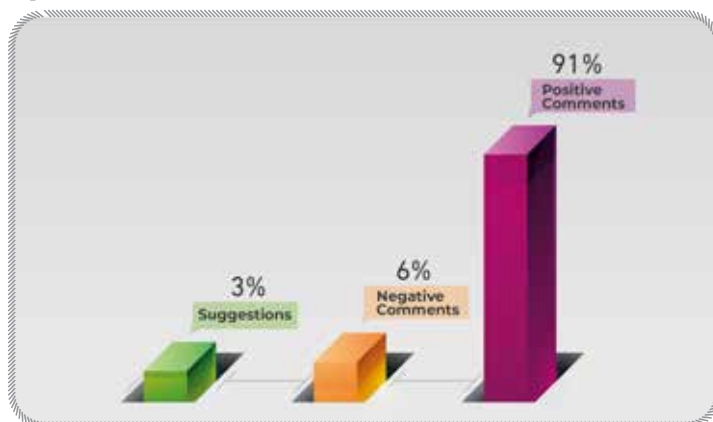
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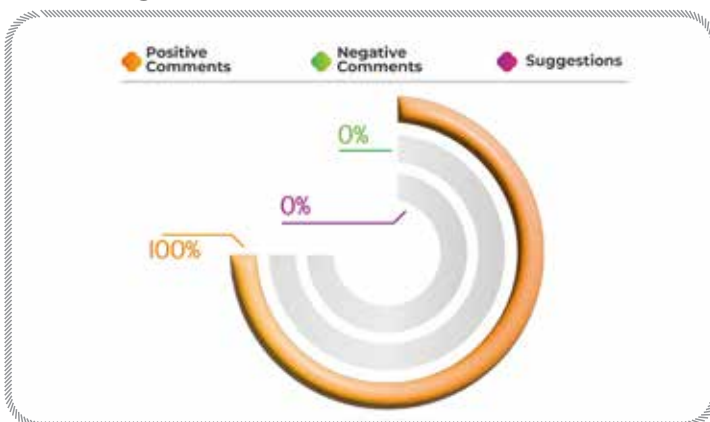
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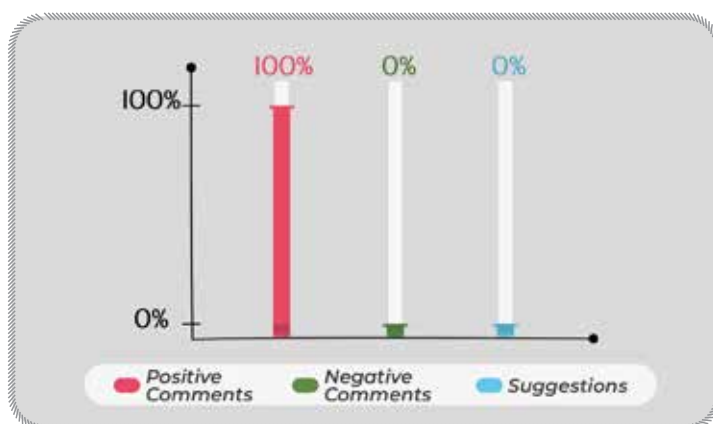
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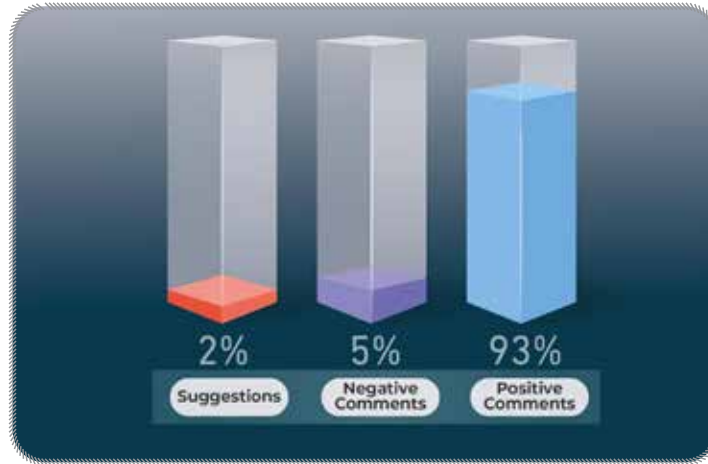
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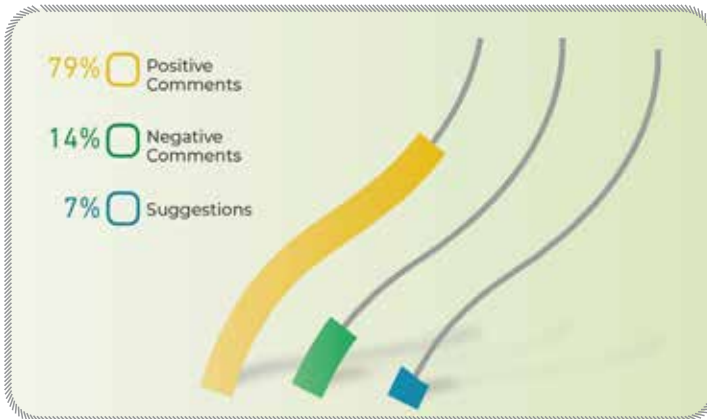


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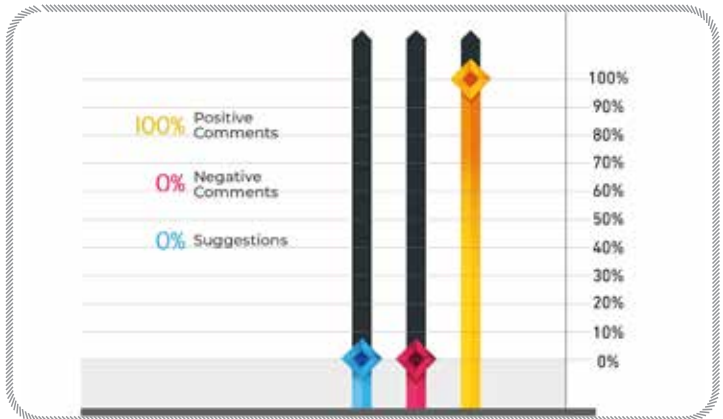


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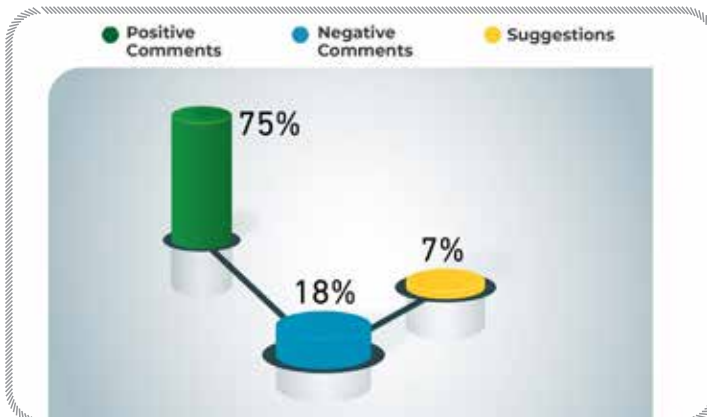
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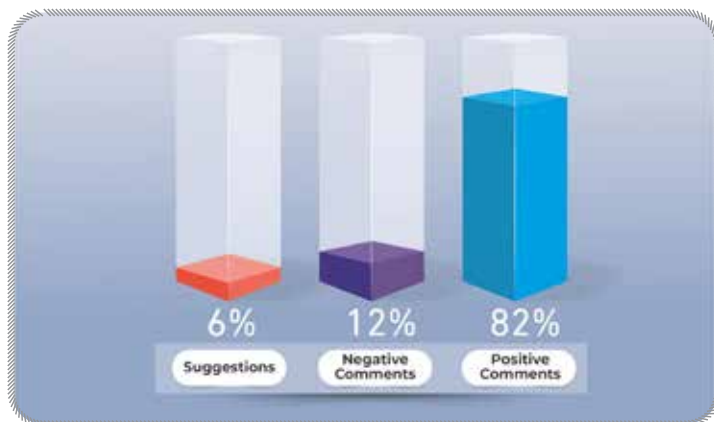
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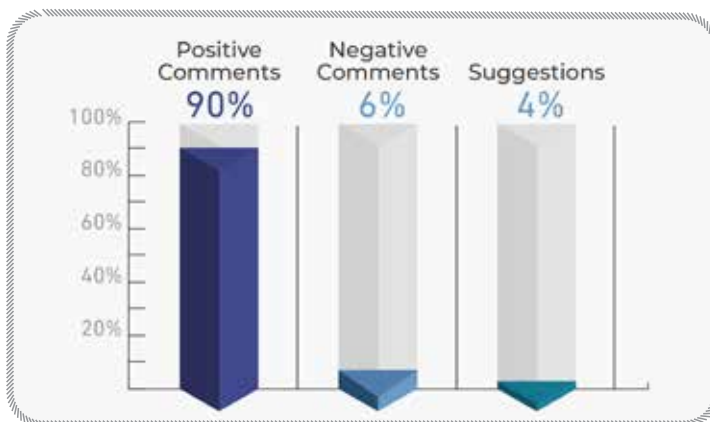
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The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 1317 comments are recorded, out of which 1221 are positive, 64 are negative, and 32 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 93%, 5%, and 2%, respectively.



Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 343 comments are recorded, out of which 281 are positive, 41 are negative, and 21 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 82%, 12%, and 6%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 1502 positive, 105 negative, and 53 constructive, with the percentages being 90%, 6%, and 4%, respectively.

### **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

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### **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✎ May this news of progress continue to grow. Security, electricity, and infrastructure are fundamental pillars of a nation's development.
- ✎ It would be wise to construct dams in provinces with the potential for hydroelectric power in addition to solar energy, ensuring self-sufficiency in this crucial area and reducing dependence on neighboring countries.
- ✎ We hold hope that this project reaches completion, benefiting the people with a much-needed supply of electricity. Afghanistan has seen many projects left unfinished, and we look forward to the successful realization of this one.



## **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

-  **First**, citizens have collectively expressed their support for the inauguration of the 10-megawatt solar power generation project, recognizing it as a significant stride in the realm of energy production. They have emphasized that security, access to electricity, and well-developed road infrastructure are the fundamental building blocks of a nation's progress. Without a secure environment, a country's developmental efforts are hindered, as instability breeds uncertainty. To foster industrial growth, resolving energy challenges is imperative, while an efficient road network is vital for trade and transportation. The Islamic Emirate, recognizing these critical elements, has embarked on an initiative to harness its available resources for electricity generation.
-  **Second**, several citizens have recommended the construction of dams on rivers for electricity generation, in addition to solar power, to make Afghanistan self-sufficient in the energy sector and reduce reliance on neighboring countries. This suggestion is sensible as Afghanistan needs to fully exploit its domestic energy resources to attain self-sufficiency in electricity production. The Islamic Emirate has recognized the importance of this issue and has been intensifying its efforts in this domain over the past two years. Many dams in Afghanistan, capable of generating electricity, have undergone reconstruction and repair, indicating the Islamic Emirate's commitment to addressing the country's energy challenges and achieving self-reliance. During the inauguration of the 10-megawatt solar power plant, Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, emphasized the significance of the industry in economic development and reiterated the government's commitment to prioritize domestic electricity production. If resources permit, the Islamic Emirate aims to construct dams on all suitable rivers for electricity generation.
-  **Third**, many citizens have expressed hope that the 10-megawatt solar power generation project will be completed successfully and benefit the people, as Afghanistan has faced challenges with project completion in the past. It is a valid concern, but it's important to note that the Islamic Emirate is committed to serving the Afghan people and ensuring the completion of projects. Unlike previous regimes, the Islamic Emirate takes its responsibilities seriously and ensures that projects are not left incomplete. In fact, the government closely monitors project progress and holds contracting companies accountable for both the quality and timely completion of projects. This commitment to project completion is evident in the significant progress made in various infrastructure projects across the country.

## Conclusion

Energy, particularly electricity, plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth. It serves as the lifeblood of various sectors within the economy. In the past, energy needs were met through the use of animals, human labor, and natural elements. However, as scientific advancements have occurred, traditional energy sources have been replaced by more modern alternatives, such as hydroelectric power, coal, oil, and gas. To harness energy, a combination of natural resources, cutting-edge technology, and skilled human labor is required. Countries that enjoy political stability are better equipped to leverage technology for resource extraction and the development of a skilled workforce. In today's world, the energy sector demands special attention, as virtually no aspect of daily life or industrial activity can function without a stable supply of electricity. Afghanistan is abundantly blessed with various energy resources, including water, oil, gas, coal, as well as renewable sources like solar and wind power, which can be harnessed for electricity production. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has recognized the significance of these resources and is taking concrete measures to harness them domestically. Their focus is on expanding domestic electricity production and using it as a catalyst for industrial growth. This strategic approach not only strengthens the national economy but also propels the country toward overall development and prosperity.

## The Economic Commission Approved the Procedure Established for the Mine Protection



### Introduction

Introduction: The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is funding all of its domestic development projects through local revenue and mining resources. Recently, the National Procurement Commission, led by Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, approved 25 projects across various sectors, with a total value of 7 billion Afghanis. Furthermore, in addition to ongoing initiatives like the Qosh Tepe Canal, Salang Highway, and Kabul-Kandahar Road, there are numerous projects in mining, water management, healthcare, and agriculture currently in progress. This clearly demonstrates the Islamic Emirate's commitment to driving the nation's development independently, fostering economic stability in the process.

Meeting Highlights: On September 20, 2023, the regular session of the Economic Commission convened under the leadership of Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, at Marmarin Palace. Various agenda items were discussed and thoroughly examined by the Economic Commission. After comprehensive deliberation, the Economic Commission resolved that the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum should initiate an open bidding process for the geophysical surveys of the Kashk-Tirpul oil field, a vast area covering 10 blocks totaling 23,000 square kilometers, spanning 13 districts in Herat and Badghis provinces.

Furthermore, during the meeting, a decision was made to dispatch a delegation comprising representatives from the Ministry of National Defense, Interior, and Finance, alongside the Deputy

Head of the General Directorate of Intelligence, to inspect the nation's ports. This delegation, with the support of the National Standards Authority, will thoroughly investigate concerns related to subpar oil quality and overloading in tanker shipments and subsequently present their findings to the Economic Commission.

In line with fostering public-private collaboration, the Economic Commission gave preliminary approval for the design of a passenger vehicle terminal in Guzare district, Herat province, and the construction of Tir Park in Aqeena Port, Faryab province. These projects, slated for completion within two years, entail an investment of approximately two billion Afghanis and are expected to generate employment opportunities for hundreds of individuals, adhering to established transportation principles.

The Economic Commission's Technical Committee conducted a comprehensive review of contract prices for the fluorite mine in Nish district, Kandahar province, with the aim of enhancing them. Following the committee's investigation, the Economic Commission set a price of 15,000 Afghanis per ton for fluorite.

With regard to the Laghman Shahi Canal project, the Economic Commission entrusted the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, as well as Water and Energy, to jointly carry out the remaining technical assessments and delineate their responsibilities for the project. It was also decided that the expenses for constructing the canal should be included in the development budget for the 1403 fiscal year.

The Economic Commission addressed the need to supply electricity to Qosh Tepa and Darzab districts in Jawzjan province. They decided that, in exchange for a mine, the forthcoming electricity line from Turkmenistan should be extended from Shaberghan's center to these districts to address the concerns of local residents.

In a bid to improve services for citizens and create necessary facilities in Torkham port, the Economic Commission resolved to allocate 540 jeribs of land to the Ministry of Finance for the construction of relevant institutions.

In a separate decision, the Economic Commission permitted the transfer of dry firewood in Khost, Paktia, Paktika, and Logar provinces, with the condition of providing a guarantee. A designated delegation was tasked with developing a comprehensive forest protection procedure for future purposes, to be presented to the Economic Commission for approval.

The Economic Commission also endorsed the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum's established procedure for mine protection. It tasked the Ministry of Mines with convening a meeting with the National Enterprise of Public Protection to address any outstanding issues. The National Enterprise of Public Protection is expected to enhance and organize mine protection units throughout the country to deter illegal and arbitrary mining activities.

During the Economic Commission meeting, it was resolved that the report created by the Ministry of Water and Energy and Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat regarding the electricity supply for Uruzgan province should be transmitted to the office of the leadership of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Subsequently, actions should be taken in accordance with the provided guidance.

Additionally, within the same meeting, a committee composed of representatives from the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Arzaq State-owned Company, and Kabul Municipality was charged with the responsibility of establishing a fruit and vegetable market within the vicinity of the company situated in the fifth district of Kabul. They were instructed to formulate a comprehensive plan in accordance with urban principles and present it for approval at the next Economic Commission meeting.

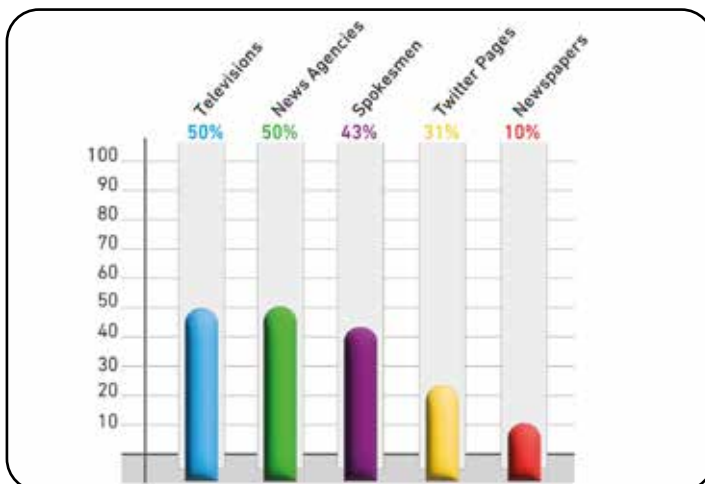
Lastly, concerning the utilization of Ghorī and Jabal Al Saraj cement in construction projects, a joint committee was formed, consisting of a representative from the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Economic Affairs, along with representatives from the Ministries of Public Works, Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Urban Development and Housing, as well as the National Development Corporation and the National Standards Authority. This committee was tasked with conducting quality tests and delivering their findings to the Economic Commission within five weeks for the final decision.

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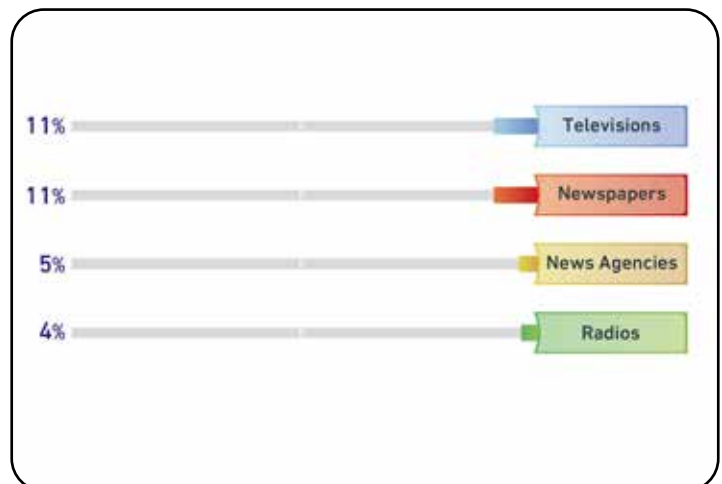
its purpose isto protect the mines and prevent its arbitrary extruction.

