

BRAC Afghanistan



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Faizabad district of Badakhshan province, located in the northern region of the country.

BRAC is awarded to implement NABDP

BRAC has been awarded to implement the *National Area Based Development Program* (NABDP) in 22 districts of Nangarhar province. This new development approach of the government will be implemented by BRAC for the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). BRAC will hopefully begin the activities in February 2007.

BRAC signs contract to implement WATSAN program

A contract has been signed between MRRD and BRAC to implement *Water and Sanitation Program* (WATSAN) in 8 districts of Badghis and Kabul provinces. The program will be implemented by BRAC Afghanistan with the support from the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). It is expected that the program will begin in February 2007.

Sida representatives meet with BRAC officials

Ms. Malin L. Elisson, Education Adviser of Sida, and Ms. Sofia Orrebrink, Second Secretary of the Swedish Embassy in Kabul met with BRAC officials in January 07 at the central office. They discussed the possibility of extending Sida-supported education program for girls. The Sida representatives indicated to continue their support to the extension of current education program.

BRAC establishes new health sub-centers

As per policy of MoPH, ten new health sub-centers were established in Badghis and Balkh provinces under the PPA project. The sub-centers provide basic health services to underserved and hard-to-reach mountainous areas. The communities are located about 4-6 hours (by foot or donkey/horse) away from the nearest basic health facility. Each sub-center has one medical

doctor, one vaccinator, one community midwife and one support staff.

Canadian Embassy officials hand over the Contribution Agreement

Ms. Dian Youdell, Head of Aid, and Ms. Linda J. Libront, first Secretary of the Canadian Embassy in Kabul handed over the *Contribution Agreement* of the girls' education project to BRAC in 24 January. They met with the BRAC officials and discussed the proposed capacity development program of the senior officials of the Ministry of Education (MoE).

BRAC sends its staff abroad for higher studies

Dr. Dauod Khuram joined the MPH course at the James. P. Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University in Bangladesh. Dr. Qahar Hasrat is currently attending the advanced training course on *Tuberculosis Control Program Management* in



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Joypur, India. This course is organized by the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD).

World Bank conducts impact study on micro-finance program

Ms. Sharnaz of the World Bank has conducted a study on micro-finance program focusing on the livelihoods of the poor women of BRAC in Kabul. The report is yet to be published.

Community Health Workers (CHW) complete training

A total of 90 Community Health Workers

(CHW) completed their 3rd phase of training in January 2007 in Zaranj district of Nimroz province. BRAC Afghanistan is the implementing partner of the Ministry of Public Health in the province and is responsible for implementing the Basic Package of Health Services including tuberculosis control program.

BBC delegate visits micro-finance program

A BBC team visited BRAC micro-finance program in Charikar branch in Parwan province. They met with the beneficiaries involved in tailoring, beauty parlor

business and carpet making. The team asked the borrowers regarding their work, social life, credit facility, earnings and their status in the communities.

BRAC submits concept papers on SEP

BRAC submitted the revised concept paper to MISFA to implement Small Enterprise Project (SEP) in Kandahar and Helmand provinces. The duration of the proposed project is 15 months.

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BRAC Afghanistan distributes seedlings to women nursery raiser where Abdul Hai, Principal of Balkh Agriculture School was present

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