



BRAC Afghanistan

Newsletter



The HE Minister of Education and Program Coordinator BRAC, signing the Work Plan 2007



The HE Minister of Public Health and Program Coordinator BRAC, signing the agreement

Work plan 2007 signed by the HE Minister of Education and BRAC

On May 16 2007 in a signing ceremony Mr. Hanceef Atmar, Honorable Minister of Education, Afghanistan, in presence of Mr. Gunendu K. Roy, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan, Dr. Shafiqul Islam, Director of BRAC Education, Program Manager, BRAC Education Program, the Ambassador of Canada, Ms. Diana Youdell, Counsellor Development of CIDA and distinguished guests from International Development agencies and journalists, signed the work plan 2007 for the girls' education project supported by CIDA and implemented by BRAC education program.

2008, in addition of this 37 Sub Health Centers will establish in mentioned provinces. The HE Minister of Public Health Dr. Sayed Amin Fatime and Mr. Gunendu Kumar Roy, Program Coordinator BRAC Afghanistan, signed the agreement.

Meeting with Evaluation team of SIDA

SIDA appointed evaluation team under the leadership of Ms. Pia Karlsson performs the evaluation on BRAC community bases school- supported by SIDA with the objectives to find out social impact and contribution in national education scenario created by the BRAC Afghanistan education program in the line of MOE policy on community base education and to feed into the social reform sectors for the period of 2009 - 2011 under the SIDA initiatives in Afghanistan.

BRAC Information for MIX Market

BRAC Afghanistan participated in the valuable array of services provided by The Microfinance Information eXchange, Inc. (MIX) for microfinance institutions in 2007. BRAC submitted institutional data for 2006

financial year and ensured the getting greater visibility and remains at the forefront of global transparency efforts through the MIX Market and their industry benchmarks to be featured in the MicroBanking Bulletin. BRAC has submitted the questionnaire and the disclosure authorization form.

Agreement of English and Computer Literacy Training

A total of six sub-contract agreements, signed between BRAC Afghanistan and different English and Computer literacy training institutes in six provinces of Afghanistan under the project on "Institutional Support to the Ministry of Public Health at its Provincial Level (ISMPL)" of MoPH funded by EC. As per agreements the training institutes will provide English and Computer literacy training to the officials of the MoPH at provincial level within one year duration.

Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) Proposal

BRAC Health program submitted Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Care (MNCH) proposal to Novib

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Expansion of PPA Health Project

Amended contract was signed on 1st May 2007 between BRAC Afghanistan and Ministry of Public Health for expansion of PPA project Balkh, Badghis and Nimroz provinces. According to this amended contract the PPA project will be expanded up to September

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.

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Oxfam on 22nd May 2007 for EC funded project, it is a community based pilot project in three provinces (Balkh, Parwan and Nangarhar). The project will cover two districts under each province.

MoU signed with AAE

On 13th of May 2007 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the bridge funding to Aid for Afghan Education (AAE) is signed between BRAC Afghanistan Education Program and AAE. This four months long (from April – August 2007) bridge project is designed in consultation of the MoE and CIDA with the objective is to ensure the uninterrupted education opportunity of 2073 girls for the interim period

“April – August of 2007” through the financial supports to the remedial education for girls. Mr. Gunendu K Roy, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan and Ms. Hasina Sherjan, Executive Director of AAE signed the MoU.

MISFA completed its Survey

MISFA had completed its survey coordinated by the World Bank accompanying with MISFA. They did research study on the social and other impact of microfinance program in Afghanistan. Based on this, a research team had visited microfinance program in few provinces to complete the survey. They had visited the active clients and borrowers of microfinance program.

New Staff recruitment

BRAC has recruited some

national staff to fill up the vacant position in different programs. They have started their work from June 2007.

Director, BRAC Education Program visited Education Program

Dr. Shafiqul Islam, Director, BRAC Education Program visits the BRAC-Afghanistan Education program from 15th May - 22nd May 2007. During his visiting period extensive meetings with the core staff of the BRAC Afghanistan Education Program held at BRAC main Office and he also visited school activities in Balkh province.

The survey of Microcredit Summit Campaign

BRAC has submitted Microcredit Summit Campaign survey form by online. The members on behalf of the Social Performance Taskforce wants feedback to select core social performance indicators. This survey was developed by the Social Performance Taskforce to help finalize a list of core social performance indicators that can be used to track the social performance of MFIs on a wide scale.

BRAC set up mobile clinic

During the month of May one extra mobile clinic established in PPA project of Nimroz province for returned refugees from Iran. This clinic has been delivering health services for returned refugees. These health services were

appreciated by the Ministry of Public Health.

Meeting with Ms. Linda

A meeting on the appointment of the provincial Liaison Officers the girls' education project as per request of the MoE under between Ms. Linda J. Libront, First Secretary, Canadian Embassy and the Program Manager, BRAC Education Program.

NSP implementation at new districts in three provinces

BRAC has been awarded for NSP implementation for two years in seven districts of Khawza Bahaud-din and Chah Ab in Takhar, Pachir wa agam and Mohmendara in Nangarhar, and Nika, Ziruk and Gayan in Paktika province. Takhar is the new province, where BRAC will implement NSP Phase II.

UN WFP handed over light vehicle to the Mazar Nursery Project

The Deputy Country Director and OIC of UN World Food Programme in Afghanistan Ms. Rikki Maliklali handed over a light vehicle to responsible BRAC personnel for the GAIN Mazar Nursery Project on May 29th 2007. The vehicle will be used for different Nursery Project activities along with community nursery beneficiary follow up and monitoring Purposes.

NSP contract extension

BRAC also got the contract extension for existing communities in existing 21 districts till March 2009.