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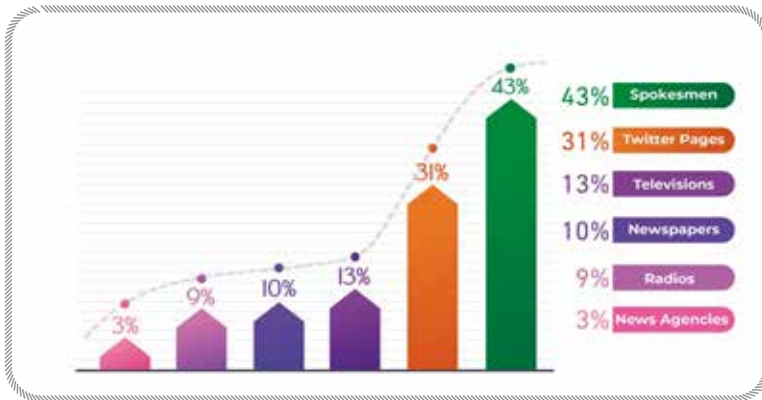
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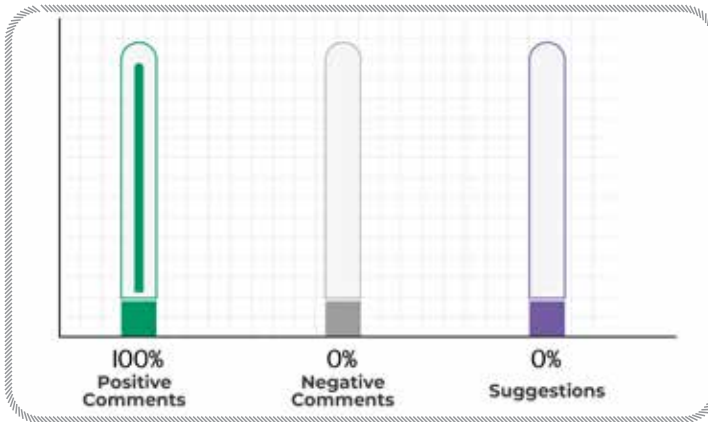


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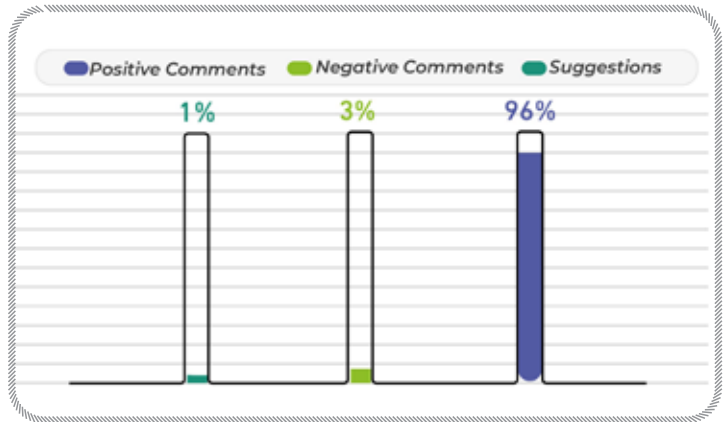
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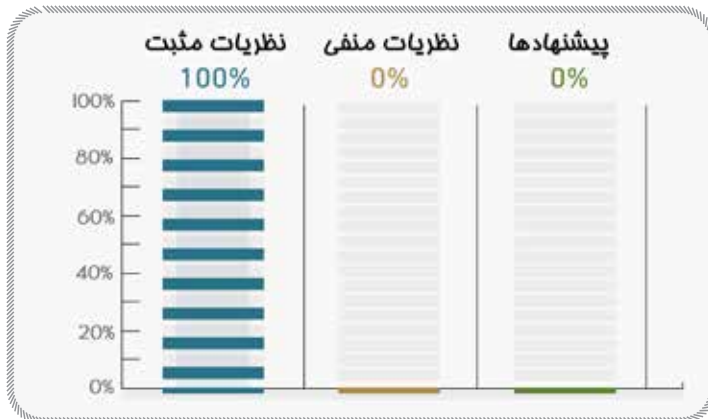
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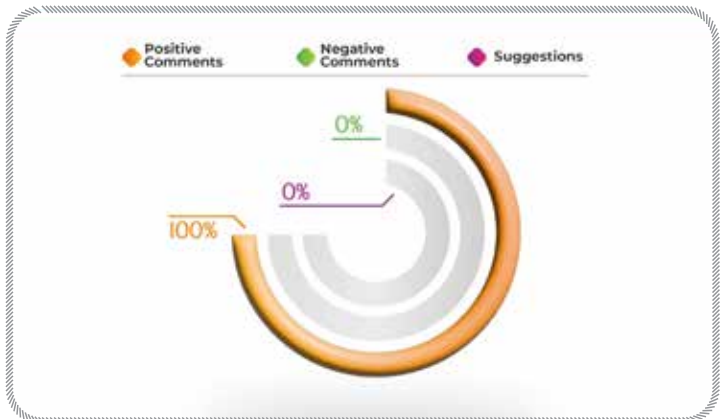
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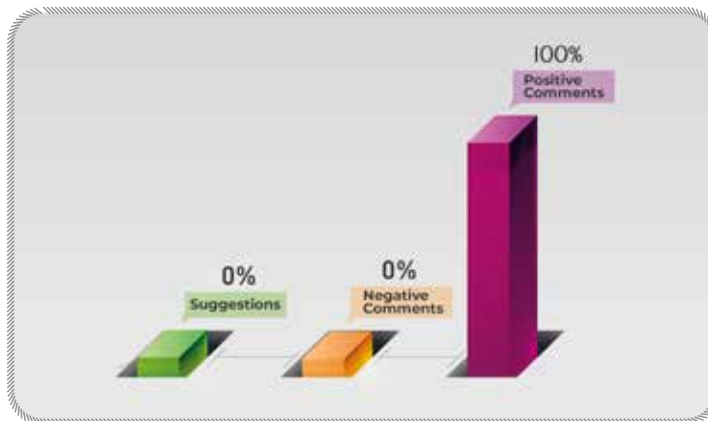


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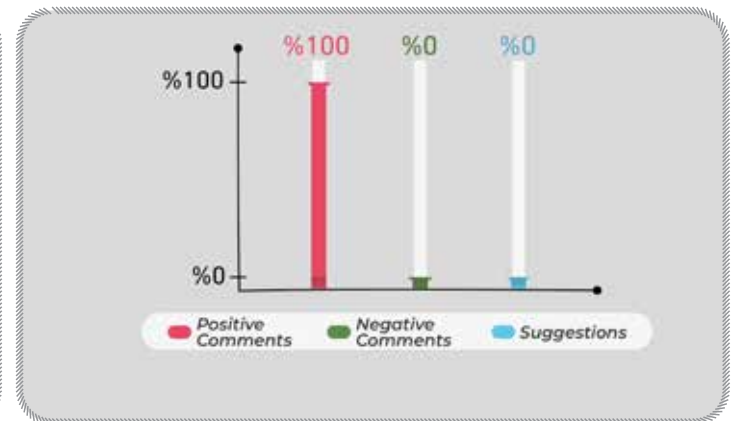




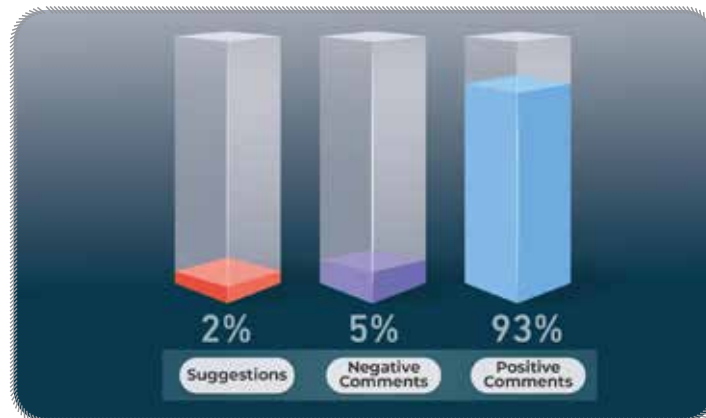
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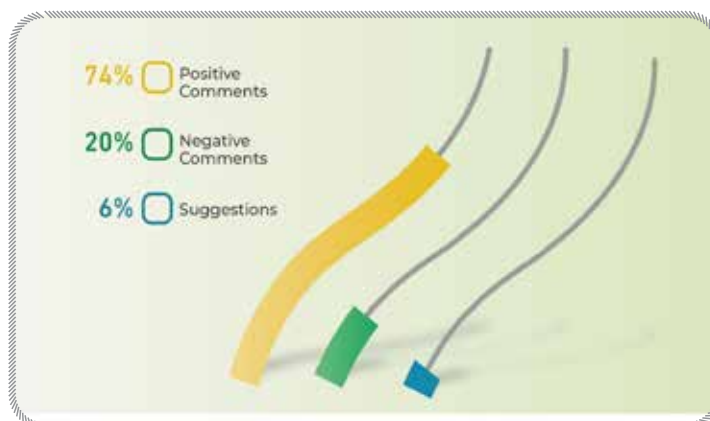


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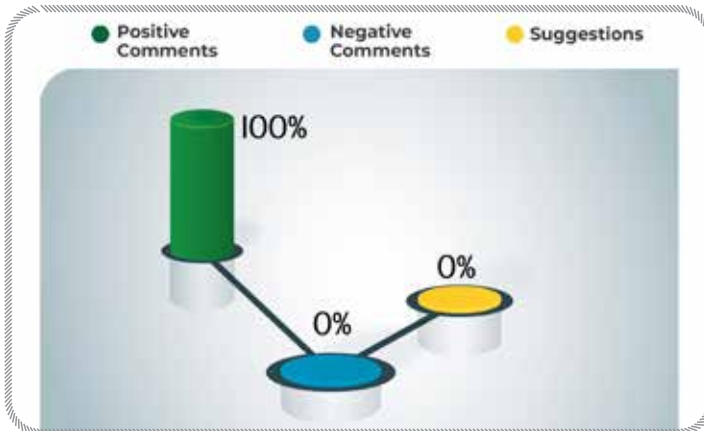
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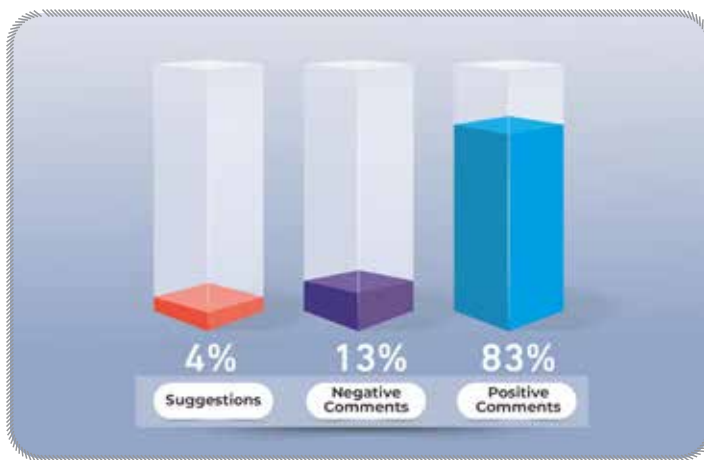
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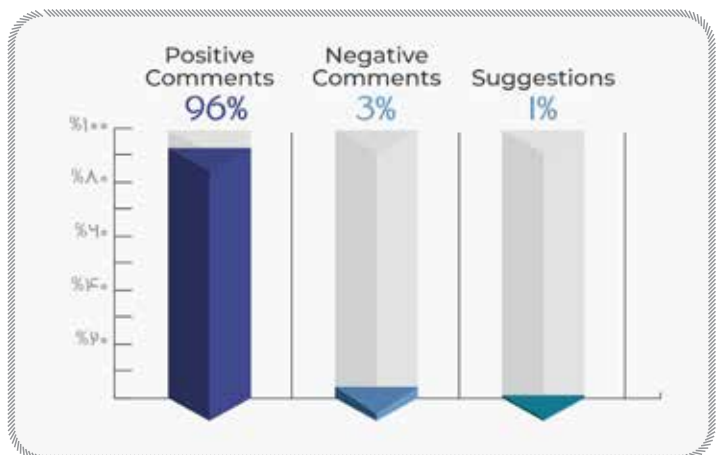
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## The analysis and evaluation of people's comments on the media about the published news report

### The Importance of Evaluating Feedback

Assessing feedback, both positive and negative, on media and social networks involves recognizing and giving consideration to people's opinions. Analyzing and sharing such feedback enables individuals and society to express their perspectives, requests, criticisms, and suggestions concerning the government's economic decisions, actions, and projects.

## **Social Media Usage in Afghanistan**

Most Afghans use Facebook, while government officials, institutions, and various political, economic, social, and cultural activists tend to prefer Twitter. Nevertheless, both governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as political, economic, social, and cultural activists, are actively present on Facebook and Twitter, providing coverage of public and official individuals and institutions and publishing daily official and unofficial news and reports.

## **Evaluation and Analysis of Public Comments on Media Coverage of the published news**

*In this evaluation, the media is divided into two categories: state and private media.*

The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 2131 comments are recorded, out of which 2012 are positive, 76 are negative, and 43 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 94%, 4%, and 2%, respectively.

Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 173 comments are recorded, out of which 154 are positive, 21 are negative, and 7 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 84%, 12%, and 4%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 2175 positive, 97 negative, and 50 constructive, with the percentages being 94%, 43%, and 2%, respectively.

## **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

### **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**


It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.


- ✎ We welcome any news of progress, but we must emphasize that the Tank Logar roadworks in Kabul city remain incomplete and must be finished.
- ✎ Once the development of the Kashk-Tir Pul oil basin is finalized, and the extraction contract is signed, Afghanistan's development will be significantly expedited. In today's world, oil is often referred to as "black gold" due to its high economic value.
- ✎ To ensure citizens receive excellent services and essential facilities at Torkham port, it is essential to allocate 540 jeribs of land and construct offices for all relevant agencies there. This approach should be adopted at all major ports as well.
- ✎ Validating the established procedures for mine protection is a highly appropriate and beneficial undertaking.

### **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

- ✎ **First**, many individuals have expressed their joy at any news of progress, but they've also noted that the Tank Logar road works in Kabul city are still unfinished. Afghans have endured four decades of hardship, and now that there's a central government working on the country's reconstruction and economic development, it's a cause for optimism. People naturally aspire to see their nation thrive, develop, and provide a comfortable life for its inhabitants. The Islamic Emirate has been tirelessly working towards the development and prosperity of its citizens and the country as a whole. Its sole objective is to elevate the country to the highest echelons of development, while strengthening the Islamic system in Afghanistan. This includes boosting the economy, advancing trade and industry, modernizing agriculture, and managing water resources – all of which are critical for a nation's development, prosperity, and the well-being of its people. Addressing the concerns about the incomplete Tank Logar Road in Kabul, it's important to inform citizens that, as per the instructions of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, numerous projects are currently underway in Kabul city through the efforts of Kabul Municipality. Once these projects are completed, work on the reconstruction of the Tank Logar road will commence. Municipal officials have consistently affirmed their commitment to finishing all ongoing projects in Kabul city and launching new ones in line with the urban development plan. This approach aims to provide improved amenities for the residents of Kabul.
- ✎ **Second**, some individuals have highlighted the significance of the Kashk-Tir Pul oil field, emphasizing that the completion of its exploration and the signing of an extraction contract

could propel Afghanistan towards rapid development. In today's world, oil has played a pivotal role in propelling many nations, including those in the Middle East, to the zenith of development. While these countries are blessed with substantial oil reserves, Afghanistan also boasts a diverse array of other minerals and natural resources. If harnessed effectively, these resources hold the potential to transform Afghanistan into a developed nation on the global stage. Past neglect of this aspect can be attributed to the failures of previous governments and officials. However, under the stewardship of the Islamic Emirate, a centralized and dedicated government has been established in Afghanistan, with a primary focus on the nation's welfare. Prioritizing areas such as mining, water resource management, industrial development, and trade, the government is committed to realizing the collective hope that Afghanistan will flourish into a developed and prosperous nation. The exploration and extraction of the Kashk-Tir Pul oil field are deemed inevitable. In fact, we have already witnessed ongoing oil extraction from the Qashkari oil block. As the time unfolds, it is hoped that all the oil reserves will be extracted one by one, bringing further prosperity and development to Afghanistan.

 **Third,** several individuals have recommended allocating 540 jeribs of land as a crucial step to enhance services for citizens and establish essential facilities at Torkham port, and they assert that this approach should be extended to all major ports. Undoubtedly, the development of facilities in ports has a beneficial impact on the growth and advancement of business activities. The Islamic Emirate places paramount importance on these initiatives and is actively striving to create such facilities in all the country's ports. Even before this, efforts have been made to provide enhanced facilities for traders and citizens in these ports, extending their operations to run 24 hours a day. It is essential to clarify that these efforts are solely aimed at facilitating the needs of the public and business community.

 **Fourth,** a number of individuals have expressed their approval for the establishment of a military unit aimed at safeguarding mines and preventing their unlawful exploitation. They've also recommended the creation of a similar unit to protect our national forests, emphasizing that the preservation of this invaluable natural resource is equally vital. Mines play a crucial role in the country's economic development, making their professional and legal extraction a necessity. The Islamic Emirate is committed to extracting the nation's mines in a professional and lawful manner, with the revenue being invested in the country's infrastructure. To this end, the Islamic Emirate has ratified the procedure for safeguarding mines and has tasked the Ministry of Mines with holding a meeting with the National Enterprise of Public Protection to address any contentious issues. The National Enterprise of Public Protection will further enhance and organize a dedicated unit responsible for safeguarding mines nationwide, aimed at curbing illicit and unregulated mining activities. Moreover, there is a proposal to establish a military unit for the protection of forests, and the Islamic Emirate has given this aspect their full attention. Immediately upon taking control in Afghanistan, a 450-member military unit was formed to halt deforestation

and prevent the illegal trafficking of forest resources. Among these 450 personnel, 100 were assigned to work in Kabul, while the rest were stationed in seven other provinces, particularly Nuristan, Khost, Laghman, Paktia, and Nangarhar. This unit's responsibilities include monitoring deforestation and resource trafficking, curbing the illegal transport of medicinal plant products, preventing the destruction and encroachment on forested areas, thwarting timber smuggling, and combating wildlife poaching in the forests. Additionally, they will safeguard government properties within forested areas.

