



Exercise One

Fundamentals of the Policy Process: Creating a Window of Opportunity for Change

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The purpose of this exercise is to improve your ability to identify the key findings, policy implications, and recommendations of research studies. Being able to successfully identify these three elements will enable you to more effectively target and communicate your message to policymakers.

The reading accompanying this exercise is, “Maternal Mortality in Herat Province, Afghanistan: The Need to Protect Women’s Rights”. Facilitators will assign each group one target policy audience to address using this study: international community of donors, Afghanistan central government, Herat medical establishment, or community leaders. Please identify the findings, implications, and recommendations that would be most appropriate and effective to communicate to your target audience to save women’s lives. Next, develop recommendations to present to your target audience. Finally, select someone from your group to report your findings to the large group.

Findings (choose 3-5):

Policy implications:

Recommendations: