



BRAC Afghanistan Newsletter



Regional Country Director of UN WFP visits Mazar Nursery Project

BRAC conducts 33 courses in February

BTRC of BRAC Afghanistan conducted 33 training courses under three faculties in Kabul, Mazar and other provinces. A total of 540 participants attended in these courses. Of them, 253 were female participants.

MoPH and JICA officials receive training from BRAC

BTRC offered two courses on Training of Trainers (ToT) for the participants of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and JICA. The courses were sponsored by the Global Fund Management Unit (GMFU), European Commission (EC) and JICA. A team of experienced facilitators comprised of both national and expatriate trainers conducted the courses.

WFP officials visit Mazar Nursery project

Mr. Anthony Banbarg, Regional Director of the WFP visited Mazar Nurs

ery project at Takhtapul in Balkh province on 5 February. He was accompanied by the Country Head and Mazar Area Office Head of the WFP, Head of the Balkh Agriculture Department of the government and senior officials of BRAC and WFP. Mr. Banbarg provided suggestions to make project sustainable. Later he visited one community nursery in Balkh district.

BRAC organizes the 1st PSC meeting

The 1st project steering committee (PSC) meeting of CIDA supported girls' education project was held on February. Among others, Secretary (Development) of the Embassy of Canada, senior officials from CIDA HQ in Canada, Senior Adviser of the MoE, Country Coordinator and several other BRAC Afghanistan officials participated the meeting.

CIDA officials visit BRAC schools

Ms. Linda J. Libront, Ms. Zahra Boodhwani and

Ms. Barbara McIleen of CIDA visited two community-based feeder schools in Company area in Kabul province in February. During the visit, they talked to both teachers and students, and observed their performance.

MISFA impact study team visits BRAC office

Dr. Martin Greeley, Institute of Development Studies in Sussex and Mr. Mohit Chaturvedi, IOS MISFA had meeting with the Program Coordinator of BRAC Microfinance Program on 28 February. They discussed about the social impact of the microfinance program in Afghanistan focusing on income and consumption, employment and productivity, vulnerability, emancipation of women, and the mobility of women.

World Bank officials visit BRAC Afghanistan

Mr. K. R. Ramamoorthy, World Bank Consultant and Chairman of the ING

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First PSC meeting at BRAC Office

"Our mission is to work towards a just, enlightened, healthy and democratic Afghanistan free from hunger, poverty, environmental degradation and all forms of exploitation"

Vysya Bank in India visited BRAC on 15 February. He met the Program Coordinator of BRAC Microfinance Program and other senior officials. Mr. Saifullah Saifi, Technical Support Manager of MISFA also attended in the meeting.

SEP will expand to Kandahar and Helmand provinces

BRAC has decided to expand its Small Enterprise Project (SEP) in Kandahar and Helmand provinces. The Area Managers of BRAC have already begun their preliminary activities in those provinces.

BRAC's Participation in the bidding process

BRAC is intending to participate in the bidding process of 13 new districts of Herat, Takhar, Nangarhar and

Paktika provinces for NSP II. The Facilitating Partners will implement maximum of 40 communities in each of the district in the 1st Phase. The remaining communities will be covered in the 2nd Phase of NSP. The project is expected to be started from April 2007 and will continue for seven years.

UNDP official visits BRAC programs in Charikhar

A high level UNDP delegation visited BRAC programs in Charikhar area in Parwan province. They met with the local BRAC officials and discussed about several dimensions of the microfinance program of BRAC.

BRAC physician completes MPH program

Dr. Sher Shah Amin, the

Medical Program Coordinator of BRAC has just completed his MPH program at the Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University in Bangladesh with high credentials. He resumed his duties at BRAC Afghanistan on 9 February 2007.

BRAC TB Control Program Coordinator attends course in India

Dr. Abdul Qahar Hasrat, Tuberculosis Control Program Coordinator of BRAC, successfully completed the International Course on Management, Finance, and Logistics, organized by the Indian Institute of Health Systems Research of Jaipur in India.

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