



BRAC Afghanistan Newsletter



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Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed, the Chairperson of BRAC met with the national staff of BRAC Afghanistan at the central office during his last visit in April 2007. The Deputy Executive Director, Program Coordinator and Program Managers attended in the meeting. The national staff briefed to the Chairperson about BRAC activities in Afghanistan. The Chairperson informed them about current global strategy of BRAC. They also discussed about the future expansion potentials of BRAC activities in Afghanistan.

OXFAM- Novib officials visit BRAC program in Samangan

Ms. Lisa Reilly, Program Manager and Ms. Irina Ulmasova, Program Officer of OXFAM-Novib visited the BRAC Pilot Project on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (CBDRR) at Dara-i-Suf district in Samangan province in April 2007. They met with the community members to know their ideas about

disaster risk reduction activities. The OXFAM team expressed their satisfaction and appreciated the BRAC endeavors for the efficient implementation of the project.

BRAC Chairperson and WFP Regional Advisor visits Mazar Nursery Project

Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed of BRAC and Ms. Bharoti Ramshawmi of the WFP Regional Programme Advisor paid a courtesy visit to Mazar Nursery Project at Balkh province in April 2007. They expressed their happiness and satisfaction about the nursery activities.

BRAC Chairperson visits hospital in Balkh

Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed, Chairperson and Md. Aminul Alam, Deputy Executive Director of BRAC visited Balkh district Hospital in April 2007. They also had a meeting with the hospital administrator and discussed several health related issues.

BRAC staff attends training program abroad

Dr. Mirza Khan, the Deputy Project Manager of the PPA project in Badghis attended the

Child Survival Training Program at Upsala University in Sweden for a month.

Ms. Susan Davis visits BRAC Afghanistan

Ms. Susan Davis, Executive Director of BRAC USA, Director of Global Academic for Social Entrepreneurship and ASHOKA Innovators for the Public visited BRAC programs in Afghanistan. She provided strategic direction for the scaling up of BRAC program activities in Afghanistan.

MISFA delegate visits microfinance program

MISFA team visited Poliskhta branch of microfinance program. They include Dr. Martin Greeley of the Institute of Development Studies Sussex, Ms. Mary Coyle, Vice President of St. Francis Xavier University of Canada and MISFA board members. They visited three microfinance borrower livelihood programs. These are bread shop, grocery shop and tailoring shop. The Program Coordinator and Senior Regional Manager accompanied them.

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WFP Regional Advisor visits BRAC Nursery Project

BRAC firmly believes and is actively involved in promoting human rights, dignity and gender equity through poor people's social, economic, political and human capacity building.

Deputy Executive Director meets with ISDP senior staff

The Deputy Executive Director (DED) of BRAC met with the senior officials of Infrastructure and Social Development Program (ISDP) of BRAC. The Program Coordinator and Program Manager of ISDP also attended the meeting. The DED discussed different issues and provided instructions and directions for smooth implementation of ISDP program in Afghanistan.

BRAC Chairperson visits BTRC

Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed, Mrs. Sarwat Abed and Mr. Aminul Alam visited BTRC in April 2007. During the visit, Mr. Abed presided over a meeting with the senior managers of different BRAC programs. Mr. Abed gave a patience hearing about the discussion. A total of 17 senior managers attended in the meeting.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Program merges with ISDP

In order to ensure the sustainability of the Community Development Councils (CDC) and generate income and employment opportunities at the grassroots level, it was decided by the BRAC Management to merge the Agriculture and Livestock Development Program with the ISDP. This program will be implemented under the direct supervision of the ISDP Program Manager.

Survey on the impact of microfinance program

The World Bank and MISFA have initiated a study on the social and economic impact of the microfinance program in Afghanistan. A research team have visited microfinance program of BRAC in Herat and Nangarhar provinces. They have interviewed

the branch officials and the borrowers to collect information of the study.

BTRC organizes the Supervision, Monitoring and Evaluation course

A 12-day course on *Supervision, Monitoring and Evaluation* was held at BTRC in Kushal Khan Mina campus in April 2007 for the officials of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). The course was implemented as a part of the series of courses funded by European Commission (EC). A total of 17 participants attended the course.

MISFA board meeting held

The board meeting of MISFA held on 17 April 2007 in the MISFA office. The Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan participated in the meeting.

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