



An agreement was signed between BRAC Afghanistan and Bank Alfalah

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Abducted BRAC staffs released in Afghanistan

At first and foremost, we offer our core gratefulness to Almighty Allah that Md. Shahjahan Ali and Md. Akhter Ali, Area Manager of Microfinance program of Ghazni province were taken by armed men from branch office on 23rd October 2008, has finally released on 2nd November 2008. We express our gratitude to all the respectable Ministries; H.E Hanif Atmar, Minister of the Ministry of Interior, H.E Mr. Ehsan Zia, Minister of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), H.E Mr. Asif Rahimi, Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, all the related Government organization, national and international NGOs and MFIs, Department of National Security, the provincial Government and Department of Security and Police of Ghazni, heartiest homage for the people of Afghanistan in all corners to make the all out efforts towards a peaceful and happy end of the tragic event. The released news was published in different newspaper and local TV channels.

BRAC staffs on the way towards Bangladesh.

Abducted BRAC staffs Md. Shahjahan Ali and Md. Akhter Ali, Area Manager of Microfinance program of Ghazni province returned in his home country dated on 3rd November after 10 days of imprisonment in the hands of an unidentified group. They landed at Dhaka Zia International Airport in a flight from Dubai a day after they left Kabul.

First Commercial Bank Loan to MFI in Afghanistan

An agreement of US\$ 1 million loan was signed between BRAC Afghanistan and Bank Alfalah Ltd (UAE based bank) on November 08, 2008 for keeping in view the need for diversifying sources of funds. This is landmark event in the history of microfinance in Afghanistan and in order to meet the huge demand and potential of the Afghan microfinance sector. Md. Aminul Alam, Executive Director, Overseas program of BRAC signed the agreement. The Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan, Managing Director of BRAC Afghanistan Bank, Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan

Microfinance program and MISFA high officials attended the signing ceremony

Meeting with the Head of Mission in German Embassy

The Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan had a meeting with Mr. Christian Buck, Hon'ble Head of Mission, Embassy of German on 19th October 2008 at German Embassy in Kabul. The discussion of the meeting is to share BRAC activities in Afghanistan and to know the priority of German agency, PRT in Badakshan especially in the maternal Child health in Afghanistan.

The policy of CBS implementation workshop

BRAC Afghanistan Education Program organized a two day long workshop on



"The policy of CBS (Community Based School) implementation" with the Managers,

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Presentation on English Training Module

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Master Trainers and Monitors of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program and it was facilitated by the officials of Afghan Ministry of Education (Basic Education Department) from 20 to 22 October 2008. The purpose was to suggest how to keep consistency with this policy in CBS establishment and operation of BRAC Education program for ensuring the Brac initiatives as the best supplementary effort to Ministry of Education. The Country Program Coordinator, Brac Afghanistan and Ms. Hamida Nizami, Director of Basic education expressed that this workshop will be helpful for Brac Staffs to carry out their responsibilities according to the expectation of Basic education Department of Afghanistan.

Presentation on English Training module

With a view to increase the capacity development of government school teachers, BRAC education program screened a presentation on English Training module for Master trainers. On 14th October 2008 in presence of the representative of Ministry of Education, Teacher Education Program, Teachers Training College and other BRAC high officials.

BRAC Afghanistan has started a two-weeks long subject based training on English and the first batch training for Master Trainers of education program was started on October 25, 2008. A total of 17 participants from Teachers Training College (TTC), Teacher Education Program and different government schools took part in the first batch.

Afghanistan has been awarded with Global Fund for Round 8

The Global Fund against AIDS, TB and Malaria approved Afghanistan's proposal on TB (Tuberculosis), Malaria and Health System Strengthening (HSS). BRAC Afghanistan Health Program will be responsible for implementing these grants as Principal Recipient (TB & Malaria) along with the Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health and HN-TPO.

Cross border control of Malaria and TB workshop

Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Program Manager of BRAC Health Program attended the three days workshop in "The eve of cross border control of communicable diseases especially Malaria and Tuberculosis" which was held in Sheraz, Iran from 19 to 23 October, 2008. He shared the experience of BRAC Community based TB Control program in Afghanistan

Health workshop on M&E and PSM

Global Fund arranged three days workshop on "Monitoring & Evaluation" and "Procurement & Supply Management" of global fund project



held in Cochin, India from 21 to 24 October, 2008. Dr. Dauod Khoram and Dr. Mashuqur Rahman from BRAC participated the workshop.

Request for Proposal

Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) short listed BRAC Afghanistan Health Program for submitting the proposal for USAID funded Performance based Contract for health services.

Training courses organized by BTRC

In October 2008, BRAC Training and Resource Center (BTRC) facilitated 13 different courses for the staff members of government agencies, national NGOs and international organizations of NOVIB, Helvetas and BRAC Afghanistan. A total of 242 participants attended in the courses where women participants were 146.

NSP implemented sub-projects

In the month of October 2008, BRAC completed 61 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 Afghanistan.

Inauguration of Tailoring Center under NSP

A Tailoring project was inaugurated by the representative of PMU, RRD and BRAC under National Solidarity Program in Nangarhar Province. This is a big tailoring center in the community which is near about 80 female can have received vocational training and thereafter engaged in income generating activities.