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Newsletter

A view of Jalalabad Crop field

Education Development Forum held in Kabul

A two-day long Education Development Forum organized by the Ministry of Education in Afghanistan was held on 12~13th February 2008 at the conference room of the Ministry of Foreign affairs in Kabul. The Forum was inaugurated by His Majesty Mr.Hamid Karzai, Honorable President. Country Program Coordinator and Program Manager attended to the ceremony along with other BRAC officials participated in the working session.

Inaugural Ceremony of newly constructed school under EQUIP

Newly constructed Tajrubai Mixed Secondary School has been inaugurated at Charikar district in Parwan province on February 14, 2008 under the Education Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP) funded by World Bank. The Provincial Governor, Education Directorate secretary of Parwan province,

BRAC personnel, community Leader and teachers attended the inaugural ceremony.

Training program organized by BTRC

A training program on *Office Management* was offered to the Senior officials of the H.E. President Office has been organized by BTRC in the month of February at Civil Servants Training Institute in Kabul. This program sponsored by the Asia Foundation.

In February month, another training course on Project Planning & Management and Monitoring & evaluation was conducted by BRAC at BRAC BTRC Centre. A total of 12 officials from National Solidarity Program and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development were benefited in this training.

CIDA delegations visit BRAC School

Ms. Kara Mitchell, Ms. Sue Wiebe, Ms.Barbara Mellveen and Ms.Nazifa Abbedi of CIDA visited BRAC run Ciabini community base school and observed the basic

training program for teachers in Benihiser of Bagrami district in Kabul province. During the visit they talked to both teachers and students and observed their performance. CIDA delegates also expressed their profound satisfaction to BRAC program in Afghanistan.

Kabul Provincial Education Director visited Education Program:

The Provincial Education Director of Kabul and other government high officials visited BRAC operate three community based school named Qalai Kander 1 & 2 and Qalai Baglak school of Bagrami district in Kabul province on February 6, 2008 for monitoring the ongoing education program. They observed the performance of students and teachers while visiting these schools. They expressed their profound satisfaction and assure to continuous cooperation to BRAC operate community base schools.

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.



A view of newly constructed Tajrubai Mixed Secondary School

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Study tour for NGO officials to India

A group of NGO officials consisting with Local and International NGOs arranging study tour to India which was sponsored by Oxfam NOVIB. This study tour could reflect the development strategies of NGOs to these participating officials. Two national staffs from BRAC will participate the team for ten days long study tour in India.

Exposure Visit to India

World Bank organized an exposure visit to India to have experience on WAT-SAN project. Official of MRRD, WATSAN and Project Manager of BRAC Afghanistan NSP Mr. Mujibur Rahman were included into the team. The exposure visit took place between February 9~19, 2008. The purpose of the tour was to observe and study the significant achievement made under rural water supply and sanitation projects. During the tour, the team closely observed and learnt from the experience of India innovative projects in water supply and sanitation as well as they also saw the certain models like school latrine, hygiene education program campaign, garbage collection practice and community library.

Intl. Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases

International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (IUTALD) has expressed their interest to BRAC Afghanistan for

an extension of the previous FIDELIS (Fund for Innovative DOTS Expansion through Local Initiatives to Stop TB) program with a possible expansion covering new areas. IUTALD will provide US\$ 500,000 for the proposed extension over two years commencing from April 2008.

BRAC Afghanistan in consortium with ACTD

BRAC Afghanistan in consortium with ACTD (Afghan Center for Training and Development) submitted a proposal for Community Midwifery Education Program in Nimroz Province supported by Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI) due to commence in 2008. The Afghan Ministry of Public Health has recommended BRAC as the implementer of this program which awaits the agreement signing. GAVI will provide a grant of US\$ 299,969 for the aforementioned project.

Expression of Financial Support for Community Nursing Program

Spanish Provincial Rehabilitation Team of Badghis expressed interest to financially support BRAC for establishing a Community

Nursing Program in Badghis province during the meeting with BRAC provincial management.

Seedling Distribution Ceremony at Mazar

The Mazar Nursery project has commenced its 2nd year seedling distribution among 400 community nursery beneficiaries on 28th of February 2008.



Seedling distribution ceremony at Mazar

The inaugural ceremony was held at the Takhatapul nursery premises with presence of Mr. Jaher Whdate, deputy governor of Balkh province, district governor of Nahri Shahi, Provincial Security officials, heads of UN and international agencies including WFP, UNDP, ASAP and also attended high authorities of different ministries. The invited guests distributed seedlings of different fruits and timber varieties and hand tools to the women beneficiaries at the ceremony.