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Award certification to the participants of Inset I training



Laghmani Girls Secondary School at Charikar under EQUIP

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BRAC Afghanistan

Newsletter

Deputy Executive Director, BRAC visits in Afghanistan:

Md. Aminul Alam, Deputy Executive Director of BRAC visited Afghanistan on January 18th - 23rd, 2008. During his tenure of visit, he had a meeting with the Program Managers of different BRAC development Programs and senior officials of Micro Finance, NSP, Education and Health Program. Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan also attended in these meetings. The DED had also a meeting in BTRC with the national faculty members and other expatriates. The DED discussed different issues and provide necessary instructions to implement new programs expedite the working activities.

Community Education Meeting held in Kabul:

A coordination meeting focusing on Afghanistan Girls' Education Initiatives (AGEI) with the Community Education Providers was held in BRAC Central Office, Kabul. The meeting was arranged by Ministry of Education and BRAC. Among the participants Mr. Abdul Basir Advisor -

Ministry of Education, Ms. Miki Tanae Education Specialist-UNICEF, Program Manager BRAC Education Program attended in the meeting. The Media and Gender Communication Officer UNICEF, the Education Program Specialist UNESCO, Ms. Lailuma ETSO - SCA, the Education Officer - SCS also participate in the meeting.

External audit for BRAC PPA:

The Ministry of Public Health carried out an external Audit for BRAC Health's PPA program in Balkh Province.

Award Certification to participants on training:

Mr. Abdul Rahim Rashidi, District Governor, Mirbachakot district and Mr. Golam Rasul, District Education Director awarded certificates to the participants of Inset - I training. As the part of capacity development of Hub schools, the training course continues from January 12th~24th, 2008 in Sakerdara of Kabul province. Mr Abdul Kahar, District Education Director awarded certificates among the participates and expresses his profound satisfaction observing the

quality of the training course. Another batch of the training course also continues from January 12th ~26th, 2008 in Mir bachakot district in Kabul. On completion day, they also expressed their deep satisfaction for implementing such type of training program in Afghanistan.

Effective Field Monitoring Course:

Two senior staff from BRAC Microfinance Program attended a day long course on "Effective Field Monitoring Techniques" organized by MISFA. The course was held in a hotel in Kabul on January 31st 2008.

Capacity Building courses in Health Program:

Dr Basir Sherzad, Technical Officer of BRAC, is pursuing MPH course in the James. P. Grant School of Public Health under BRAC University in Bangladesh.

Dr Mirza Khan Bashermal, Deputy Project Manager, PPA Badghis Province went to Bangladesh at ICDDR,B for one week to attend on "Child Survival Work

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.



Branch Manager meeting with the Credit Officers in Polishukta Branch, Kabul

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Expression of Interest:

International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) acknowledged BRAC effort to stop TB and expressed their interest to resume the previous FDELIS (Fund for Innovative DOTs Expression through Local Initiatives to Stop TB) program.

Newly constructed school Inaugural under EQUIP:

Under the new school construction program of BRAC, two new school named Horijalali Mixed Secondary School & Lagmani Girls Secondary School were inaugurated on January 1st & 3rd, 2008 at Parwan province under Education Quality Improvement Project (EQUIP). The respective Governor, Provincial Education Director, members of School Management Committee (SMC), parents, members of Teacher Association (PTA), teachers, students and BRAC personnel attended in the inaugural ceremony.

NABDP Training in Nangarhar:

A course on “Participatory Planning and Project Management plan” has been conducted for District Development Assembly (DDA) members organized by BRAC Nangarhar under National Area Based Development Program (NABDP) at Surkhrod District held on December 30 2007 to 2nd January 2008. This training was held as pilot program

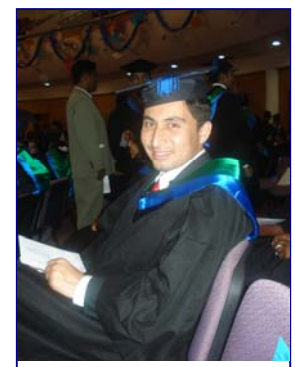
under NABDP. After completion of this first pilot training, the rest of 21 district trainings will be held within next four months. In the training session, besides BRAC, International Red Crescent (IRC) trainers also attended. A observation team of MRRD from Kabul attended in this training session as an executor.

Outstanding Performance of Pule Shukta Branch – A Profile of Microfinance Program:

One of the oldest microfinance branches of BRAC Afghanistan named Pule Shukta, covered northern side of Kabul, reaches at 2,530 numbers of active clients having 2,151 number of active borrowers. In the surrounding area, there are around 3,500 household and total population is near about 11,000. At this moment, the branch has reached in sustainable position fully in terms of all its expenditures. In Polishukta branch office; there are total 13 Credit Officers (COs) along with one Branch Manager are working. Beside microfinance program, BRAC also implemented Small Enterprise project (SEP) and Agriculture and Livestock Development and Credit Support Program (ALDCSP). Under the income generating programs, BRAC is providing credit and technical support to the vulnerable poor women, agri-

culture and livestock farmers and small entrepreneurs of this area. There are total of 92 village organizations in this branch office. As of December 2007, from this branch office USD 2,393,290 amount of loan has been disbursed as cumulative and portfolio outstanding reaches at USD 563,039. According to Branch Manager Ms. Amena, “Micro Finance helped the Afghan people sustain and expand very small, self-supporting businesses and solving some of the life challenges. It also works for poverty alleviation as well as work to grow the empowerment of the poor, especially women”. Credit officers also obey the rules and strategy of BRAC by which they are able to achieve the outstanding performance with their hard work and dedication.

BRAC Staff completed MPH Course:



Dr. Daoud Khuram, successfully completed the Master of Public Health (MPH) course in the James. P. Grant School of Public Health under BRAC University in Dhaka, Bangladesh.