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## A Journey of Impact: Reflecting on My Time with the Alliance

Working with the Alliance for Women's Education and Reintegration (AWER) has been a transformative experience, profoundly shaping my personal and professional trajectory. Joining AWER in the summer of 2023 under Professor Rachel Brule's guidance, I witnessed firsthand the culmination of dedicated efforts – the historic inaugural AWER Summit held at the Department of State in January 2024. Reflecting on this past year, a sense of immense pride washes over me. It's been an incredible journey, collaborating with an exceptional team to pave the way for this pivotal moment.

The AWER Summit stands as a testament to the Alliance's visionary aim: bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders from government, private sector, academia, and civil society. This collaborative spirit underscores the unwavering commitment actors across the board have in supporting initiatives like AWER that make a tangible difference in the lives of Afghan women and girls. Contributing to the advancement of educational opportunities, access to employment, and entrepreneurial pursuits for Afghan women and girls has been an immense privilege. Witnessing the summit unfold fueled a sense of deep satisfaction – my personal goals of supporting work in these critical areas perfectly aligned with AWER's mission.

I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a significant cause alongside such dedicated individuals. Special recognition goes to my incredible team, led by Diana Reno, Arianna Ayaz, Roamah Baray and Keya Bharel Waikar, whose unwavering commitment to the AWER mission remains an inspiration. Their dedication and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in this collective success.

