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BRAC Afghanistan

Newsletter

BRAC Founder and Chairperson Awarded Honorary Doctorate by Columbia University

We are delighted that BRAC Founder and Chairperson Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Columbia University in the United States for his comprehensive approach to fighting poverty, the powerful model of social change that he has introduced and his abiding commitment to serving the poorest and most vulnerable. BRAC Afghanistan publishes this message for the courtesy of "The Kabul Times" and "The Daily Outlook Afghanistan".

Parliament Members visited BRAC office

Dr. Kabir Ranjbar, Ms. Safia Sidiqui honorable parliament Members and Ms. Fatana Gailani, President of Afghan Women Council visited BRAC office on May 28, 2008. The Country Coordinator briefly pre-

sented the BRAC activities in Afghanistan.



Parliament Member visited BRAC

The honorable guests expressed their gratitude to BRAC and they have requested BRAC to emphasize more on Agriculture sector in Afghanistan.

Delegates of Denmark visited Microfinance program

On 8th May, 2008, the Denmark embassy delegates Mr. Essa Shamal, Programme Officer along with Ms. Pernille Mortensen, First Secretary of Denmark embassy and Mr. Jacob Svendsen, Journalist of POLITIKEN visited Microfinance beneficiaries at Mirbacha Kot district of Kabul province. They were pleased to learn on BRAC Microfinance loan and income generating activities. They expressed their willingness

to highlight all information into their Embassy website which is read by fairly wide range of people worldwide.

President of VITAL EDGE AID visits BRAC program

On 21st May, 2008, Mr. Robin Bailey Vyner, President of VITAL EDGE AID visited the BRAC Microfinance beneficiaries' work place and BRAC run Girls' Education Program in Kabul province. He also visited two BRAC run Community Base Accelerated Learning schools and talked to both teachers and students and observed their performance.

He also visited Mazar Nursery Project in Balkh province on dated 23rd May, 2008.

BRAC Afghanistan in consortium with ACTD

BRAC Afghanistan in consortium with ACTD (Afghan Center for Training and Development) submitted an expression of interest to

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.



BRAC Education Project

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Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on 20th May, 2008 for basic training of vaccinators and the refresher training of MoPH health workers.

CIDA delegates visit BRAC School

A high profile team of CIDA has visited BRAC Afghanistan runs Girls' Education Project in Parwan on 15th May, 2008. They observed and monitored the overall project activities and the students' performance in terms of quality education and discussed with BRAC officials and Provincial Education Director about the project's impact on the formal education in Parwan province.

Director of MoE pays visits to BRAC Bangladesh

Ms. Hamida Nizami, Director of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Afghanistan had a 10 days short visit to BRAC Bangladesh from 1st June ~ 10th June for observing the five months long capacity development training of the MoE officials. During her visit, she observed the BRAC run education program and Government Primary Education systems in Bangladesh and met with BRAC Chairperson Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed. She also met with Director General of Primary & Secondary Education and some Government

Educational personalities. She expressed profound satisfaction for BRAC's initiatives in Education sector.

BRAC submitted project proposal

BRAC submitted project proposal to the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on 14th May for providing the Mobile Health Team in Balkh, Badghis and Nimroz provinces. The proposed budget amount is US\$ 596,712

Meeting with the MISFA officials

High officials of MISFA (Microfinance Investment Support and Facility for Afghanistan) had meeting with the Country Program Coordinator and BRAC officials on 29th May at BRAC office. The meeting reviewed on Microfinance program activities. They expressed their interest to expand operations in Kandahar and Helmand. However, the delegates expressed their satisfaction on so far Operational Self-Sufficiency (OSS) of BRAC.

BRAC officials attended training in Kabul

Afghanistan Microfinance Association (AMA) organized a training program on Investment for MFIs on May 22, 2008 in

collaboration with PlaNet Finance which was held at Setara Hotel in Kabul. From BRAC, Mr. Abdul Hadi and Ms. Frozan, Assistant Area Manager, Microfinance Program attended in the training course.

BRAC Staffs completed the course

Dr. Anas-ul-Haq, Dr. Kalimullah, Dr. Nafisa Sadat and Dr. Rasool-gul Samar of BRAC



Participants on training

completed the three weeks long course on Health System Management at Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan

New Staffs recruited from Tajikistan

BRAC Afghanistan Health Program has newly recruited a team of Health providers including Midwives, Gynecologist and a surgeon from Tajikistan. They have been deployed in Murghab Hospital under PPA project in Badghis.