## Conclusion

First and foremost, the cornerstone of a stable and prosperous economy in any nation lies in the establishment of peace and stability. Despite this assertion, in the present era, we can observe countries where peace, prosperity, and a robust system coexist, contributing to the continuous growth of their economies. Conversely, in regions plagued by insecurity, wealth tends to be concentrated among the powerful few, resulting in elevated poverty and unemployment rates. This is precisely why nations grappling with insecurity often find themselves mired in poverty and unemployment. In the case of Afghanistan, the recent cessation of conflict and the establishment of complete security mark a significant turning point. A centralized system is now in place, corruption has been significantly reduced, and swift measures have been taken to foster economic stability and facilitate the country's reconstruction. All of these efforts have been orchestrated under the aegis of the Islamic Emirate. Various institutions and bodies have been established by the Islamic Emirate to promote economic growth and aid in the country's reconstruction. An exemplary instance is the Economic Commission led by Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund. This commission, comprising sectorial ministries, plays a pivotal role in coordinating and overseeing the activities of these ministries. As a result, Afghanistan is witnessing comprehensive endeavors in diverse sectors, ranging from mining to electricity, agriculture, industry, trade, infrastructure development, and support for the private sector. If this trajectory continues, it's plausible that in the not-so-distant future, we will witness a remarkable evolution and transformation within the economic sphere of the country.



## Fifty Distinct Projects Valued at 13 Billion Afghanis Approved



### Introduction

It is an established truth that governments devoted to national interests rather than personal gain can propel a nation towards development. Such dedication can alleviate the toils and hardships of the population, ushering in an era of peace and prosperity for current and future generations, freeing the country from dependency and positioning it among nations sought after for assistance. The Islamic Emirate has already demonstrated significant progress in this regard, exemplified by the recent rise of the Afghani as one of the world's strongest currencies over the past three months. Additionally, under the guidance of Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the National Procurement Commission convened regular meetings on September 24 and October 4 of this year at Marmarin Palace. These meetings focused on addressing various projects, with a total of 54 proposals presented for discussion. Ultimately, contracts for 50 projects were approved. These projects span various government ministries, including Defense, Higher Education, Public Works, Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Water and Energy, Communications and Information Technology, and Finance. The list also encompasses institutions such as the Afghan Mellie Bank, Kabul Municipality, and Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat. The cumulative value of these approved projects amounts to approximately 13 billion Afghanis.

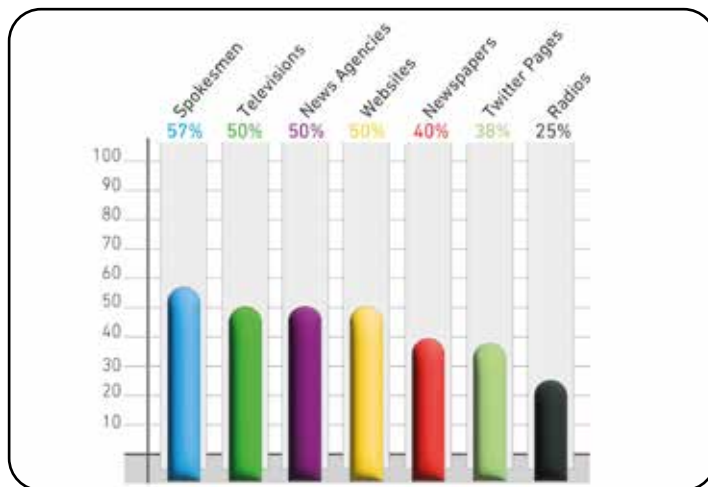
Among the sanctioned projects are the finalization of outstanding tasks related to Pashdan, Shah Wa Arous, and Kamal Khan dams, the completion of the Afghan Mellie Palace in the Dehmazang area of Kabul, the facilitation of clean water access for the residents of Kandahar, Balkh, and Badghis provinces, the provision of essential electricity services in various regions, the delivery of high-quality and swift internet services to the populace, and a variety of other initiatives poised to generate employment opportunities for thousands of citizens.

## The Purpose of Approving the Projects

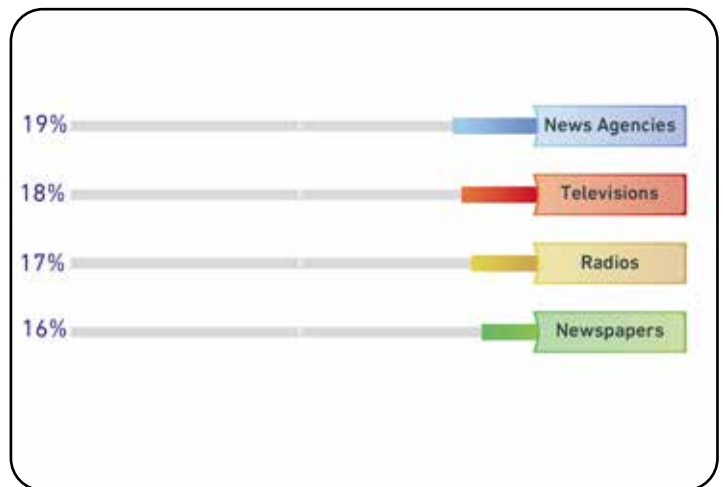
Its purpose is to rebuild the country and strengthen the economy, which will free Afghanistan from the need of others and stand on its own feet.

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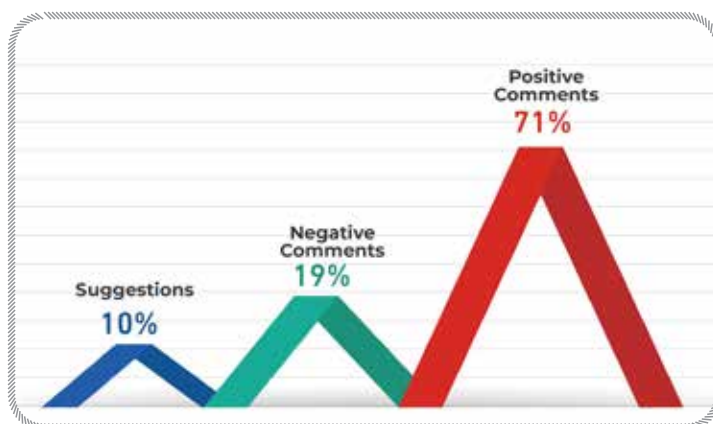


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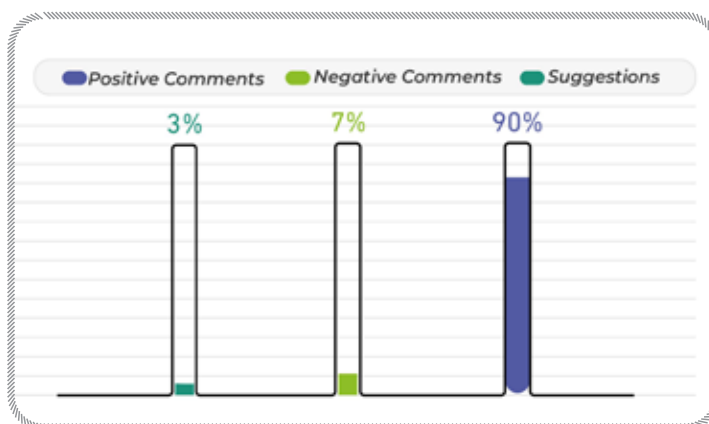
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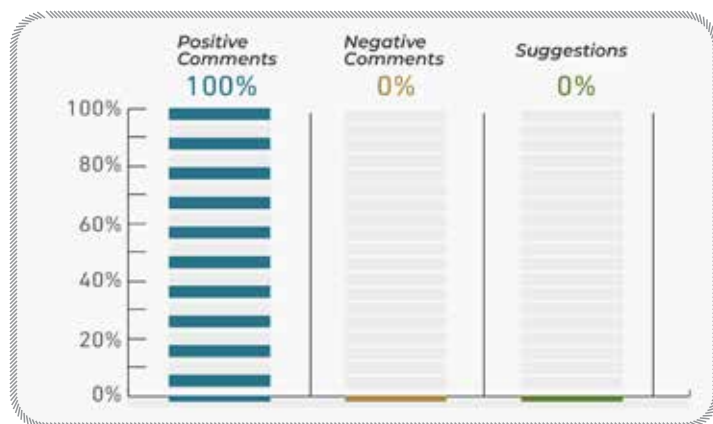
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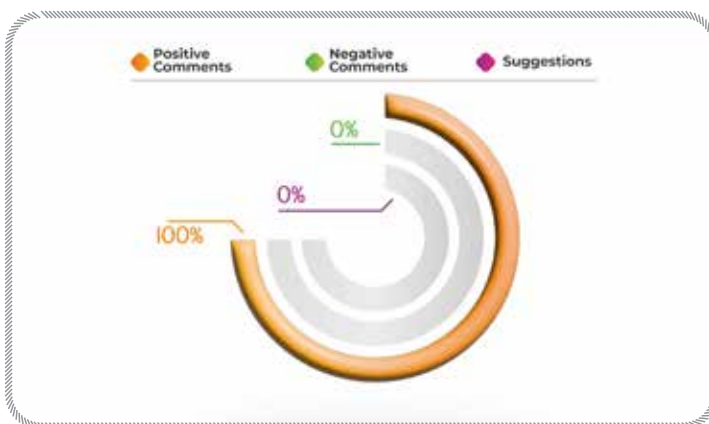
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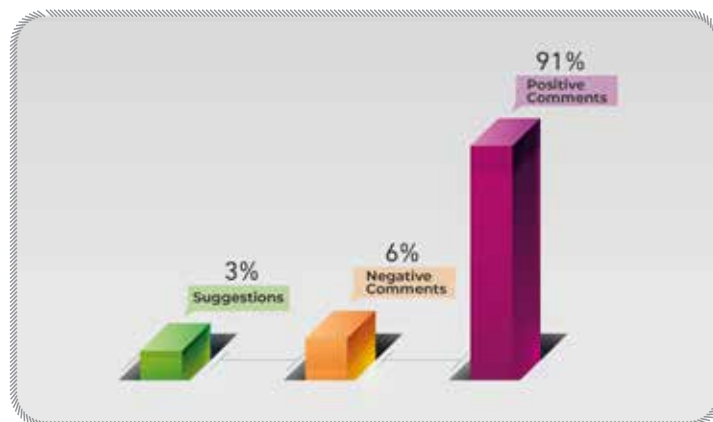
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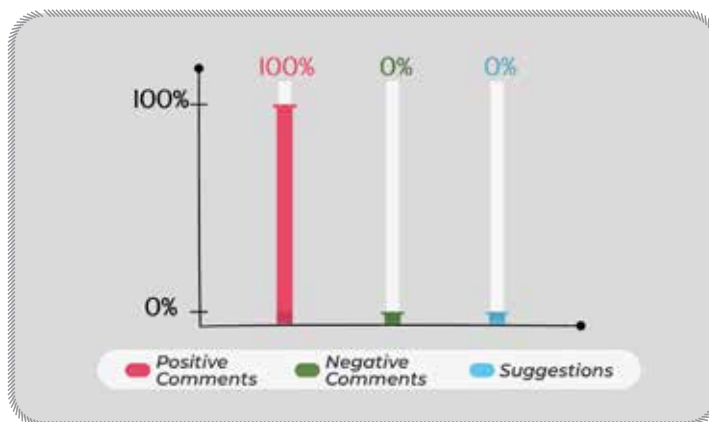
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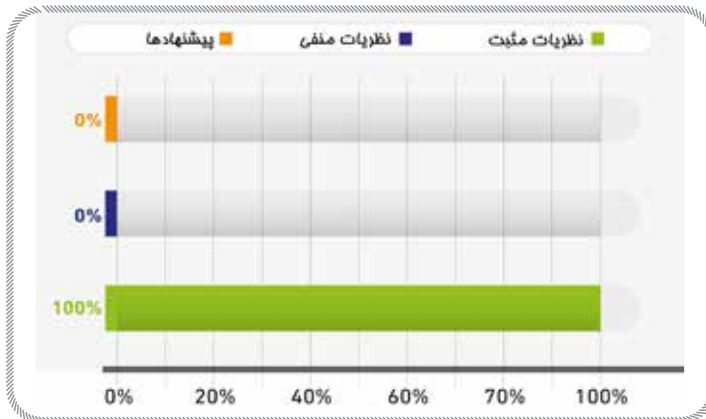
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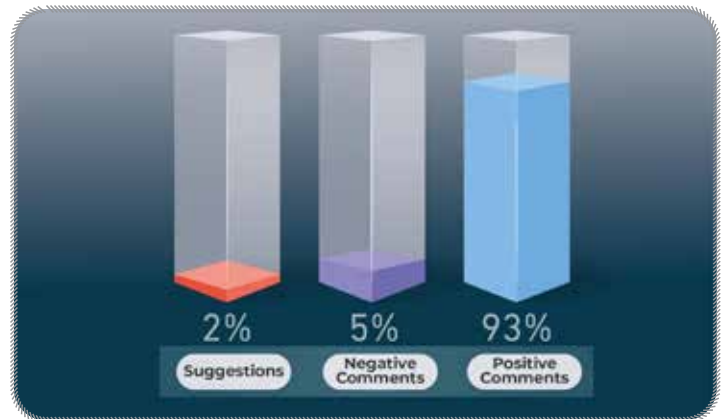
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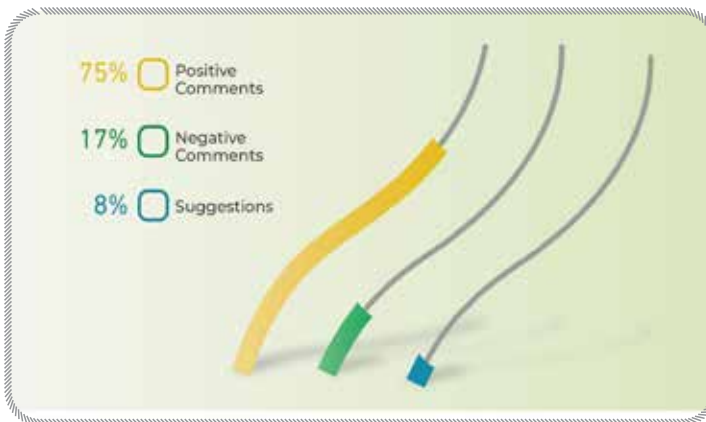


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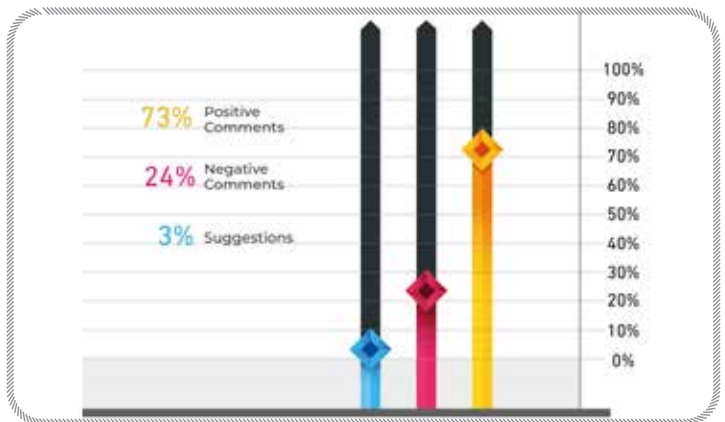


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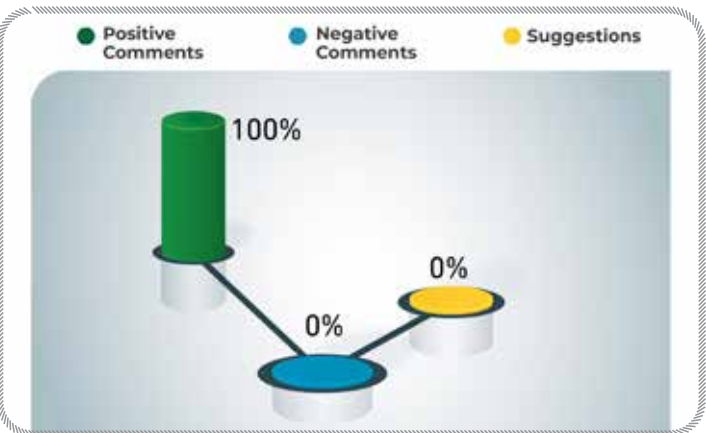
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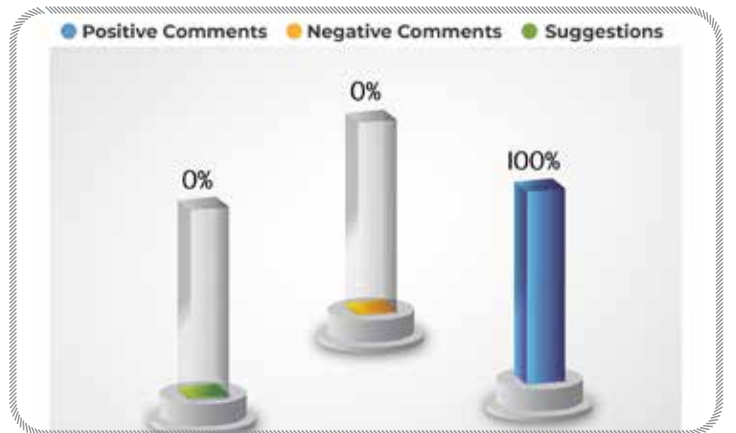
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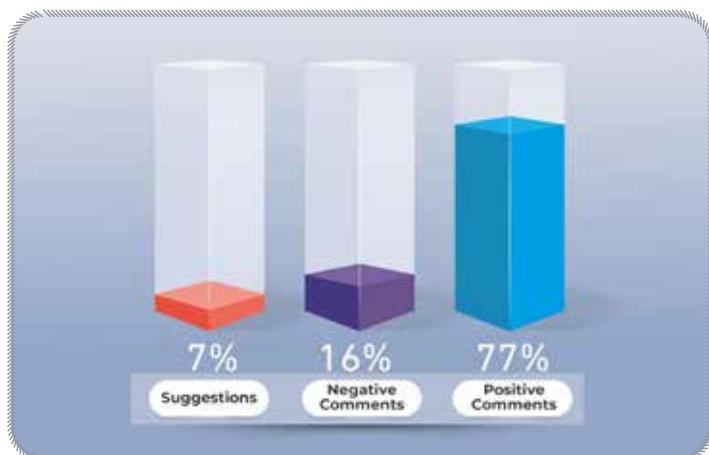
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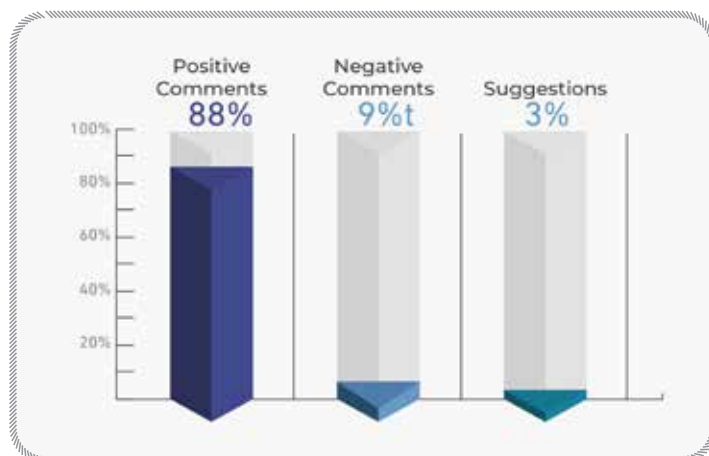
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Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 609 comments are recorded, out of which 471 are positive, 100 are negative, and 38 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 77%, 16%, and 7%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 2934 positive, 227 negative, and 94 constructive, with the percentages being 90%, 7%, and 3%, respectively.

