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Rina Amiri is currently an independent consultant. From 2008 to 2012, she served as a senior advisor on Afghanistan for the Office of the Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Before joining SRAP, Ms. Amiri was the director of the Soros Foundation's Afghanistan and Regional Policy Initiative.

From 2002 to 2006, she worked with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and served as a member of the Special Representative of the Secretary General's team responsible for the implementation of the Bonn Peace Accords. As a part of her responsibilities she administered over 90 elections for minority groups, including women, Internally Displaced Persons and refugees. Prior to 2002, Ms. Amiri worked closely with Afghan political leaders in Rome toward finding a political settlement to the Afghanistan war.

As a senior research associate at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School, Ms. Amiri worked with actors from conflict-ridden countries, highlighting the role of local leaders in formulating a bottom-up approach to peace-building. She has provided analysis on Afghanistan and the region at major institutions, including the United Nations, Harvard University, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the State Department, the Council of Foreign Affairs as well as news publications, television, and radio programs, including, CNN, The New York Times and The Boston Globe.

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