



**A Certificate Program on Education Management**

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**Press Conference on BRAC's Hilton Prize**

All members of BRAC Afghanistan are delighted that BRAC has been selected to receive the World's largest Humanitarian prize "The 2008 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize of \$ 1.5 million" from more than 225 nominees. BRAC Afghanistan organized a press conference on August 30, 2008. The Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan briefed to media partners and elaborated the BRAC activities. The press release is covered by the Media and TV Channels of Afghanistan included BBC world Service.

**MoE officials receives five month long course**

A five month long certificate course for 20 high officials of Afghan Ministry of Education is completed on August 11, 2008 which was held at BRAC center, Bangladesh and organized by BRAC Afghanistan Education Program in assistance of Training Division, Bangladesh. All participants are awarded certificates by H.E. Karim Nawabi, Afghan Ambassador to Bangladesh, Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director of BRAC, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro. V.C BRAC University and

Ms.Hamida Nizami, Director Basic Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. On the occasion all of the distinguished Guests deliver their speech on the effectiveness of the training course in rebuilding of Afghanistan.

**MoE sought assistance from BRAC to improve Science lab**

On August 21, a meeting was held between BRAC and Ministry of Education on establishment of science lab at Secondary and High Schools in Afghanistan along with capacity development of lab technicians and concern subject teachers of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics.



In the meeting, H.E. Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Ghaznawi explained in detail about the functions and utility of science lab in terms of quality education and requests BRAC Afghanistan to help in development of the science lab. The Country Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan expressed the BRAC's commitment to assist in this context.

**BRAC Afghanistan in consortium with ACTD**

BRAC Afghanistan in consortium with ACTD (Afghan Center for Training and Development) submitted an expression of interest to Ministry of Public Health for implementation of Basic Package of Health Service (BPHS) in USAID supported provinces.

**Completion of Afghanistan Health Survey**

Data collection of Afghanistan Private Sector Health Survey has been completed. The survey study is part of Afghan Ministry of Public Health policy revision. This is a joint collaboration program with World Bank and USAID.

**Training course on English Language and IT**

BRAC Training and Resource Centre, BRAC Afghanistan and BRAC University Bangladesh jointly launched a three-month long English Language and IT Course for the national staff of BRAC Afghanistan from August 16, 2008. Twenty five staff members are participating in the language course from different programs of BRAC Afghanistan.

**Microfinance planning for expansion**

Microfinance has planned to extend its activities focusing

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on “*Agriculture and Live-stock*” in Ghor and Daidkundi provinces. BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan already submitted proposal to MISFA Ltd in the month of August.

**BTRC organizes the Monitoring and Supervision course**

A two-day long Orientation Course on Monitoring and Supervision Checklist was organized for the Supervisors of the Ministry of Education (MoE). A total number of 20 participants attended in the course where 2 were females. BTRC has developed monitoring and supervision techniques for the MoE under the UNESCO project.

During the month 13 courses were offered for 265 participants of different national and international organizations. Among them 102 were female.

**A workshop on needs assessment of English teaching**

BRAC Afghanistan Education Program is going to implement the subject based training on English, Science, Mathematics and Computer under the girls’ education



project. In this context, two expatriates from Bangladesh arrived Afghanistan to work on this issue. A day long workshop on effective training module on English teaching is organized by BRAC

Training and Resource Center, Kabul on August 25, 2008. A total of 25 teachers from different schools of Afghanistan took part in the workshop and gave their valuable suggestions which will significantly assist to enrich the training module.

**NSP implemented sub-projects**

In the month of August, BRAC completed 72 sub-projects under the National Solidarity Program (NSP) in Helmand, Paktika, Nangarhar, Samangan and Badghis provinces. It is a great achievement for BRAC Afghanistan in spite of deteriorated security situation in some areas.

**Submission of Project Proposal**

Several Project Proposals such as; Gabion Weaving Project, Disaster Mitigation Program, Extension of WATSAN/Kabul and Badghis , Baseline Survey in Southern and Eastern Region have been submitted to the respective department in the month of August, 2008 by Infrastructure and Social Development Program (ISDP).

**BRAC officials attended training in Kabul**

Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA) organized a training program on Delinquency Management for MFIs on August 02, 2008 which was held at MISFA office. From BRAC, Mr. Roohullah and Mr. Ismail Assistant Area Manager, Microfinance Program attended in the training course.

**Exposure visit to Bangladesh**

One official of BRAC

Micro-finance Afghanistan program had an exposure visit to Bangladesh from 11 to 16 August, 2008. The purpose of visit was to exchange experience of Bangladeshi MFIs organized by MISFA Ltd.

**Evaluation of Health Program**

Third Party Evaluation by John Hopkins University, USA of Performance based Partnership Agreement (PPA) projects is underway in three respective provinces: Balkh, Badghis and Nimroz in this month of August.

**Program Head of Health visits Health Program**

Program Head of BRAC Health Program Bangladesh, Dr. Kaosar Afsana visited the health program in Parwan province and Badakshan province during 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September .She met with the Provincial Public Health Director and discussed the issues of implementing health program in Afghanistan.

**Country Program Coordinator visits in Balkh**

Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan paid his visit to Balkh province from 17 to 20 August 2008. During the visit, he observed the BRAC program in Balkh province and reviewed the program activities with the key officials as well as the field staff. He provided precious suggestions for the improvement and extension of programs.