## **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✎ Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's diligent efforts have led to tangible results, whereas certain individuals, often referred to as puppets and former wrongdoers, continue to overlook these significant developments.
- ✎ The pending completion of the second lane of the Kabul-Jalalabad road promises a swift resolution to the people's problems, provided that work on it is promptly resumed.



- ✎ Emphasis must be placed on maintaining high-quality standards in ongoing projects, ensuring their timely and successful completion.
- ✎ The commencement of work on the Pashdan dam in Herat province is imperative, and equal attention should be directed toward the Bakhshabad Dam project.

**After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

- ✎ **First**, numerous individuals, in their comments, have acknowledged the dedicated efforts of Mullah Abdul Ghani Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, highlighting his unwavering commitment to the reconstruction and development of our nation. It is evident that he has spared no effort in this regard. However, it is disheartening to note that certain political parties and individuals with dubious pasts choose to turn a blind eye to these commendable developments.

The Islamic Emirate, as a whole, and particularly the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, who bears the responsibility for economic matters, has executed his duties with unwavering sincerity. His public addresses consistently underscore his aspiration for Afghanistan to attain self-sufficiency, liberating itself from dependency and positioning itself as a competitive force in the international arena. Prioritizing the implementation of major projects such as the Qosh Tepa Canal, he strives to fortify our nation's frail and fragile economy, ultimately improving the quality of life for our citizens. Those who disregard the progress achieved under the umbrella of the Islamic Emirate neither represent the will of the people, past nor present, nor do they exhibit loyalty to our country and its citizens. Their motives appear limited to personal gain, bereft of a genuine commitment to our nation and its welfare.

- ✎ **Second**, there have been suggestions from some quarters regarding the construction of the second lane of the Kabul-Jalalabad road, which is a pertinent proposal. The Kabul-Jalalabad highway holds significant importance as a crucial transit route, and its reconstruction is poised to yield a positive impact on the nation's commerce. The Islamic Emirate is diligently working on the rehabilitation of various transit routes, one by one, as exemplified by ongoing projects like the Salang and Kabul-Kandahar highways. These endeavors are set to reach fruition in the near future. The revival of these key thoroughfares is expected to usher in an era of expanded trade, allowing our nation to enhance its transit connections with neighboring countries and regions. This holds two notable advantages: the promotion of business development and the opening of a pathway to economic stability.
- ✎ **Third**, citizens have raised concerns about the quality of projects, emphasizing the need for utmost diligence in this aspect. It is indeed crucial to prioritize the quality of projects, as without this attention, projects may not endure the test of time. The Islamic Emirate has underlined this

requirement in every contract, emphasizing that projects must adhere to established standards. Additionally, completion dates have been stipulated in these contracts. It is essential to recognize that projects, following engineering principles, require time for meticulous execution. Consequently, citizens are encouraged to exercise patience and tolerance while these projects progress towards their completion.

✍ **Fourth**, several citizens have made requests in their comments regarding the urgency of completing the remaining tasks associated with Herat's Pashdan Dam and Farah's Bakhshabad Dam. These two dams hold significant importance, and their construction is poised to drive progress in the realm of agriculture within these provinces. The Islamic Emirate has taken a comprehensive approach to water management on a national scale, actively engaging in the construction of large dams and canals. In line with this commitment, alongside other projects, funds have been allocated for the finalization of Pashdan Dam's remaining tasks. Practical work on these pending aspects is set to commence shortly. As for the Bakhshabad Dam, ongoing efforts are still underway. The Bakhshabad Dam features two canals, one extending 50 kilometers to the right and the other spanning 52 kilometers to the left. These canals traverse mountainous terrain, with the initial canal completed some time ago by Afghan engineers. The second canal's construction is already in progress, and it is scheduled to be completed in due course.

## Conclusion

To expedite processes and enhance transparency in governmental affairs, the National Procurement Commission was established, presided over by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, as per the directive of Amirul Momineen Sheikh Al-Hadith Maulvi Hibatullah Akhundzada. Under the commission's auspices, meetings have resulted in the approval of several billion Afghani-worth projects. Recent sessions of the commission have seen the approval of 50 distinct projects, collectively valued at approximately thirteen billion Afghanis. These projects encompass a diverse range, including procurement and construction projects. For instance, one such project involves the construction of the second section of the Afghan Mellie Palace in Dehmazang, Kabul city, with an estimated value of around 1 billion Afghanis. Furthermore, projects related to the finalization of works at Kamal Khan, Sha Wa Arous, and Pashdan dams have been included, alongside road construction projects in various provinces. This steadfast commitment underscores the Islamic Emirate's determination to contribute to the country's reconstruction and self-sufficiency. Their actions are a testament to the fulfillment of their commitments.

## **Distinguished Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, Undertakes Visit to Earthquake-Stricken Areas in Herat**



### **Introduction**

On the 7th of October this year, the tranquil routine of the people in Herat was suddenly disrupted by a powerful earthquake that rattled the city and its surrounding districts. The epicenter of this earthquake was pinpointed in the Dakht Houz area of Zinda Jan district in the province, situated amidst Angeel, Rabat Sang, Gulrang, Ghorian, and Zina Jan district. This seismic event claimed the lives of thousands of citizens, plunging the entire nation into mourning. Promptly following the earthquake, officials from the Islamic Emirate arrived in the area to assist the affected citizens. Various branches of the Islamic Emirate coordinated efforts to provide aid to Herat province. Additionally, numerous national business figures pledged their support to the earthquake victims.

In this regard, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, led a high-ranking government delegation on the 9th of October, visiting Herat province to offer condolences and immediate assistance to those affected by the earthquake. Upon his arrival, Honorable Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund first convened with representatives from the private sector, businessmen, and industrialists of Herat. He expressed gratitude for their aid to the earthquake victims and called for increased cooperation. In these challenging times, he emphasized the importance of rallying both domestic and international support to aid our fellow countrymen promptly.

During his visit to Herat, the Deputy Prime Minister journeyed to Zinda Jan district to closely assess the earthquake-damaged areas and extend his condolences to those affected. Honorable Mullah Baradar Akhund and his delegation participated in the funerals of the martyrs, offering prayers for their souls, patience for their bereaved families, and swift recovery for the injured. They shared the profound grief of the honorable people of Herat in this tragic moment.

Honorable Mullah Baradar Akhund assured the affected citizens that the Islamic Emirate stands firmly by their side and is committed to assisting them in rebuilding their homes and restoring normalcy to their lives. Furthermore, he visited Herat province's hospital to check on the injured individuals and closely monitor their condition. He provided assurances that all the injured would receive proper medical care and offered necessary instructions to the medical teams overseeing their treatment. Honorable Mullah Baradar Akhund emphasized that the Islamic Emirate sees itself as a service-oriented entity responsible for the welfare of the people.

During a meeting at the governor's house in the province, Deputy Prime Minister Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund addressed the gathering. In his speech, he emphasized that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has harnessed all available resources to aid vulnerable citizens, including constructing homes for those who have lost them. He underscored his directives for transparent distribution of collected aid to deserving citizens and the establishment of a dedicated commission for this purpose. He expressed gratitude to all citizens who extended assistance to the earthquake victims according to their means and issued a renewed call to national businessmen, affluent citizens, charitable institutions, and organizations to contribute during this trying time.

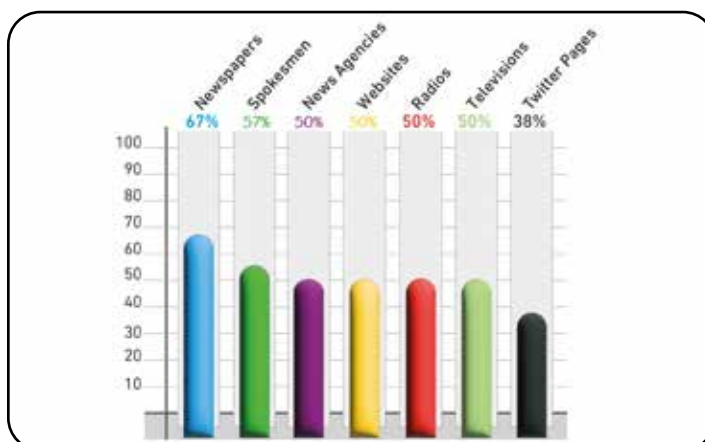
Furthermore, Honorable Mullah Baradar Akhund appealed to international aid institutions and agencies to provide comprehensive support to the earthquake-affected Afghans and assist them during this profound tragedy.

### The Purpose of the Visit

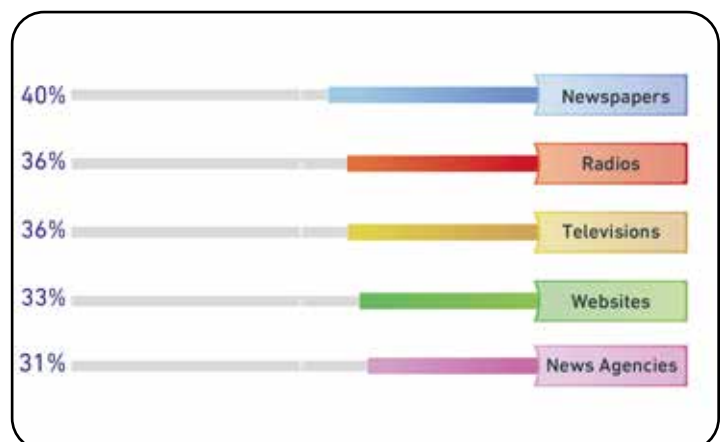
The purpose of the visit was to export condolences to the people, show empathy and extend helping to the victims.

## Evaluation of People's Comments on the Media That Published the Mentioned Report

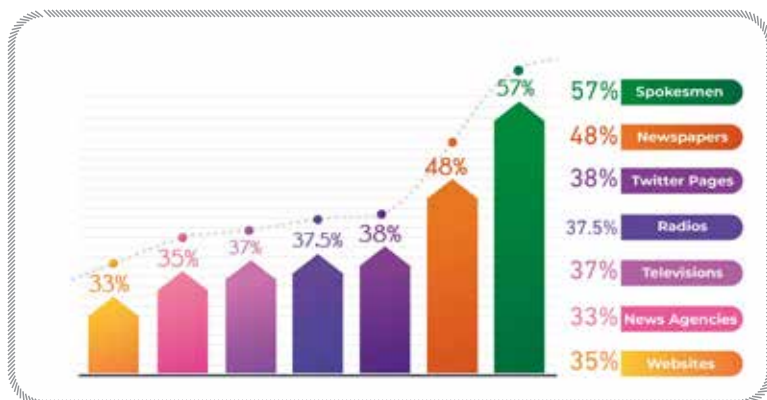
### State Media Networks



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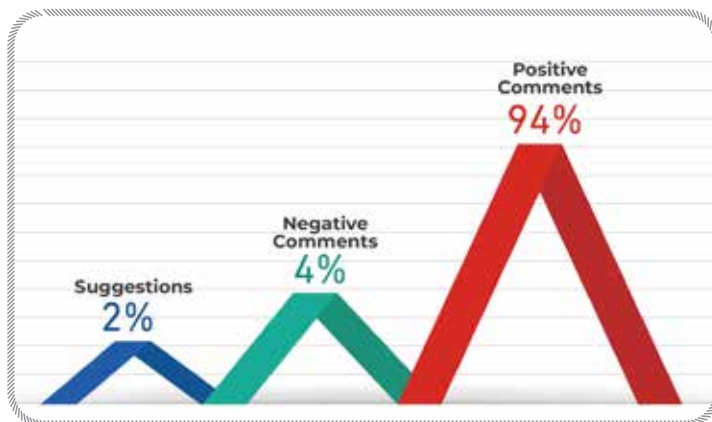


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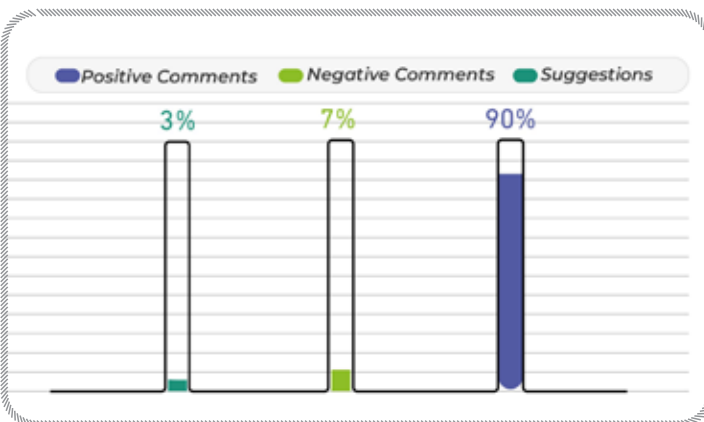
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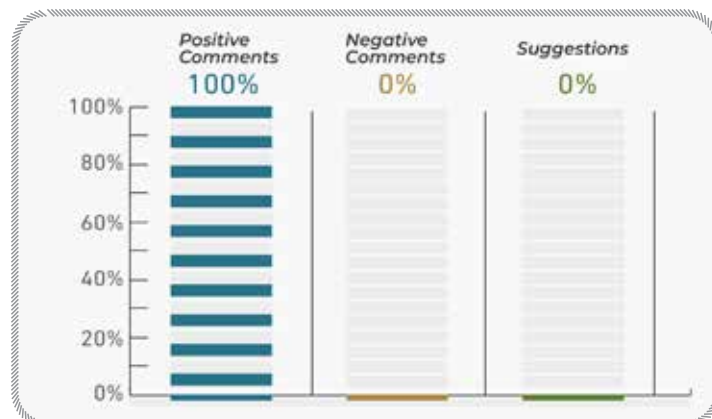
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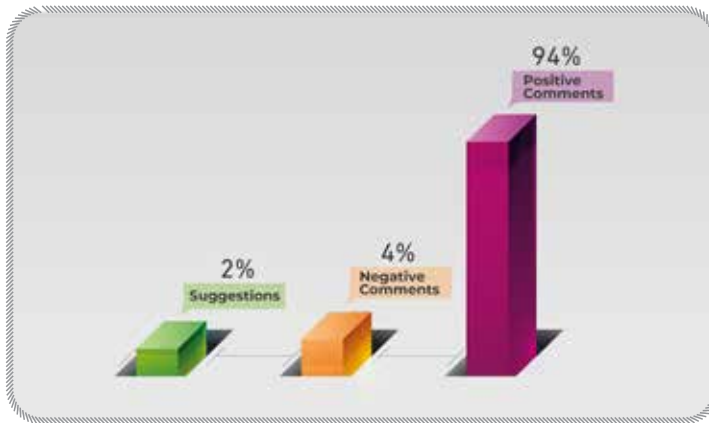


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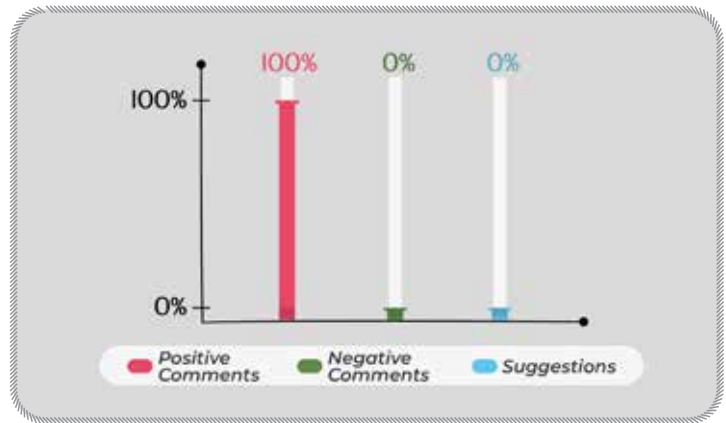




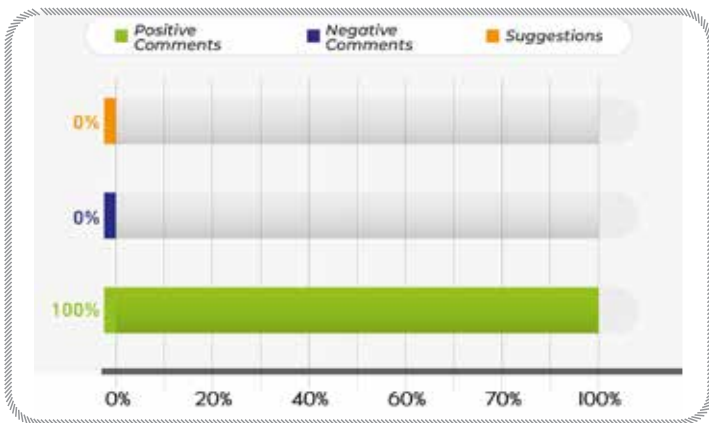
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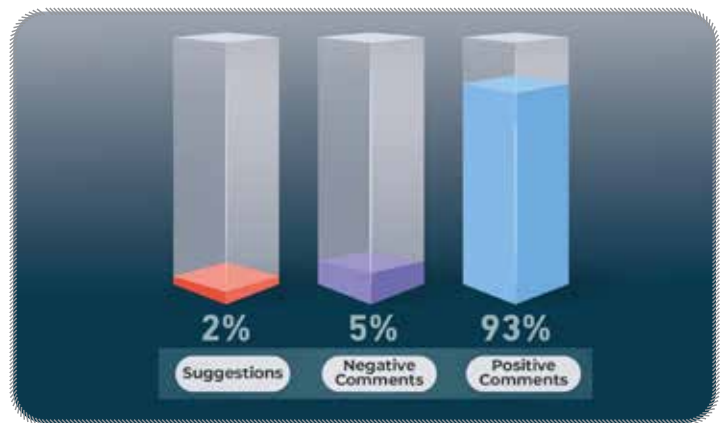
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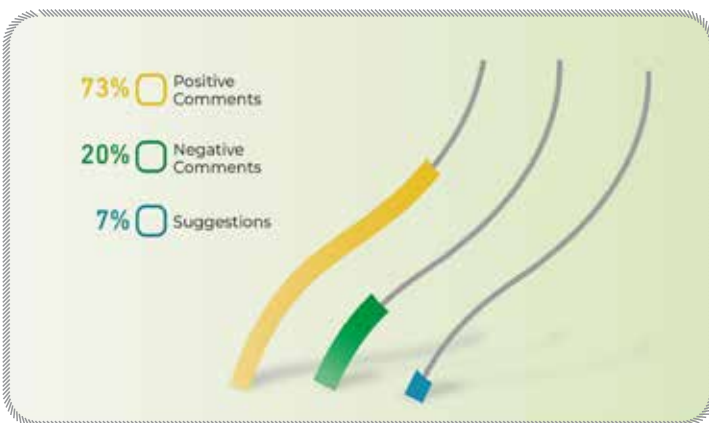


