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Building Self-sustainability through a traditional venture by Ms. Toorpikai, Kabul

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Newsletter

School room construction under Education programme:

BRAC run Girls' Education Project has taken to construct 750 two rooms school structure within its designated project areas by four years project period. As a part of this function in Balkh province some 20 spots have been selected to construct the two rooms' school structure in consultation with community people and local education departments. In Naharishi District of Balkh where the classroom construction work is inaugurated by District Education Director dated on December 5, 2007. During the inauguration speech the Education Director expresses that a lot of children specially girls of this community are not getting the opportunity to access in education due to lack of schools, now through establishment of this school children of the community will get opportunity to access in education. He also expresses his gratitude to BRAC Afghanistan and at the end he also offers doya with the community people for this construction works.

HE Minister visited Health Programme:

The HE Minister of Public Health visited BRAC Health Programme,

Balkh on 14th of December. The Director General of Provincial Public Health Directorate and Acting Director of Policy and planning/ Head of Grant contract Management unit also visited with the minister and had meeting with BRAC staff.

Journalists from Abu Dhabi TV visit BRAC Microfinance:

On 6th December, a delegate team from Abu Dhabi TV Emirates Media Inc. visited BRAC Microfinance program for a documentary of Rural Economic Development Programme in Afghanistan for their Emirates TV channel. They visited Polishukta Branch office and some female borrowers working place, such borrowers are doing income generating activities of beauty parlor, carpet making, blankets making and stationary shop. They asked several questions regarding the importance of Microfinance program to their life and income generating activities. The participants of the visiting team acknowledged with in-depth knowledge regarding the different functions of BRAC Microfinance program and its positive effects and progress in this country. They also discussed on the, they

Conveyed their contentment to BRAC Microfinance programs activities in Afghanistan.

Inaugural Ceremony of Girls school:

Newly constructed Harejalali Secondary Girls School has been inaugurated in Parwan province on 30.12.07 under the Education Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP). The Provincial Governor, Provincial Education Director, representative of BRAC, community leader and general public attended the inaugural ceremony and be thankful for immensely qualitative activities of BRAC.

Building self-sustainability through a traditional venture:

Toorpikai, 35 years old woman with her four children used to life in Qalae wazir area of Kabul Province. Earlier she was passing a very agonizing life since it was not possible for her to meet her all family expenditure only from the income source of her husband who is taxi driver. So, this situation brought about that Toorpikai seeks another source, in order to financially support her family. So, through the taking small loan form BRAC

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.



Provincial Governor of Kapisa visited the activities of Education Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP).

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Microfinance program, she started her blanket waving business. And, now she feels quiet changes in her family life than earlier before. She can send her children to school and able to provide her family's necessities. She now feels empowered to make decisions on her own in the family as she has the financial support for her family.

Meeting with Director, Primary Education Department:

On December 31, 2007 a meeting with Director, Primary Education Department of Education Ministry, Afghanistan is held at BRAC central Office, Kabul in presence Program Manager, BRAC Afghanistan Education Program where the bilateral issues in the context of community base school implementation which as coordination, cooperation and participation of both parties in the Primary Education of Afghanistan are discussed elaborately. Mr. Gunendu Kumar Roy, Country Coordinator, BRAC Afghanistan concludes the meeting expressing thanks to the Director and others.

BRAC Training Programme:

BRAC Training and Resource centre organized 9 training courses during the month of December, 2007. Among them Health Planning and Budgeting course was offered for the officials of Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and the course was sponsored by EC. The Office Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Participatory Learning and Action courses were offered for International Organizations. The courses were funded

by The Asia Foundation, Solidarite Afghanistan Blegique, and UNICEF respectively. Another course was facilitated for local women headed NGOs. The course was done from NOVIB fund. A total of 174 participants attended in different courses in December 2008, out of them no. of female was 82.

BRAC submitted proposal on HIV/AIDS Prevention:

BRAC submitted the technical and financial proposal on HIV/AIDS Prevention Project on 4th December to Ministry of Public health.

Embargoed SOCR report and press release:

Microcredit Summit Campaign, Washington DC, had asked for the partnership in publicity for the State of the Campaign Report (SOCR) 2007. In this consequence, BRAC circulate the Embargoed SOCR report on dated 18th of December, in two famous English Newspapers such as the Daily Outlook Afghanistan and the Kabul Times.

BRAC staff completed the course:

Dr Sher Shah Amin, Medical Program Coordinator, successfully completed International Course on Management, Finance, and Logistic in Kabul during the month of December 2007.

A team from Education Ministry visits BRAC school:

A two member team comprising of Mr. Afjal Hanifi, Monitor, literacy department, and Mr. Niazi, Monitor, literacy department of Education Ministry, Afghanistan visit BRAC run Said Ismaile Bally Community Base School for older

Children (BEOC) at Nahari top area in Mazar-i-sharif on November 15, 2007. At the time of visiting they talk with the Students, Teacher and Program Organizer and check the attendance registers, evaluation register, lesson plan along with assess the students' performance in classroom. Observing the students' performance they express their satisfaction to BRAC School.

PDC Sector working Group's meeting held in Parwan:

Social protection sector's meeting held on 30th December 2007 at Relief Development and Governance, UNAMA in Parwan province. In the important meeting, BRAC officials attended and expressed important opinions.

Provincial Governor visit to EQUIP Program:

In the month of December, 2007 the Provincial Governor, Provincial Education Director, and others provincial personnel visited the activities of Education Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP) at Kapisa. They discussed on EQUIP and appreciated the activities of BRAC and assured to continue their support.

Received Expression of Interest from MoPH:

BRAC health program received Expression of Interest from Ministry of Public Health for a pilot project by name of HSS (Health System Strengthening).