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VO members taking oath in a meeting

Every VO meeting starts with chanting 18 principles, comprises of dos' and dont's which regular performing makes the VO members aware about their societal role, responsibilities and motivates them to apply their skills in income generation activities through the proper application of the micro-finance facilities.

In the picture the members of Kart-e-Aman VO in Mazar-E-Sharif are taking oath. This VO was organized in October 2005. Presently this VO has 36 members and of them 34 borrowers and their saving amount is Afn: 95,470. So far they have taken loans on various issues and their outstanding loan amount is Afn: 273,350. Members have been involved in various income generating activities through credit functions and its impacts in their socio-economic conditions and life styles is reflected brightly. Now, the VO members are able to cater their day to day family needs, and are sending their children to schools with full supports.

Orchard gardening creating impacts on Agriculture in Afghanistan:



There is a great opportunity to make the hilly Afghanistan ever green through gardening and plantation. Taking into consideration of the opportunity of making ever green Afghanistan, BRAC has taken initiatives to create Orchard Gardening within its Agriculture and Livestock Development and Credit Support Programme (ALDCSP) with the objectives of ensuring a sustainable income source of the agriculture farmers. Through this Orchard gardening programme the farmers can earn a lot of money on regular basis by producing different types of fruits in the season.

A total of 559 farmers have received training on the establishment of the Orchard Gardening such as Apricot, Almond, Peach, Grapes, Apple and Orange etc in their land.

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Events of October'07



Exhibition on the products of VO members

The VO members of microfinance program have exhibited their products in a meeting organized by MISFA on October 29, 2007. The meeting was attended by high officials and foreign delegates of the World Bank and MISFA. Among others the VO members, branch managers and the Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan were present in the meeting. The distinguished guests have appreciated the VO members for producing these products.

Education Program organized a workshop with Local NGOs:



Workshop on implementation modalities with Afghan Local NGOs

On October 28, 2007 a workshop with local Afghan NGO Heads working as BRAC partners was organized focusing on the implementation modalities of BRAC partnership community base education program in Nangarhar province. The main purpose of this workshop was to make the NGO heads aware about the girls' Education Project and to enhance their capacity on implementation of the BRAC partnership girls' education project. Among the participants a total of 12 NGO Heads were present in the workshop.

Education Quality Improvement Project (EQUIP) inaugurated the newly constructed schools:



In the month of October 2007, the EQUIP Program organized an inauguration ceremony for its newly constructed school building and newly established seventy six libraries and forty five science laboratories in different schools under Parwan and Kapisa provinces. Representatives from the Provincial head quarters and the communities including BRAC officials were present in the ceremony.

Health Program submitted its expression of interest on HIV prevention project to MoPH in October 07 and has been accepted by MoPH. A request letter from MoPH has been issued to BRAC Afghanistan Health program to prepare a proposal on the HIV prevention project.

An international team of visitors from Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) along with representative from National Tuberculosis Control and local WHO office visited BRAC Afghanistan TB control of Bakhtan clinic in Nangarhar province on 29th October. They appreciated BRAC TB control program.

BRAC Training and Resource centre (BTRC) has provided training courses to International Organizations on Office Management, Project Proposal Writing, and Monitoring & Evaluation in October 2007. The Project Proposal writing Course was sponsored by Asia Foundation for the staff members of Independent Election Commission (IEC), Afghanistan.

In addition, a workshop on HIV/AIDS facilitated by Dr. Savitri, who is from India, was held at BTRC, Kabul from 28–31 October 2007. The workshop was organized and sponsored by OXFAM – NOVIB, Netherlands.

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