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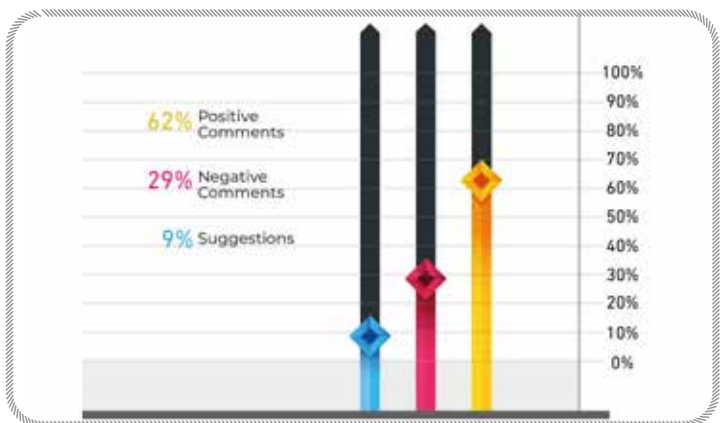


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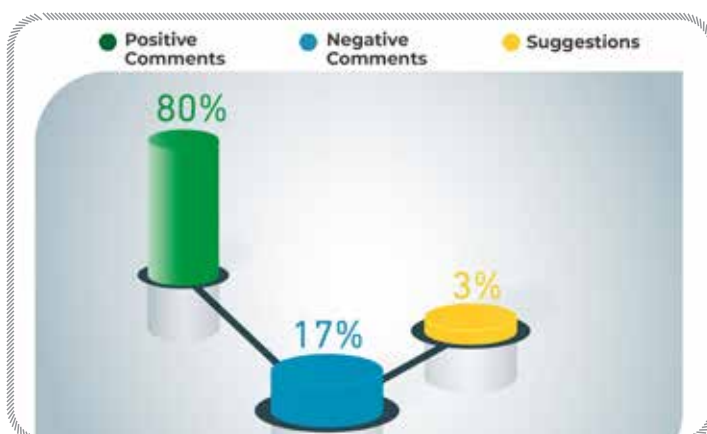


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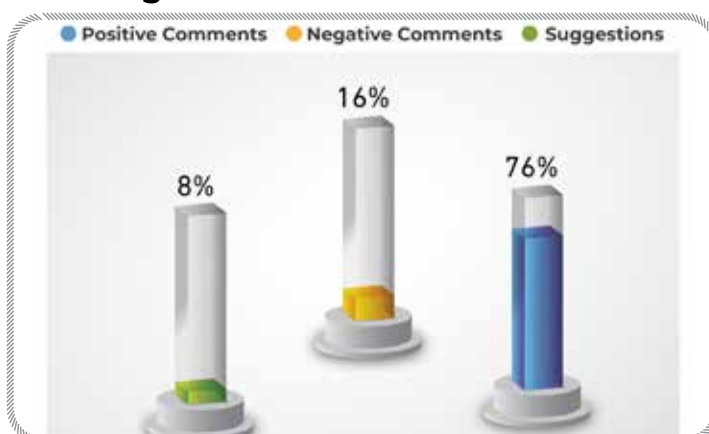




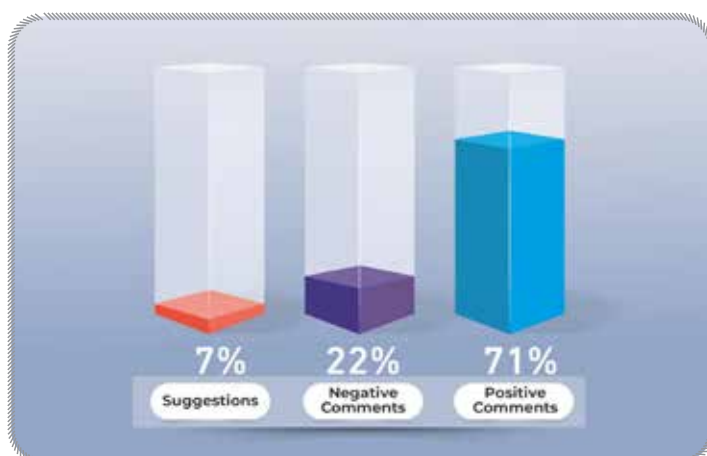
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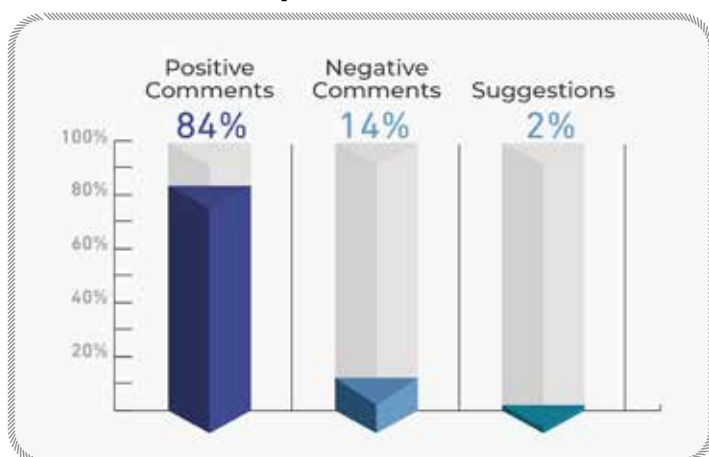
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## Collection of People's Comments on Private Media Networks



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### The Importance of Evaluating Feedback

Assessing feedback, both positive and negative, on media and social networks involves recognizing and giving consideration to people's opinions. Analyzing and sharing such feedback enables individuals and society to express their perspectives, requests, criticisms, and suggestions concerning the government's economic decisions, actions, and projects.

## Social Media Usage in Afghanistan

Most Afghans use Facebook, while government officials, institutions, and various political, economic, social, and cultural activists tend to prefer Twitter. Nevertheless, both governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as political, economic, social, and cultural activists, are actively present on Facebook and Twitter, providing coverage of public and official individuals and institutions and publishing daily official and unofficial news and reports.

## Evaluation and Analysis of Public Comments on Media Coverage of the published news

*In this evaluation, the media is divided into two categories: state and private media.*

The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 3408 comments are recorded, out of which 3160 are positive, 175 are negative, and 73 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 93%, 5%, and 2%, respectively.

Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 2326 comments are recorded, out of which 1656 are positive, 805 are negative, and 162 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 71%, 22%, and 7%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 4816 positive, 683 negative, and 235 constructive, with the percentages being 84%, 14%, and 2%, respectively.

## Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✎ We pray that both the government system and the people will extend their hands to assist their fellow countrymen with wholehearted sincerity. May Allah bestow harmony and unity upon the Afghan people.
- ✎ May Allah shower His blessings upon them. It is the duty of the officials to fulfill their responsibilities, and the people have every right to intervene and stand alongside the government and its officials during challenging times.
- ✎ Our hope is that government officials will distribute the aid provided to those impacted by the Herat earthquake in an equitable and transparent manner, underscoring its paramount importance.

## **After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

- ✎ **Firstly**, many individuals, in their comments, have called upon fellow countrymen to extend heartfelt assistance to the earthquake victims in Herat. Our nation, like a human body, feels discomfort throughout if any part of it is in pain. Likewise, when a region in our country is beset by a problem, it is the collective responsibility of all citizens and regions to lend a hand. In the aftermath of the tragic Herat earthquake, our countrymen have rapidly initiated a nationwide aid campaign for the affected people. People from all provinces, according to their means, have generously contributed, and this benevolent initiative continues. This exemplifies the Afghan spirit of helping one another during times of adversity and underscores the unity and concord among our people.
- ✎ **Secondly**, the visit of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs to Herat Province to inspect the earthquake-affected areas and offer condolences has been warmly received by many. These individuals have rightly emphasized the need for officials to fulfill their responsibilities. In trying circumstances, it is incumbent upon the government and its officials to intervene and stand in solidarity with their people. Governments represent their citizens and the nation, while officials act as their representatives. Thus, it is not only advantageous but also commendable to be close to the nation, treating them like family members and extending support during times of sorrow and hardship. During his visit to Herat, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund assured that the Islamic Emirate stands with the vulnerable citizens, and every effort will be made to restore their damaged homes and bring their lives back to normal. This demonstrates the unwavering commitment of the Islamic Emirate to serve the country and its citizens.
- ✎ **Thirdly**, some citizens have rightly urged government officials to distribute the aid provided to the Herat earthquake victims fairly and transparently. This is indeed a just and necessary

request, and the Islamic Emirate is fully focused on this aspect. It has established a commission for this purpose, entrusted with the responsibility of receiving both domestic and foreign aid, and subsequently, transparently allocating it to the deserving and earthquake-affected individuals. During his visit to Herat Province, Deputy PM Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund confirmed that he has directed all government officials to ensure transparent distribution of the collected aid to deserving citizens, and a commission has been appointed for this specific purpose. Therefore, we can be confident that the aid will reach those in need and the earthquake-affected population.

## **Conclusion**

The recent earthquake in Herat province marked a significant tragedy, affecting a considerable number of our fellow citizens who endured both personal and financial losses. However, the establishment of a robust and centralized system in Afghanistan has unified the nation under one banner. Consequently, it is the system's obligation to assist its citizens in times of calamity and distress, swiftly resolving their issues.

The Herat incident serves as a testament to how promptly the Islamic Emirate has responded to the plight of earthquake victims. All relevant governmental bodies and organizations mobilized their resources responsibly to aid the affected citizens. The support encompassed everything from provisioning essential supplies to offering shelter to those afflicted by this incident. Additionally, to ensure the timely and uninterrupted treatment of the injured, mobile hospitals were promptly established alongside the existing healthcare facilities in Herat province. This exemplifies the Islamic Emirate's dutiful fulfillment of its responsibilities and unwavering commitment to providing assistance to citizens encountering adversities and inconveniences.

## Transformational Agricultural Initiative: Qosh Tepa Canal



### Introduction

Water, as a fundamental blessing, plays a crucial role in the prosperity of nations, tribes, and regions. Vital for the survival of humans, animals, and plants, its scarcity can lead to agricultural and societal challenges. Afghanistan, endowed with substantial freshwater resources, historically overlooked this potential. However, with the establishment of a committed and independent central system, efforts are now underway to harness and manage Afghanistan's water wealth. A testament to this commitment is the Qosh Tepa Canal, whose first phase was inaugurated on October 10th by Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, accompanied by Deputy PM for Administrative Affairs, Maulawi Abdul Salam Hanafi, and other high-ranking officials.

During the ceremony, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, emphasized the significance of the Qosh Tepa Canal, calling it the realization of Afghans' dreams and a step towards self-sufficiency. Despite being an agricultural country with abundant water, Afghanistan has historically been dependent on imports, particularly in the food sector. The Islamic Emirate, recognizing the need for water management and agricultural development, initiated the construction of the Qosh Tepa Canal as a key example of this commitment. Mullah Baradar Akhund highlighted concerns about budget constraints and timely completion, noting the assurance provided by Amirul Momineen Sheikh Akhundzada on the financial front. The successful completion of the first phase, achieved through the dedication of the National Development Company's employees, marks a significant milestone.

Mullah Baradar Akhund emphasized that the canal aims not to harm but to enhance Afghanistan's self-reliance and utilize its natural resources optimally. He expressed pride in undertaking such a substantial project funded entirely by the national budget after four decades of adversity. In

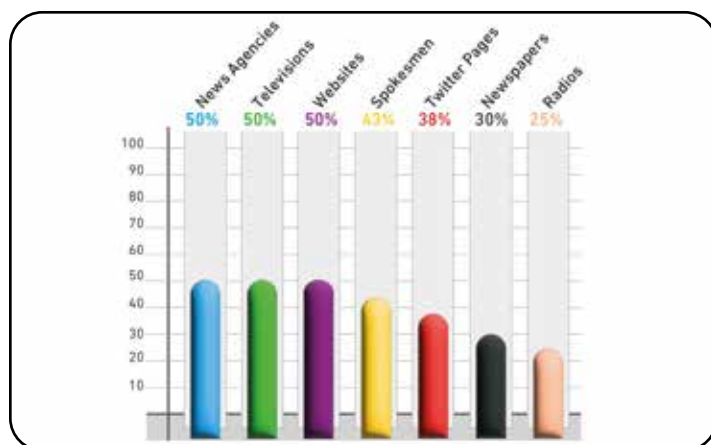
closing, he extended congratulations to the Afghan people, project engineers, and especially Abdul Rahman Attash, the chairman of the National Development Corporation, for the completion of the first phase. The Qosh Tepa Canal stands as a source of pride for all Afghans, with collective support pledged for its successful completion.

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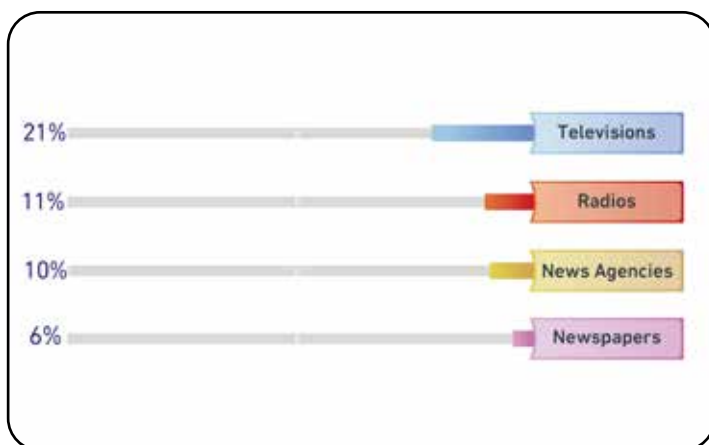
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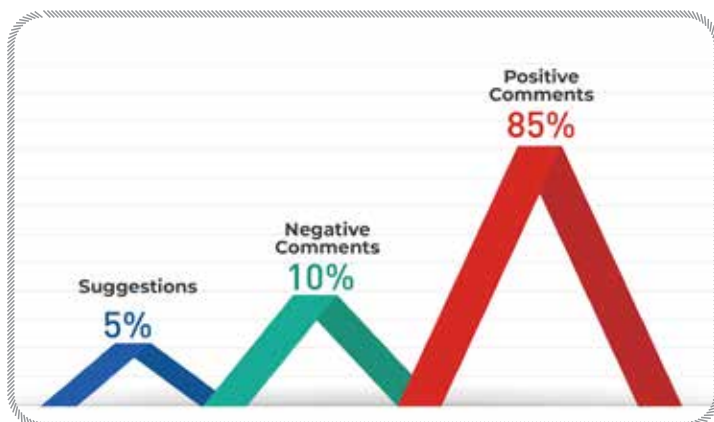
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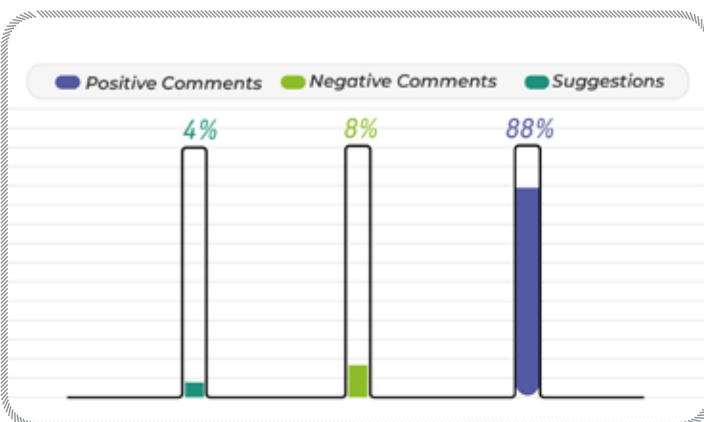
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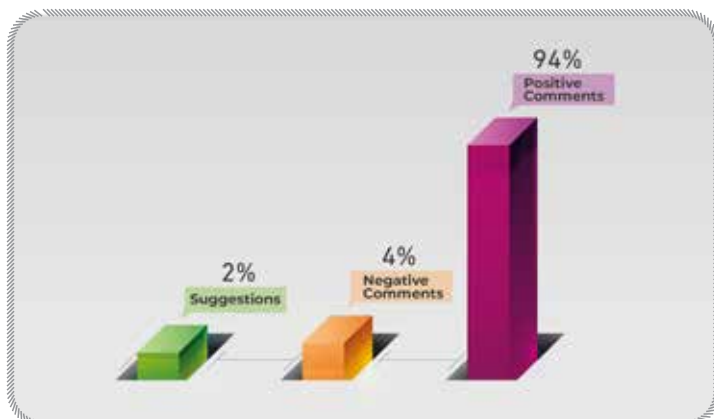
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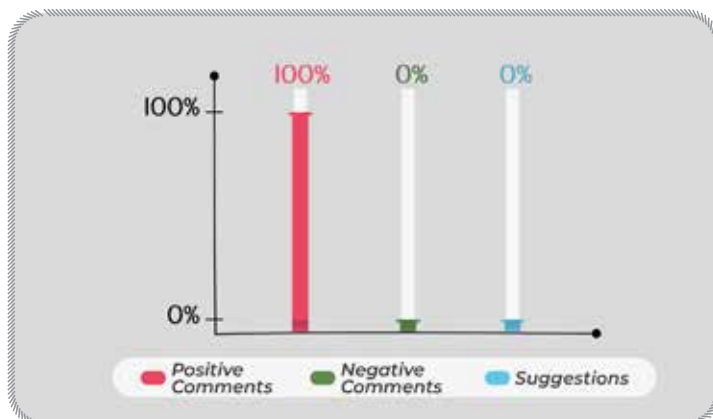
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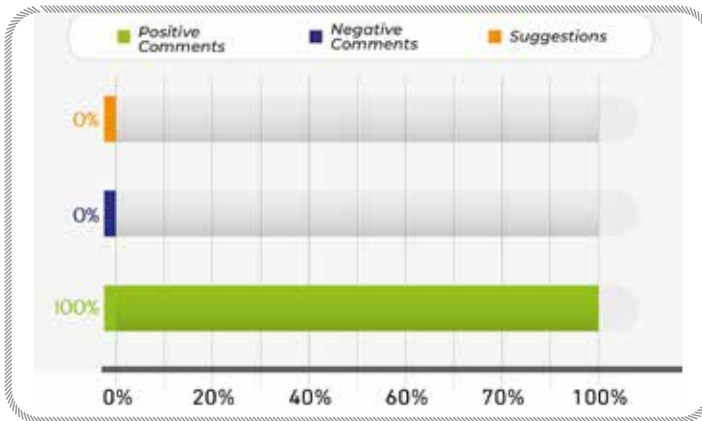
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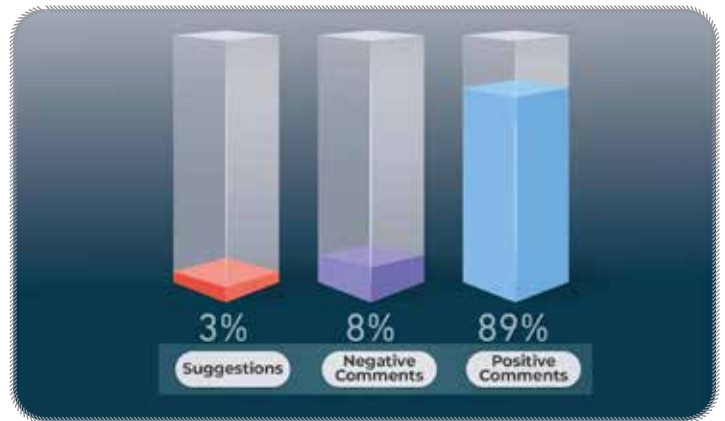
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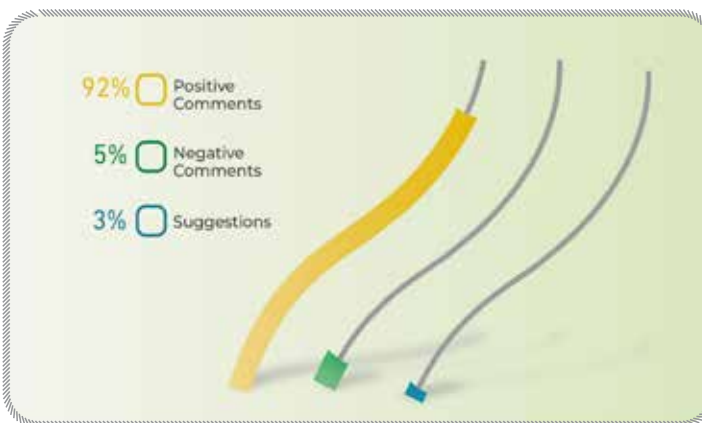


