



MISFA board of directors had meeting with MFIs

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Meeting with Hon'ble French Ambassador

The Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan had meeting with the Hon'ble French Ambassador, Embassy of French on 11th November 2008 at French Embassy in Kabul. The Country Program Coordinator briefly presented the BRAC activities in Afghanistan. Hon'ble French Ambassador expressed his profound satisfaction of BRAC initiatives in Afghanistan for taking part of the development process.

UNICEF shows interest to work with BRAC

Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF had meeting with the Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan on 21st November 2008 at Hotel Serina in Kabul. The discussion of the meeting is for the continuation of the BCC project under health program.

The Country Program Coordinator had also a meeting with Mr. Nadarajah, Head of Water & Sanitation of UNICEF on 22nd November 2008 at same place in Kabul.

After having a detail briefing on various BRAC programs in Afghanistan, UNICEF shows interest to work jointly with particularly in the water and sanitation projects in Afghanistan.

MISFA board members meeting with MFIs

MISFA (Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan) board member had meeting with MFIs which was held on 17th November 2008 in the MISFA office. The Country Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan participated the board meeting and shared the experience to implement microfinance program in 21 provinces of Afghanistan. Evaluation of microfinance program performance, realization of credit and other issues of microfinance were discussed in the meeting.

Inspection team of Labor Ministry visits BRAC School

An inspection team of Afghanistan Labor Ministry

consists of two members has paid visits to BRAC run Community Based Accelerated learning School in Sarkardara district of Kabul province on November 11, 2008. During their visit, they observed the learning interventions by the teacher, group works of the students and assessed the learning progress of the students. They discussed about the community participation in CBS program with the Program Organizer and BRAC representative. They expressed their profound satisfaction to BRAC Education Program for its tremendous educational interventions.

Health Program received Projects from MoPH

BRAC health program has received project from MoPH (Ministry of Public Health) to provide "In Service Training" for health workers of BPHS (Basic Packages for Health Services) and it will be implementing in 13 USAID supported provinces with the duration of 36 months. The project amount is US\$ 1.4 million.

Besides, BRAC has also received TB Control Assistance

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.



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Program (TB-CAP) from USAID to implement in 4 provinces i.e Baghlan, Badakhshan, Herat and Jawzjan in initial stage which will extend in 13 USAID supported provinces after one year completion of initial stage

M-CRILL conducted rating of MF

A microfinance rating team organized by MISFA conducted rating of microfinance program last month. The rating team assessed the performance of microfinance operation of BRAC Afghanistan. They had several meetings with Operations, Accounts, Automation, Audit, and MIS. They also visited 7 more branches in Kabul and Parwan provinces. The draft report presented has shown the good performance of BRAC microfinance program. It is expected that we will get the final assessment report soon.

Local Fund Agent assessment for Global Fund

In the month of November, BRAC Afghanistan Health Program was assessed as Principal recipient for Malaria and TB components of Global Fund project by Global Fund Round team.

BRAC officials received training from BTRC

BTRC offered two courses on "Mental Health Training and Teachers Basic Training" for the participants of BRAC Afghanistan. A team of the well experienced facilitators

comprised of both national and expatriate trainers conducted the courses.

BTRC organizes School monitoring & supervision course

A five days long training course on School monitoring & supervision course was held BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Center in Kabul for the teachers of Government schools from November 2 to 6, 2008. The course was organized as a part of the series course for the capacity building of govt. school teachers which was funded by UNESCO. A total of 35 participants attended the course.

Workshop on Grant Implementation & Management

Global Fund arranged three days workshop on "The Global Fund South West Asia Grant Implementation & Management" on global fund



Participants on workshop

Project which was held in Colombo, Srilanka from 10 to 12 November, 2008. Dr.Sher Shah Amin, Deputy Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Health program participated the workshop.

Capacity Building course in Health Program

Dr. Abdul Qahar Hasrat, TB Program Coordinator and Dr. Nafisa Sadat, Sector Specialist of Community Based Health Program (CBHP) has received acceptance letter and they are pursuing MPH course in the James P. Grant School of Public Health under BRAC University in Bangladesh next year.

Training courses organized by BTRC

In the month of November 2008, BRAC Training and Resource Center (BTRC) facilitated 16 different courses for the staff members of national NGOs, international organizations and BRAC Afghanistan. A total of 383 participants attended in the courses where women participants were 162.

NSP Mid Term Evaluation

An Evaluation team on behalf of NSP/MRRD (The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development) has evaluated the NSP activities of BRAC Afghanistan. The consulting firm **Earnest & Young** and **Particip** were engaged to evaluate from October 21 to December 01, 2008. Although the evaluation report has not been sent so far, but virtually it has demonstrated their most contentment with BRAC goings-on.