

# People of The Fuller Project

THE FULLER PROJECT is the award-winning global nonprofit newsroom dedicated to objective, groundbreaking reporting on women, to raise awareness, expose injustice and spur accountability. We are journalists guided by our own reporting experiences. Our correspondents in the U.S. and around the globe rigorously report on untold stories and the interconnected issues affecting women and their communities everywhere.

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NATO-led Resolute Support mission announced it was reassessing its recruitment approach of Afghan women to ensure their safety.

Sophia's journalism routinely breaks new ground in media coverage, highlighting critical gender dimensions, from how climate change in Afghanistan is leading to child marriage and [threatening future prospects for peace](#), to the [lack of justice for the wives of ISIS fighters](#) and their children in Iraq.

Sophia's [four-part series on sham virginity testing](#) in the U.S. and globally for Marie Claire, which included a New York doctor admitting on record to performing the abusive practice despite there being no medical basis, led to immediate impact. The week after her investigation, the rapper T.I. addressed the issue on a podcast, saying he forced his daughter to undergo virginity tests. Sophia's rigorous reporting underpinned subsequent coverage by dozens of news outlets, and contributed to a reckoning in social media and within the medical community. In response, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology published a first-ever statement about the sham practices, and New York State and California introduced legislation to ban hymen exams. Shortly after publication, medical professionals in the Philippines told The Fuller Project they officially halted the practice of hymen exams, an invasive procedure that previously allowed doctors in government-funded clinics to issue phony virginity cards to women in the sex trade so pimps could charge more.

She conceived and edited a [multi-award winning series](#) in 2018 with ELLE UK on women fighting for rights around the world. One of the articles she edited focused on a squad of policewomen in India investigating and responding to rape. Following publication, the police chief running the program petitioned for more funding and the program expanded to several other Indian states, reportedly employing some 400 policewomen.

Sophia's reporting from Afghanistan was shortlisted for the Biedler Prize for Cancer Journalism and the South

Asian Journalists Association's Daniel Pearl Award for outstanding reporting from South Asia. She was a 2017 grantee of the Fund for Investigative Journalism, European Journalism Centre, and Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, and a 2019 grantee with the National Geographic Society.

Sophia has written and reported for The New York Times Magazine, Marie Claire Magazine, Politico, Foreign Policy, TIME, Foreign Affairs, The Atlantic, NPR, Public Radio International, Elle, Glamour Magazine, SIERRA Magazine, The Christian Science Monitor, The Daily Beast, The New Republic, Reuters, and others. Prior to joining The Fuller Project in 2017, Sophia served as HuffPost's Middle East correspondent from 2013-2016. Before that, she worked as a freelance journalist.

Sophia is certified in battlefield medical aid and trained to safely and responsibly report from conflict zones. She has reported from Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, South Africa, Ghana, Greece, Russia, Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary, Germany, and the United States.

She currently lives in Barcelona with her husband and their rescue dog, Carmelo.

### RECENT REPORTING BY SOPHIA INCLUDE:

- [In Afghanistan, Climate Change Threatens Future Prospects for Peace - National Geographic](#)
- [A Test With No Answer - Marie Claire](#)
- ['They Came to Kill the Mothers.' After a Devastating Attack on a Kabul Maternity Ward, Afghan Women Face Increased Dangers - Time](#)
- [When You're Pregnant During a Pandemic - The Atlantic](#)
- ['Grammie's Taking Food to Other People': A Trucker Keeps Trucking - New York Times](#)

Sophia Jones is the Managing Editor of The Fuller Project, leading a global team of reporters dedicated to investigative and groundbreaking journalism on issues impacting women and their communities, raising awareness on under-reported stories, exposing injustice and sparking action. She is also the founding reporter on The Fuller Project team and plays a central and driving role in building the newsroom.

Sophia is an award-winning journalist and editor who has reported extensively across the Middle East, South Asia, Africa, Europe, and the United States. Through Sophia's reporting on the role of women in peace and conflict, she has explored how gender dynamics shape our world today.

In 2019, Sophia received an award from the Military Reporters and Editors Association for her reporting in The New York Times Magazine on Afghan women in the security forces, examining the complicated, expensive, and controversial U.S.-led NATO effort to recruit, train and keep them alive. This reporting spurred the Afghan Ministry of Interior Affairs and the Ministry of Defense to advance their sexual harassment policies, and the