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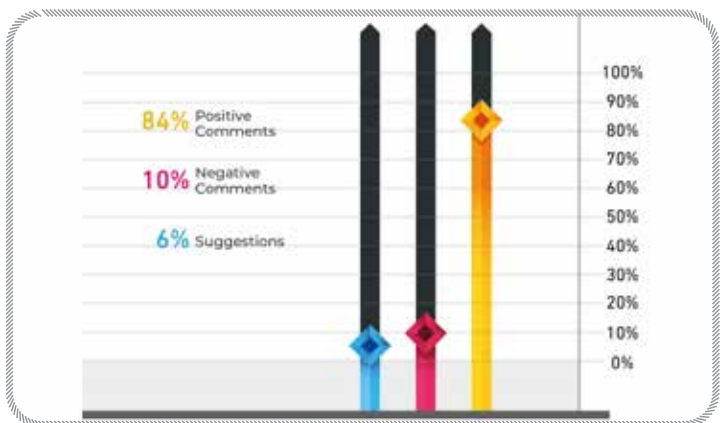


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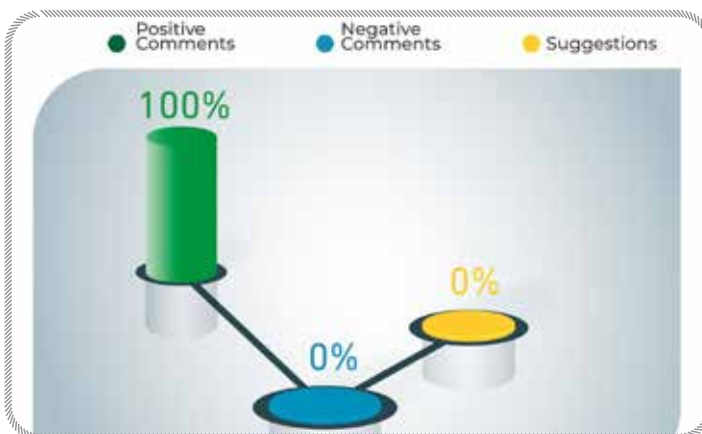
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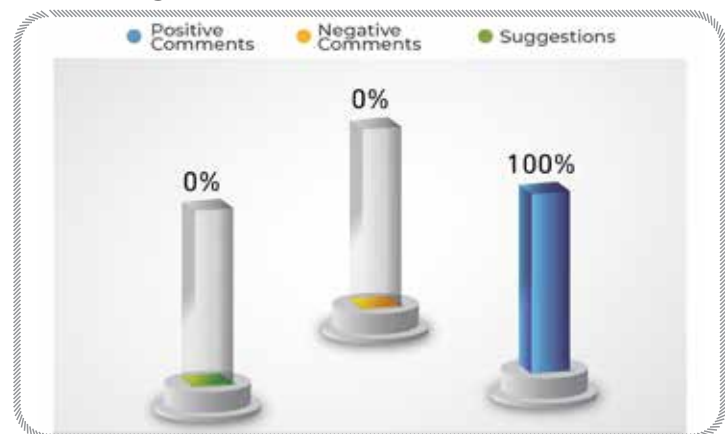
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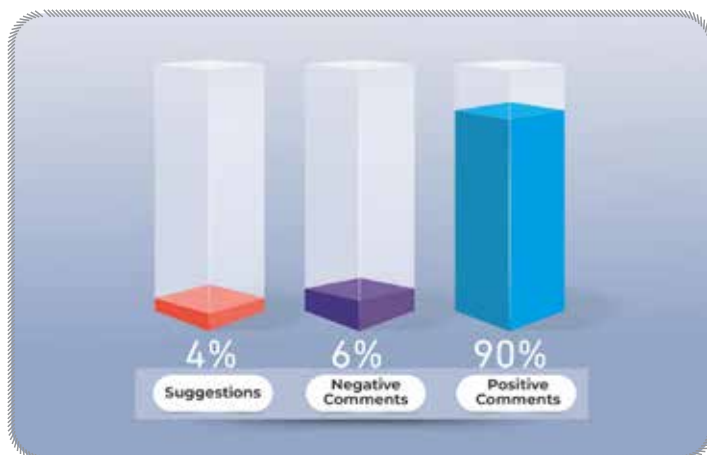
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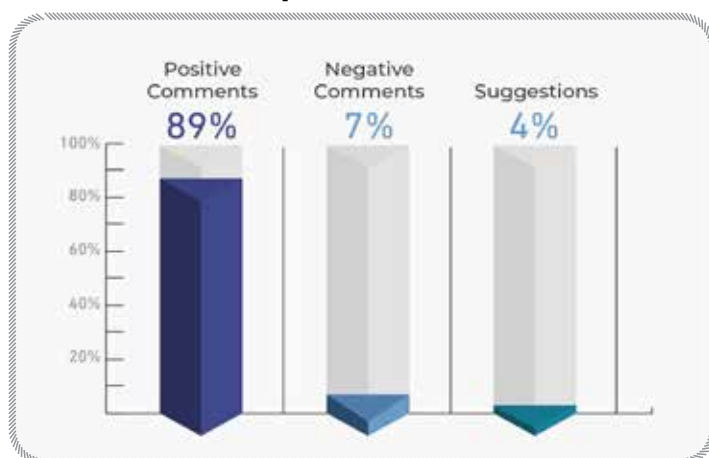
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and 153 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 89%, 8%, and 3%, respectively.

Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 4268 comments are recorded, out of which 3854 are positive, 259 are negative, and 155 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 90%, 6%, and 4%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 7719 positive, 600 negative, and 308 constructive, with the percentages being 89%, 7%, and 4%, respectively.

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- ✂ Praise be to Allah, it is heartening to note that, despite limited resources and international sanctions, the completion of the first phase of the Qosh Tepa Canal has been achieved, and efforts for the second phase are underway.
- ✂ The construction of the Qosh Tepa Canal stands as a significant and well-timed initiative, bringing direct and indirect benefits to the Afghan populace in terms of employment and self-sustainability.
- ✂ The successful realization of this public welfare project will undoubtedly bring a sense of relief to the Afghan people. We extend our heartfelt wishes to all those dedicated to the reconstruction of our homeland, seeking blessings from Allah Almighty for their endeavors.
- ✂ The Qosh Tepa Canal holds a vital role in Afghanistan, akin to the importance of a heart to a body.
- ✂ It is both the conscientious duty and a matter of faith for every Afghan to embrace and support such endeavors. History attests those nations achieving economic, industrial, and scientific

progress have done so through the hard work of their people, not through foreign intervention. Let us unite and contribute collectively to the development of our nation.


- ✧ There should be a heightened emphasis on the initial stage or phase, particularly in aspects such as water distribution and the sub-drainage system. Simultaneously, the progression of work on the second phase must continue unabated.

**After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

- ✧ **First,** numerous citizens expressed their joy at the successful culmination of the first phase of the Qosh Tepa Canal and the commencement of the second phase. They acknowledged the achievement of the Islamic Emirate in realizing this substantial project, overcoming challenges posed by limited resources and international sanctions. The project's design and planning date back to the era of Dawood Khan, yet subsequent governments, until now, failed to prioritize its implementation. This neglect underscores their lack of independence and susceptibility to external influences. Furthermore, these governments demonstrated a commitment to foreign interests at the expense of safeguarding their own national concerns. However, with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, a pivotal step was taken by initiating the practical implementation of this vital project. Despite facing international sanctions and occasional criticism from neighboring countries, the Islamic Emirate remained undeterred, utilizing its limited resources to launch the Qosh Tepa Canal—a monumental project poised to revolutionize the country's agricultural system. Presently, we bear witness to the successful completion of the first phase and the commencement of the second phase. In due course, the three planned phases will be finalized and operationalized. Upon completion, Afghanistan's agricultural system will undergo substantial reinforcement, leading to the nation's self-sufficiency in terms of agricultural products. This transformative accomplishment is anticipated to restore the Islamic Emirate to its former glory.

- ✧ **Second,** some citizens have underscored in their remarks the importance of collective effort and collaboration for progress in economic, industrial, and scientific domains. They emphasize that nations, not external entities, propel a country's development. This perspective is invaluable, and it is essential for every Afghan to share this sentiment. Successful nations that thrive economically and enjoy peace have achieved such prosperity through concerted efforts, diligently working towards their goals without relying on foreign intervention. The global landscape now emphasizes self-interest, where nations prioritize their own welfare rather than that of the host country when engaging in international endeavors. Afghanistan has experienced foreign intervention on two occasions, yet unfortunately, the outcomes were far from favorable, marked by misfortune and adversity. The economy stagnated, and both the industrial and academic sectors suffered setbacks of such magnitude that recovery and growth will necessitate years of concerted effort. However, there is now a government in Afghanistan that, from its inception,

has initiated fundamental projects utilizing available resources. This has reignited the hopes of Afghans for the country's development. There is a collective belief that, with the will of Allah, Afghanistan will achieve self-sufficiency and eventually stand among the developed nations of the world.

 **Third,** several citizens have likened the Qosh Tepa Canal to the human heart in their comments, emphasizing its paramount importance to Afghanistan, much like the critical role the heart plays in the human body. It is an undeniable reality that water is an essential element for sustaining life, rendering existence impossible without it. Just as humans and other living organisms rely on water, plants also necessitate it for their growth. Moreover, water assumes a vital role in energy production. Given the significance of water in agricultural development and the provision of life-sustaining products, every nation aspiring to advance its agriculture must harness this divine blessing judiciously. This approach not only fosters agricultural growth but also addresses the issue of food scarcity while generating employment opportunities. Additionally, water serves as a crucial source of energy, powering a myriad of tools essential for contemporary life and propelling industrial progress. Recognizing the pivotal importance of water, the Islamic Emirate is currently dedicated to utilizing Afghanistan's abundant water resources for agricultural development and electricity generation. Large-scale projects like the Qosh Tepa Canal have been initiated for agricultural advancement, complemented by the undertaking of various dam projects across the country for electricity production. The completion of these endeavors is poised to usher in significant strides in both agriculture and electricity generation. With these advancements, Afghanistan aims to attain economic self-sufficiency.

## Conclusion

Water, a divine blessing, has historically been a source of prosperity for nations, tribes, regions, and countries across the world. All living organisms depend on water for survival, and its scarcity brings about profound challenges in sustaining life. Afghanistan, endowed with substantial reserves of fresh water, unfortunately witnessed a historical lack of attention from its rulers, leading to the flow of this precious resource to other nations without reaping the benefits. In the current era, marked by the establishment of a committed and independent central system under the auspices of the Islamic Emirate, efforts have been initiated to comprehensively manage Afghanistan's water resources for optimal utilization. Strategic steps are being taken for countrywide water management, including allocating funds for the completion of previously unfinished dam projects and the ongoing cleaning and construction of canals. In alignment with the decree of His Excellency Amir al-Mu'minin, may God bless him and grant him peace, plans are in place for the construction of water dams in every district of the country. The most significant and pivotal project in this realm is the Qosh Tepa Canal, designed to span three phases along the Amu River. The successful completion of the first phase marks a historic milestone, symbolizing a revolutionary transformation in Afghanistan's agricultural landscape. With the full realization of this canal, Afghanistan is poised to achieve self-sufficiency in agricultural products, a monumental accomplishment in the nation's history.



## The 29th Autumn Exhibition of Agricultural Products Inaugurated



### Introduction

The 29th Autumn Exhibition of Agricultural Products was inaugurated to highlight the significant role of agriculture in Afghanistan's national economy, where over 50% of the population is involved in agricultural and livestock activities. With the renewed focus on the agricultural sector by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, exhibitions were organized to showcase the country's agricultural products to both domestic and international audiences.

Opened on October 18th by Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the exhibition aimed to address the challenges faced by farmers, who predominantly rely on outdated agricultural systems and traditional irrigation methods. Mullah Baradar Akhund emphasized the need for modernization, calling on the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock to provide essential facilities for mechanization and the adoption of contemporary irrigation systems.

Highlighting the importance of efficient management, the Deputy PM urged relevant ministries and agencies to enhance transportation, cold storage, packaging, and both domestic and foreign marketing facilities to ensure the absorption and healthy management of agricultural products. Mullah Baradar Akhund concluded by encouraging citizens and government agencies to prioritize the use of local agricultural products.

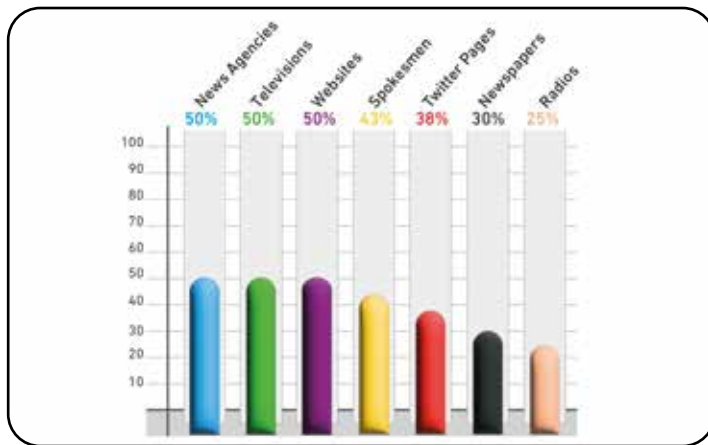
The exhibition, held at the Badam Bagh Training Farm in Kabul, showcased a diverse range of agricultural products in numerous stalls, aiming to support and promote these products both domestically and internationally.

## The Purpose of the Exhibition

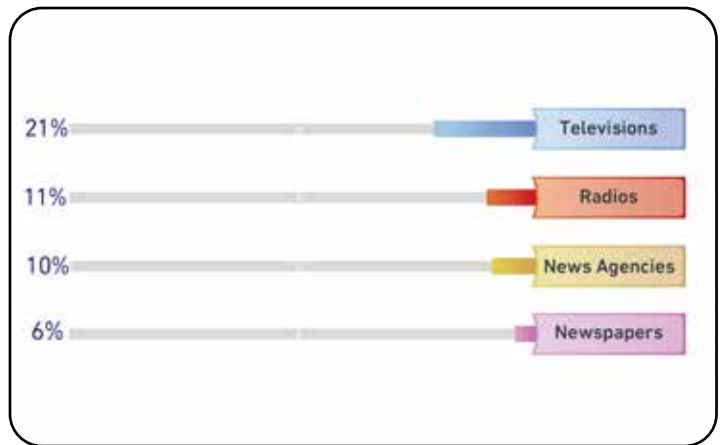
The purpose is to introduce Afghan agricultural products domestically and through the exhibitions abroad to the people of the world.

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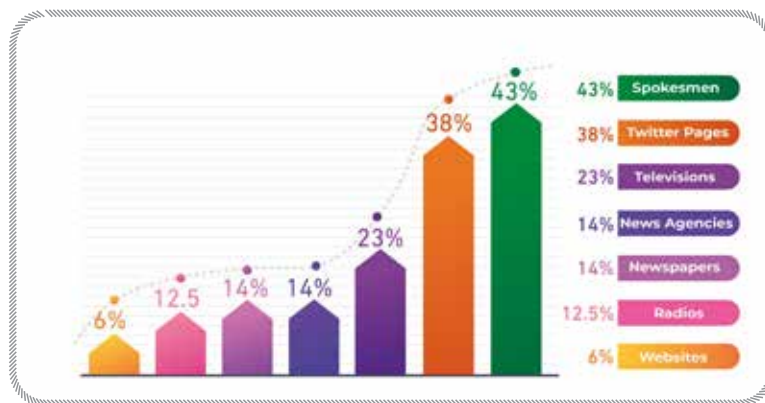
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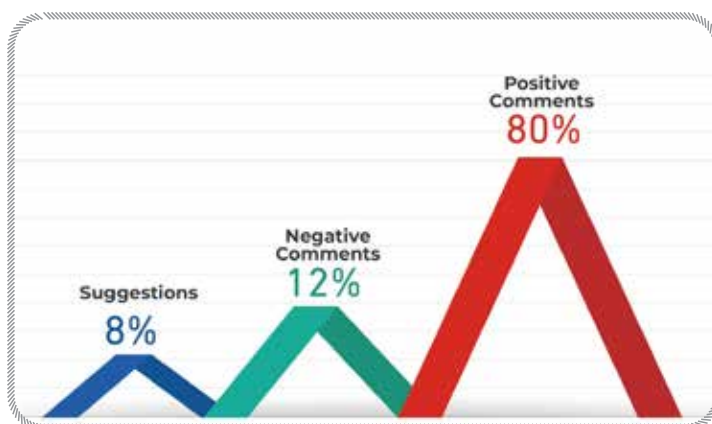


