



BRAC Afghanistan signs a contract with the MoPH

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Country Program Head meets with MRRD Minister

The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan met with Mr. Ehsan Zia, the honorable Minister of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) in his office on 8th January 2009 to discuss the proposed strategy of new NSP project and the new phase of NSP project in Helmand province. The Project Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Infrastructure and Social Development Programme (ISDP) was also present at the meeting.

Executive Director of BRAC visited Afghanistan

The Executive Director of BRAC Overseas program, Md. Aminul Alam paid his scheduled visit to Afghanistan from 19th to 23rd January 2009. During his stay, he conducted several meetings with the Program Managers and other officials of BRAC Afghanistan Development programs. He also called upon a meeting for the Regional Managers and Area Managers of BRAC Afghanistan Microfinance Program and discussed different issues, and provided instruction and direction to implement Microfinance Program in different provinces in Afghanistan efficiently.

He had also meeting with the Program Coordinator and Project Development Team (PDT) of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program. The Health Team briefed him the submitted proposal for Global Fund for TB and Malaria

round in which the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and BRAC Afghanistan are the principal recipient. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan also attended the meeting.

BRAC signs a contract with the MoPH

On 21st January, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) signed a contract with BRAC-ACTD consortium for providing "In Service Training" for Health Care providers under Performance based Partnership Grant (PPG) working in USAID supported 13 provinces. BRAC-Afghanistan will act as a lead organization. The budget of this project is US\$ 1.74 million for 36 months.

BRAC and AECOM talks on possible partnership

Senior officials of the AECOM International, a US based company had meeting with the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan at BRAC Afghanistan office on 18th January, 2009 to discuss the common interests and possible partnership to work jointly in the Water Supply and Sanitation project implementation in Afghanistan.

Meeting with the World Bank Team

The World Bank team had meeting with the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan on 8th January, 2009 at

BRAC central office in Kabul. The discussion of the meeting is to find out the scope and profitability of enterprise and its development in Afghanistan.

Embargoed SOCR report and press released

Microcredit Summit Campaign, New York, had asked for the partnership in publicity for the State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report (SOCR) 2008 in Afghanistan. In this consequence, BRAC Afghanistan circulated the Embargoed SOCR report to Daily Afghanistan Times office in Kabul. The Daily Afghanistan Times published this press release on 27th January, 2008.

MRRD conducts Workshop on Rural Enterprise Development

A day long workshop was organized by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) regarding the Rural Enterprise Development in Afghanistan on 11th January 2009. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan attended in this workshop and presented a summary of BRAC interventions and opportunities for enterprise development in Afghanistan. MISFA, Afghanistan Development Bank, USAID and some selected MFIs were participated this workshop.

Certification ceremony for the Government school teachers

BRAC Afghanistan Education Program arranged a certification ceremony for the participants of English subject based training .

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.



Project Steering Committee meetings

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course at Hoft Sampee School in Kabul on January 6, 2009 to enhance the capacity of government school teachers. All participants are awarded certificates by Mr. Nazibullah Kamran, City Education Director-Kabul. He appreciated the BRAC's interventions in the development of education sector in Afghanistan.

Project Steering Committee meeting on

The project steering committee meeting on the Girls' Education Project was held under the leadership of Mr. Fazlul Hoque, Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan at Canadian Project Support Unit (CPSU) office, Kabul on January 6, 2009 in presence of Ms. Hamida Niami, Director of Basic Education of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Ms. Sue Wiebe – CIDA HQ, Nasir Ebrahimkhil-CIDA, Nazifa Abedi-CIDA, Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Programme Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Education Programme, Ms. Anita Anastacia – CARE(PACE-A), Mr. Qasim Mohseni-Planning department/ MoE, Ms. Kim Sundstrom – Swedish Embassy. A power point presentation screened on the Girls' Education Project's achievements in the year 2008, target plan of 2009, challenges and lesson learnt of the project. Some emerging needs such as community based secondary education for girls; education management training for the MoE officials, exposure visit to Bangladesh for school girls was also discussed in the meeting.

BRAC submitted project proposal

BRAC Afghanistan Health program submitted 8 project proposals to the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on 3rd January for providing Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) under Performance Contract for Health Services (PCH) of the USAID. The project proposals were submitted for Jawzjan, Badakshan, Ghazni only for Essential Package of Hospital

Services (EPHS) and Kabul independently. However for Hirat, Ghazni (cluster I and II) and Khost provinces in partnership with Afghanistan Center for Training and Development (ACTD) in which BRAC Afghanistan will be the lead organization.

Besides, health program also submitted 4 project proposals to MoPH for providing BPHS under Strengthening Health Activities for Rural Poor (SHARP) of the World Bank. The project proposals were submitted for Nimroz and Badghis provinces independently and however for Helmand and Farah provinces in partnership with ACTD.

Support for the Country Coordination Mechanism

BRAC Afghanistan extended its support for the Afghanistan's Country Coordination Mechanism Committee (CCM). BRAC Afghanistan will facilitate fund flow to the CCM from Global fund. Moreover, BRAC Afghanistan also facilitated recruitment of CCM Secretariat.

Need Assessment Workshop

As the part of capacity development of government school teachers through subject based training on mathematics, BRAC Afghanistan Education Programme organized a need assessment workshop on mathematics teaching in presence of mathematics teachers from the government schools at Parwan province on January 5, 2009. A total of 20 mathematics teachers participated in this workshop.

BTRC organized different training courses

In January 2009, BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Centre (BTRC) facilitated 15 different courses for the staff members of the government, national, international organization and BRAC Afghanistan. A total of

260 participants attended the courses in which out of them 119 were women participants.

BRAC signs a new contract

BRAC NSP program signed a new contract with the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) on January 29, 2009 to implement the cycle II and II+ in Paktika, Nangarhar, Samangan and Badghis provinces. The total value of the contract is US\$ 871,800.

Extension of period in WAT-SAN project

The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project of BRAC Afghanistan has been extended up to March, 2009. The extended period of contract has been signed between BRAC Afghanistan and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) on January 29, 2009.

BRAC Afghanistan team in Exposure Visit

BRAC Afghanistan team had an exposure visit to Bangladesh from December 23 to January 21. The purpose was to learn from the experience of selected BRAC Bangladesh innovative health intervention projects and microfinance program activities in Bangladesh. The team member included Dr. Kaleemullah, Dr. Rasool Gul, Dr. Anasul Hoque Rahmi of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program and Mr. Noorullah and Mr. Jawed of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan.

Security Management Country Level Course

Two staffs from BRAC Afghanistan attended a three days long course from 18 to 20 January, 2009 on "Security Management Country Level Course" which was organized by Oxfam Novib.