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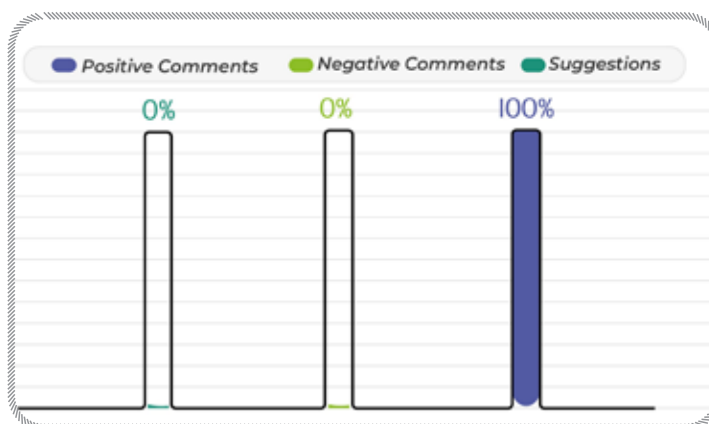
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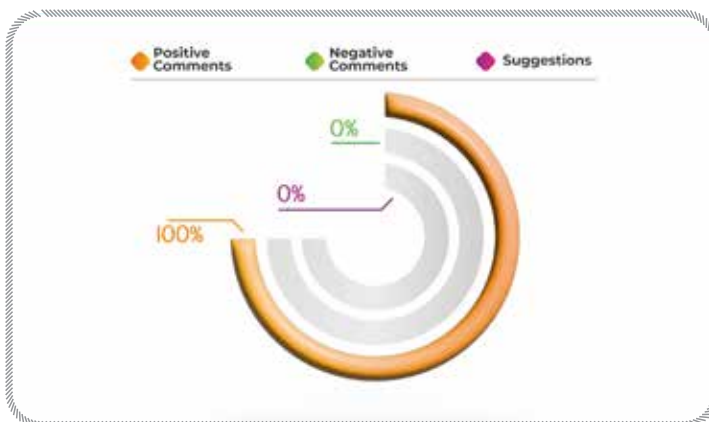
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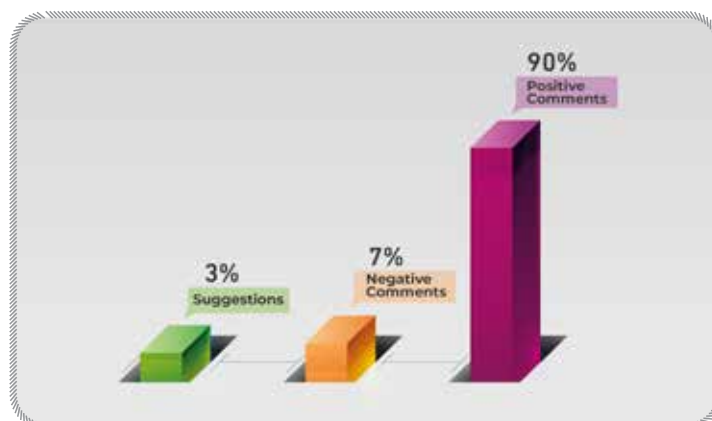
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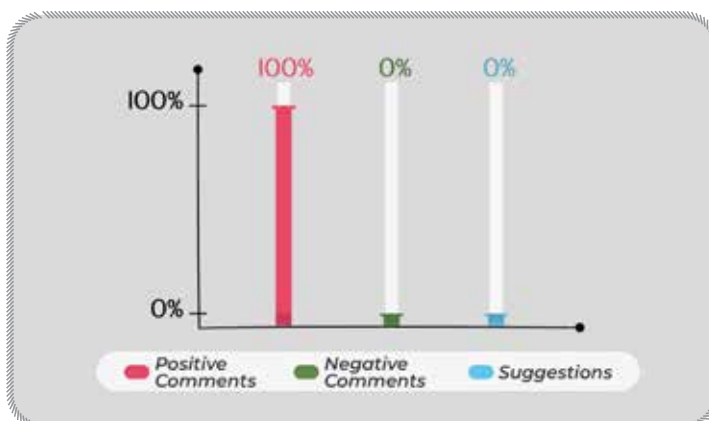
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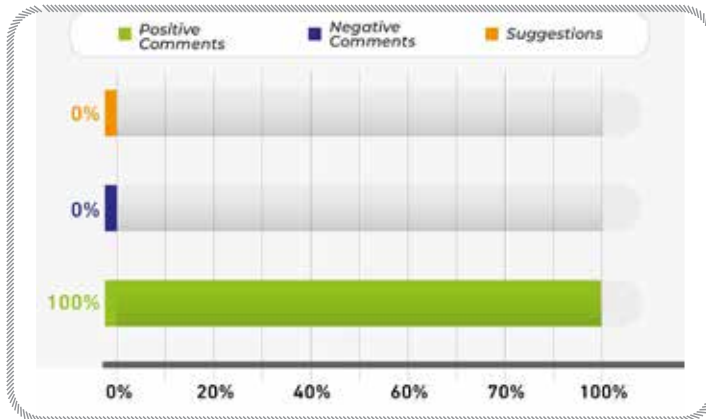
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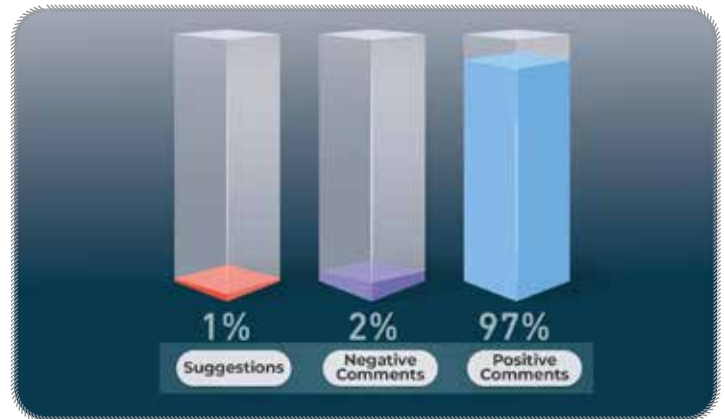
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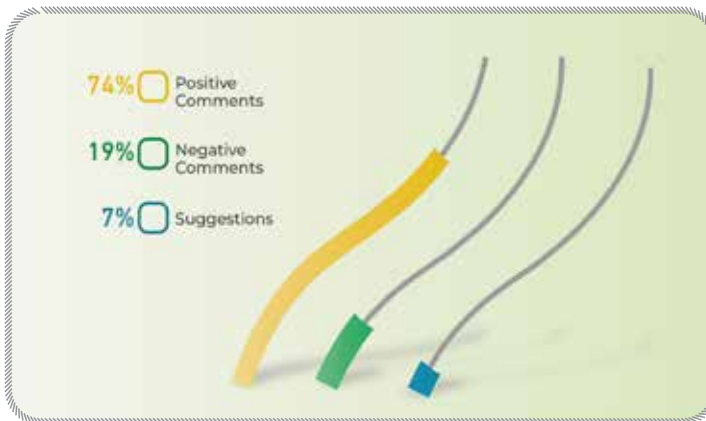


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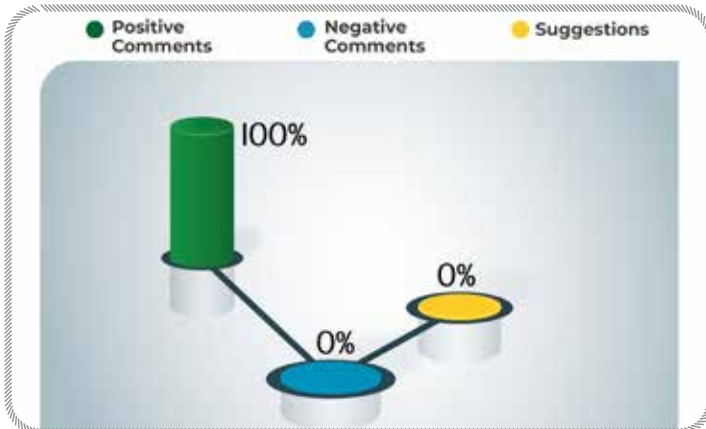
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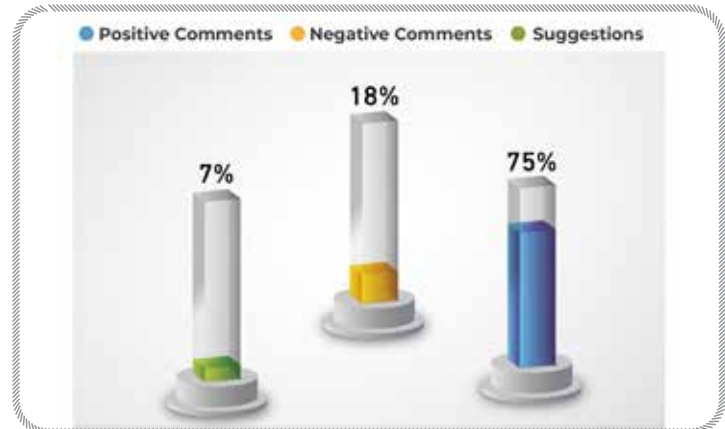
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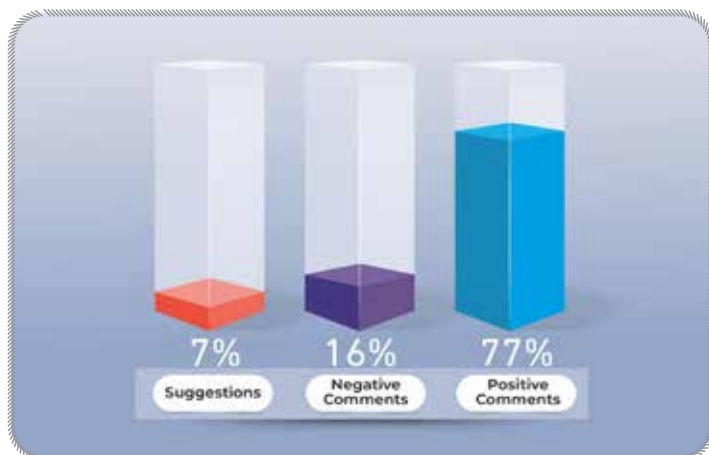
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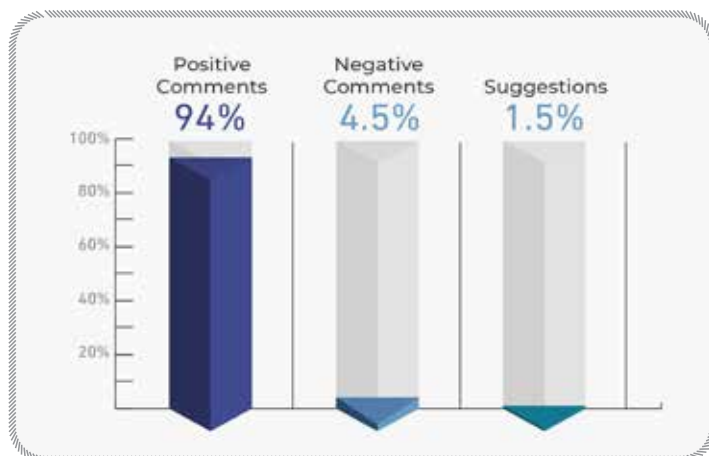
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### Collection of People's Comments on Private Media Networks



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



### The analysis and evaluation of people's comments on the media about the published news report

#### The Importance of Evaluating Feedback

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#### Social Media Usage in Afghanistan

Most Afghans use Facebook, while government officials, institutions, and various political, economic, social, and cultural activists tend to prefer Twitter. Nevertheless, both governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as political, economic, social, and cultural activists, are actively present on Facebook and Twitter, providing coverage of public and official individuals and institutions and publishing daily official and unofficial news and reports.

#### Evaluation and Analysis of Public Comments on Media Coverage of the published news

*In this evaluation, the media is divided into two categories: state and private media.*

The number of positive and negative comments and suggestions left by the public on both types of media regarding the published news are analyzed.

Firstly, the comments on state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespersons, are evaluated. A total of 1350 comments are recorded, out of which 1306 are positive, 30 are negative, and 14 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 97%, 2%, and 1%, respectively.



Secondly, comments on private media, such as television, radio, newspapers, and news agencies, are analyzed. A total of 261 comments are recorded, out of which 202 are positive, 43 are negative, and 16 provide constructive feedback. The percentages of positive, negative, and constructive feedback are 77%, 16%, and 7%, respectively.

Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 1508 positive, 73 negative, and 30 constructive, with the percentages being 94%, 4%, and 1.5%, respectively.

### **Why do public media receive a higher percentage of positive comments than private media?**

One explanation for this phenomenon is that the government's initiatives and decisions are often covered extensively by state media outlets. For instance, the published news related to the government has been widely disseminated through these channels. While state media sources have garnered a high percentage of positive feedback for this news, private media outlets have also received praise with comments expressing approval. It appears that each news report generates an increasing number of comments, indicating that the public closely monitors the government's actions and provides their opinions on them.

### **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

It is important to note that the comments presented here are only a small sample of the hundreds of comments received, including both positive and negative feedback and suggestions.

- ✂ Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund is not only a compassionate advocate for the oppressed and vulnerable Afghans but also a revered figure among the present-day population of Afghanistan. May Allah grant him good health and a long life.
- ✂ A bountiful harvest is the outcome of quality seeds, proper planting, and appropriate chemical fertilizers. Government authorities must take action against companies importing substandard seeds into the country.
- ✂ Establishing a market for agricultural products through organized exhibitions would be highly beneficial. Currently, everything is being sold at reduced prices, leaving farmers with minimal returns.



**After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.**

✎ **First**, several citizens have commended the efforts of Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, hailing him as a hero for the current population of Afghanistan. The Islamic Emirate, as a government, is dedicated to serving its citizens and fostering the country's development. Remarkably, within a short span, the Islamic Emirate has achieved feats that previous administrations couldn't in years. This progress is attributed to the committed officials of the Islamic Emirate, diligently addressing their responsibilities to uplift Afghanistan from its challenges and advance development across all sectors. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, entrusted with economic affairs, has notably propelled economic advancements. Significant economic projects, some already completed and others in progress, are poised to fortify the country's economy, ensuring a more comfortable and peaceful life for its citizens.

✎ **Second**, some citizens have urged officials to intervene and halt the importation of low-quality seeds. Given that a significant portion of Afghanistan's population relies on agriculture as their primary source of income, the development of this sector is crucial for increasing people's earnings. Traditional farming methods and poor seed quality hinder income growth. In contrast, global agriculture utilizes mechanization, advanced tools, and high-quality seeds, leading to increased yields and income. Recognizing the importance of modernizing Afghanistan's agricultural sector, the Islamic Emirate has actively engaged in discussions with various countries and investors to attract investments and promote mechanization. This concerted effort aims to enhance the country's agricultural practices. Furthermore, the Islamic Emirate has established regulatory bodies such as standards and national food and drug agencies to ensure the quality of imported goods, including plant seeds. Citizens can be assured that these institutions rigorously control and monitor the quality of imported seeds, preventing the entry of low-quality seeds into the country.

✎ **Third**, several citizens have proposed the creation of a market for agricultural products through exhibitions, as the current prices are notably low. The Islamic Emirate has actively embraced this suggestion, organizing exhibitions both within and outside the country. Noteworthy examples include the showcasing of Afghan products in exhibitions held in China and the Autumn Exhibition of Agricultural Products within Afghanistan. This proactive approach extends to international platforms, such as the Imam Abu Hanifah exhibition held in Kabul, aiming to introduce Afghan products to a global audience and foster markets both domestically and abroad. The strategic use of exhibitions serves as a vital tool in creating awareness and demand for Afghan agricultural products.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the government holds the responsibility of fostering development, welfare, and prosperity for its citizens. It is imperative to intensify efforts, demonstrating a committed and responsible approach to resolving societal and economic challenges. The officials of the Islamic Emirate have consistently emphasized addressing people's problems as a top priority, exemplified by swift actions such as constructing canals for drinking water and building dams. Initiatives like organizing exhibitions, including showcasing agricultural products in China, underline the commitment to introducing Afghan goods to a broader audience. The ongoing efforts indicate a dedication to progress, and if this trajectory persists, we can anticipate positive advancements in Afghanistan's economy, particularly in the agricultural sector.

## Meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and the Uzbek Delegation



### Introduction

Following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the country's subsequent independence, the Islamic Emirate has actively pursued the enhancement of diplomatic, economic, and trade relations with the international community, regional partners, and neighboring nations. A concerted effort has been made to bolster ties in various sectors, including politics, economics, and commerce. As part of this initiative, the Islamic Emirate has initiated a series of engagements with neighboring countries, spanning Central Asia, South Asia, and several others. Notably, a number of nations have expressed their readiness to establish diplomatic relations with the Islamic Emirate and host embassies.

This ongoing process is indicative of the Islamic Emirate's commitment to expanding its global connections. On October 29th, a significant development occurred as high-ranking officials from the Afghan government, led by Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, convened with a delegation from Uzbekistan. The Uzbek delegation was headed by Deputy Prime Minister Jamshid Khodjaev, and the meeting took place at the Chahar Chinar Palace of Arg. Accompanying Mullah Baradar Akhund were ministers responsible for Agriculture, Energy, Water Management, Mines, and Transport.

The discussions covered a wide array of topics, including trade, transit, economic collaboration, railways, transportation, technical extraction of mines in Afghanistan, water management, agricultural development, and higher education opportunities for Afghan youth in Uzbekistan. The talks emphasized the importance of comprehensive cooperation and addressed key issues related to land provision.

During his address, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund underscored the historically positive relationship between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, highlighting cooperation in security, politics, and economics. He expressed optimism about the trajectory of bilateral relations and the potential for significant advancements in trade and transit. Mullah Baradar Akhund conveyed the Islamic Emirate's commitment to playing a supportive role in regional transit, having facilitated necessary infrastructure improvements such as highway reconstruction to connect South and Central Asian countries.

The Deputy Prime Minister also noted the significance of the transit routes through Uzbekistan for Afghanistan's trade with Central Asian nations. Requesting a reduction in transit fees, Mullah Baradar Akhund proposed that increased Afghan exports to Uzbekistan could contribute to achieving a balanced trade balance. He urged Uzbekistan to consider offering special preferential tariffs to further incentivize trade. Mr. Jamshid Khodjaev, leading the Uzbek delegation, expressed Uzbekistan's readiness to collaborate with Afghanistan across various sectors, outlining specific areas of cooperation such as agriculture, transportation, railways, trade, transit, water management, and mining.

Mr. Khodjaev shared that Uzbekistan had developed a trade route map aimed at increasing Afghanistan's exports to Uzbekistan, projecting a trade volume of approximately three billion dollars between the two countries. Additionally, he assured the creation of facilities to ease visa processes for Afghan businessmen and drivers.

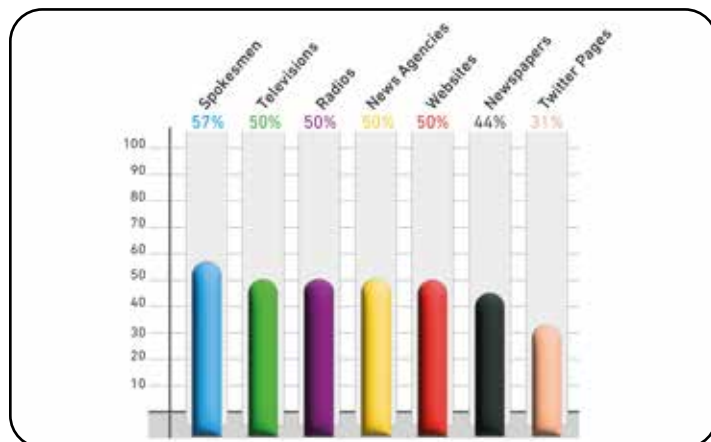
Concluding the meeting, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund expressed gratitude to Uzbekistan for its humanitarian assistance to the earthquake victims in Herat. He emphasized the need for expanded bilateral cooperation between the two nations.

### **The Purpose of the meeting**

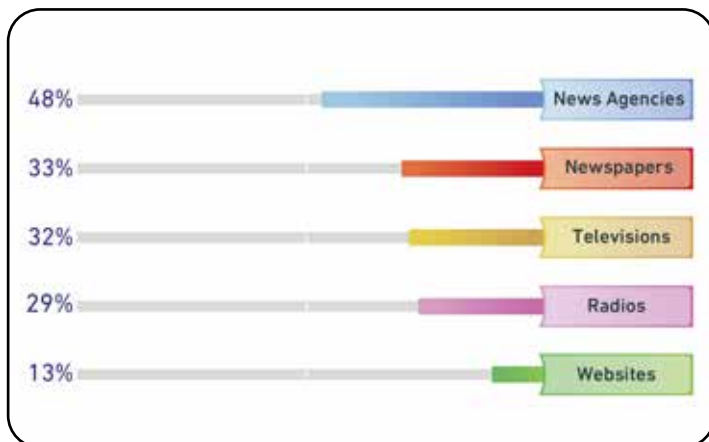
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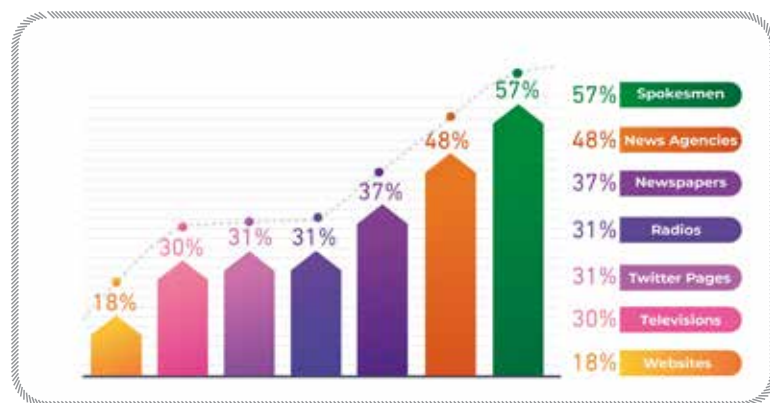
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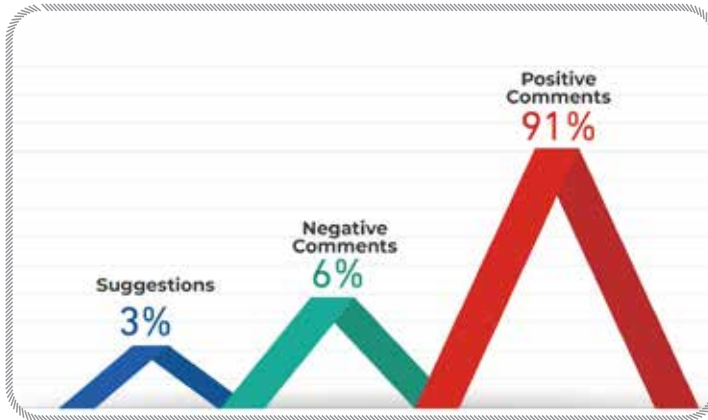


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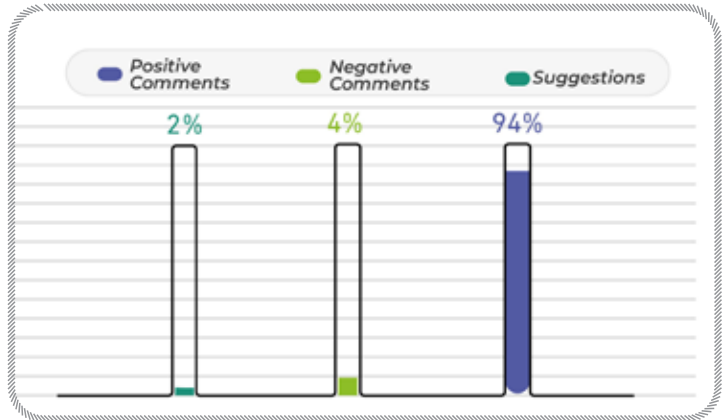
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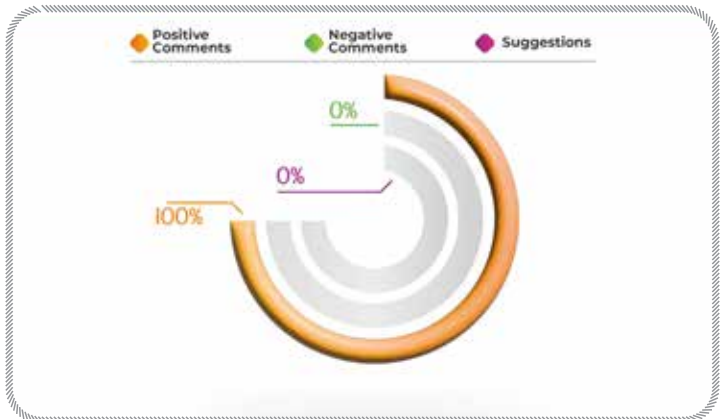
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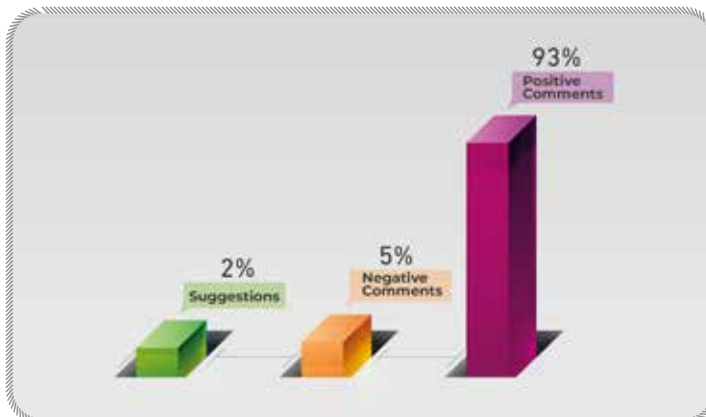
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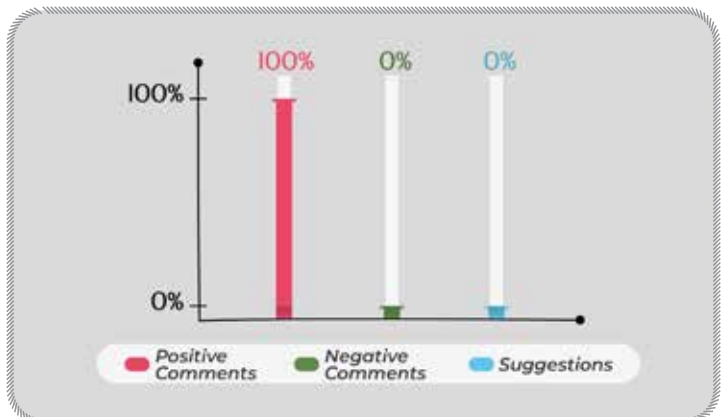
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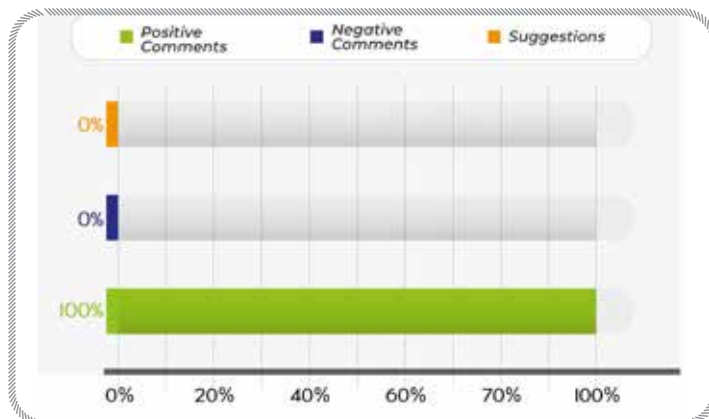


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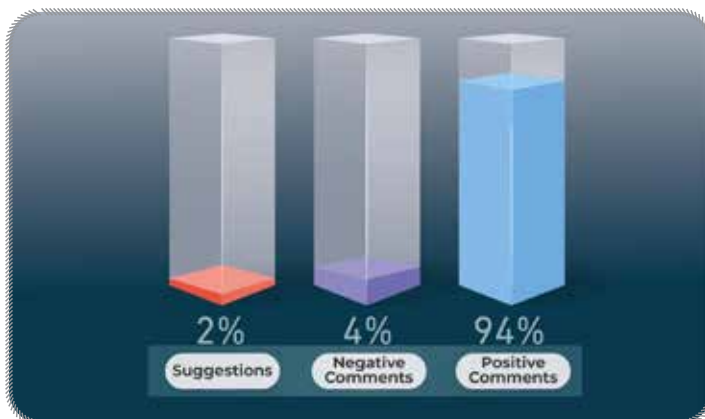




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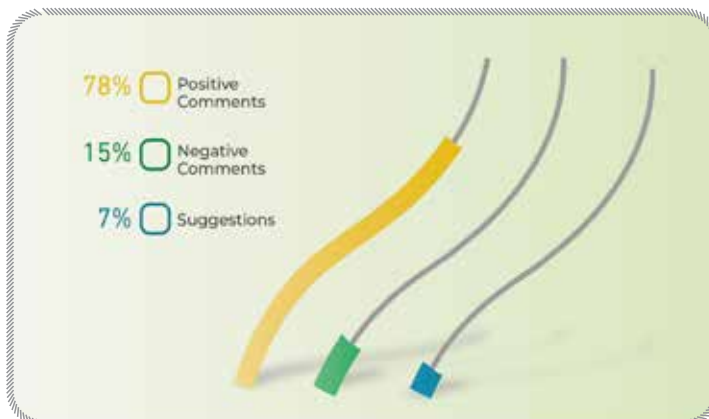


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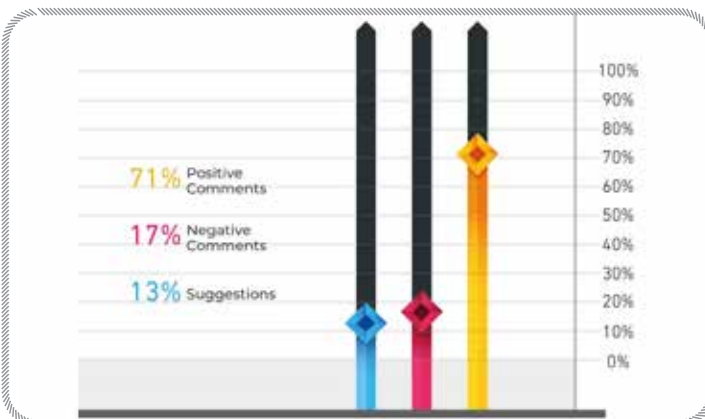


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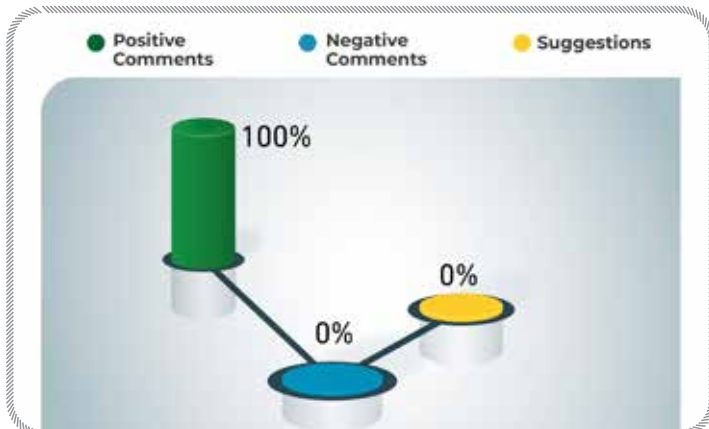
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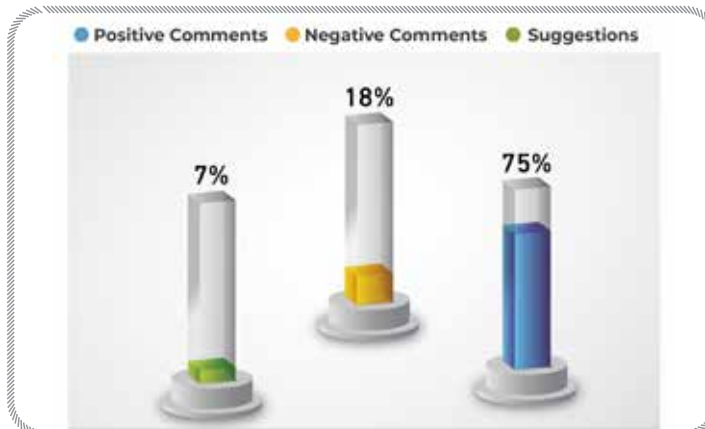
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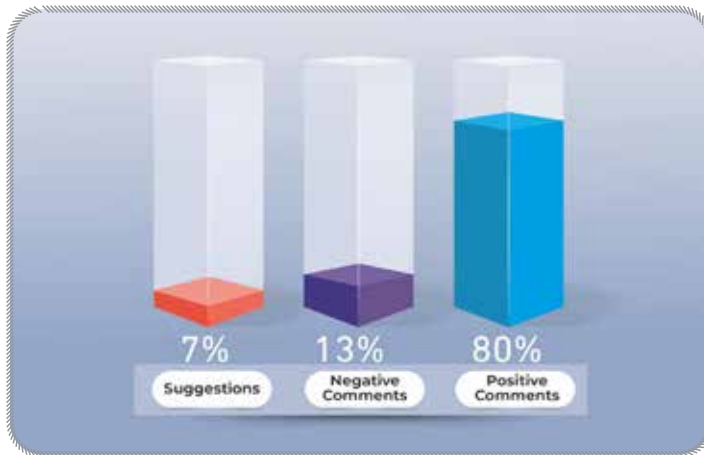
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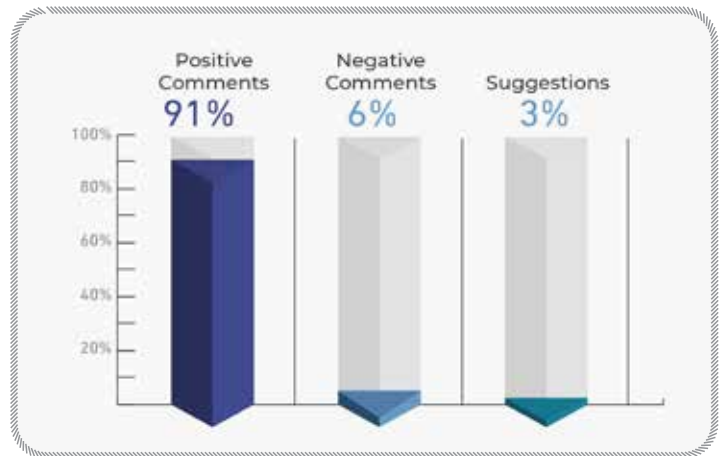
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Overall, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private media. However, private media has a higher percentage of negative comments. When combining the positive, negative, and constructive feedback, the total number of comments is 2985 positive, 202 negative, and 104 constructive, with the percentages being 91%, 6%, and 3%, respectively.

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- ✂ The scarcity of water stands as a root cause of poverty and hunger in the nation, underscoring the imperative need for water management and its optimal utilization.
- ✂ It is essential to broaden and fortify the ties between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. Simultaneously, measures should be taken to streamline visa processes for businessmen from both countries, fostering an environment conducive to increased business activities.
- ✂ In recent years, the lack of independence hindered the implementation of national projects. However, with the establishment of an independent system, significant projects have commenced in the country. Despite opposition from some neighbors, prioritizing our national interests is paramount, and we must steadfastly pursue their achievement.

## After analyzing people's comments on social media and the media in general, several key topics have emerged.

- ✎ **First**, many comments have rightly highlighted the adverse impact of water scarcity on agriculture, leading to economic challenges for numerous individuals. Undoubtedly, water is a vital resource crucial for human life. It is the responsibility of governments to effectively control and manage water resources. Governments should aim not only to address water shortages affecting agriculture but also to harness water for electricity production, a critical aspect of sustainable development. Demonstrating a commitment to responsible governance, the Islamic Emirate has actively engaged in the management of the country's abundant water resources. Since the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, notable and comprehensive projects in water management have been initiated on a national scale. These projects involve the construction of canals and dams, serving the dual purpose of supporting agricultural growth and generating electricity. This strategic approach not only addresses the immediate challenges faced by agriculture but also contributes to the development of the nation's industrial sector.
- ✎ **Second**, some individuals have rightly emphasized in their comments that expanding relations between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan is mutually beneficial. They advocate for the creation of facilities, particularly streamlined visa processes for businessmen, as a means to foster increased trade between the two nations. This perspective is commendable, as stronger and broader diplomatic ties invariably contribute to heightened business development and a more robust economy. This imperative is not exclusive to the Islamic Emirate; other nations should also seek to strengthen their connections with Afghanistan. The strategic geographical location of Afghanistan makes it a pivotal country in the region, offering connectivity for countries to engage with Central Asia through Afghanistan. Addressing the issue of visas, the Islamic Emirate has already taken significant steps to facilitate businessmen and investors. A noteworthy example is the establishment of an inter-ministerial investment committee, solely dedicated to simplifying processes for businessmen and investors. Officials of the Islamic Emirate have consistently endeavored to provide facilities for Afghan businessmen abroad, encompassing areas such as visas and beyond. This commitment underscores the government's proactive approach to support and encourage economic activities.
- ✎ **Third**, in recent years, the lack of independence hampered the implementation of national projects, as governments were often influenced by external forces. However, with the establishment of an independent system, significant and foundational projects have commenced in the country. While some neighboring countries may express opposition, it is crucial to emphasize that Afghanistan prioritizes its national interests and is determined to achieve them. Over the past four decades, Afghanistan has endured wars and challenges, and the governments during this period, for the most part, lacked true independence, operating under external influences. Regrettably, these governments did little to alleviate the country's crisis or free it from dependency. Since

the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, comprehensive projects aimed at achieving self-sufficiency in various sectors have been successfully implemented and continue to progress. Each passing day witnesses growth in sectors such as agriculture, industry, and trade, fostering overall development. There is a tangible possibility that, in the near future, Afghanistan will boast a developed and independent economy, providing its people with a comfortable life. It is fundamental for every country to safeguard its national interests in various forms, and by doing so, a nation can chart a course towards sustainable development. The commitment to protecting national interests is a cornerstone in the journey towards progress and prosperity.

## Conclusion

The government bears the responsibility of fostering development, welfare, and prosperity for its people. It is imperative that the government accelerates its efforts, demonstrating a commitment as a responsible authority to address societal and national challenges in economic, social, and various other domains. The emphasis should be on taking proactive steps towards development, showcasing its dedication to the well-being of the nation. To achieve this goal, it is essential to fortify relations with both neighboring countries and the international community. Afghanistan has endured years of crisis, war, and foreign intervention, which have not only eroded the economic foundation of the nation but have also precipitated challenges in political and social spheres. Following the defeat of the United States in Afghanistan and the subsequent independence of the country, the Islamic Emirate has embarked on a journey to strengthen relations and foster positive interactions globally, regionally, and with neighboring nations across political, economic, and various other domains. This diplomatic outreach aims to fortify political, economic, and commercial sectors through effective communication. The initiative includes cultivating relations with neighboring countries, spanning Central Asia, South Asia, and several others.



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