



Meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister of the Peoples Republic of Yemen

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# BRAC Afghanistan Newsletter



## The Executive Director and the Country Program Head visited Yemen

The Executive Director of BRAC Overseas Program and the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan visited Yemen from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. This is a fact finding mission of MFIs working in Yemen and the possibilities of BRAC interventions. They also met with Mr. Abdul karim Ismail Al-Arhabi, the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and the Minister of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Republic of Yemen

## Meeting with the President and CEO of AWU

Mr. Kamal Ahmed, President and CEO of the Asian Women University had visited BRAC Afghanistan office at Kabul on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009. During the visit, he discussed several issues and the opportunities of Afghan women study in Asian Women University which is located in Bangladesh. Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program elaborated the BRAC Afghanistan development activities in Afghanistan. Md. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program, Md. Abul Kalam Shamsuddin, Program Manager of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan and other officials of different program were present.

## Meeting with Ms. Annette Ittig

A meeting was held between Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program and Ms. Annette Ittig as per the request of the MISFA at BRAC Afghanistan Central office on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. Among issues discussed in the meeting were lesson learnt to operate Microfinance Program, priorities and opportunities in Afghanistan. Md. Abul Kalam Shamsuddin, Program Manager of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan was also present in the meeting.

## Training module on mathematics

BRAC Afghanistan Education Program has developed a subject based training module on Mathematics subject as the part of capacity development of the government school teachers. The training module is approved by the Teachers Education Program (TEP) on 10<sup>th</sup> February to execute under the Girls' Education Project of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program. Mr. Sediq Weera, Senior Advisor of TEP and responsible staff for mathematics of the Teacher Training Centre (TTC), Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan education program and Mr. Sadequr Rahman were

present on that time.

## CIDA team visited BRAC Bangladesh

Senior officials of the CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) visited BRAC Bangladesh from 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February. The objective of the exposure visit was gain a comprehensive learning on BRAC Bangladesh Education Program and other non-formal education programs which will be replicated in the development of Afghanistan education sector especially in development of Community Based education.

The team visited various types of BRAC institutions in Bangladesh such as Community schools, Training division, Material development unit, University, etc and some other governmental and non-governmental organizations related to education sector in Bangladesh.

## Master Trainer Developed on Mathematics

BRAC Afghanistan Education Program is developing the Master Trainer on Mathematics subject to carry out the subject based training on mathematics for government school teachers at province level. The 1<sup>st</sup> batch of Master Trainer, comprising of 22 government school teachers, has been developed through providing a 12 days long training following the training module of Mathematics

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Meeting with the officials of TEP

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This first batch training of master trainer development on mathematics was started on 12<sup>th</sup> of the month of February and completed on 26<sup>th</sup> February with a certification ceremony. The training course was facilitated by BRAC Training and Resource Center (BTRC).

#### Launching of In Service Training

BRAC Afghanistan Health Program launched In-Service Training project for capacity building of the health facilitators in different government health centers on 16<sup>th</sup> February. The training program is under implementation in 13 USAID implementing provinces of Afghanistan.

#### BTRC Hosts Special Meeting on TB CAP

BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Center (BTRC) hosted a meeting on "Implementation strategy of the TB CAP projects" in Afghanistan at BTRC on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. The participants were Regional and Provincial TB Coordinators (National TB Control Program) from Nangarhar, Hirat, Badakhshan and Baghlan provinces. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program, Director

(Program) of National Tuberculosis Control Program and TB CAP Team leader of MSH.

#### BTRC organized different training courses

In February 2009, BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Centre (BTRC) facilitated 11 different courses for the staff of government, NGOs, international organizations and BRAC Afghanistan. A total of 208 participants attended the courses in which 121 were female.

#### UNICEF provides blankets

As part of winterization program, the UNICEF has provided 1,925 blankets for the students of BRAC Afghanistan operating 385 Community based schools in Heart province.

#### New Project Proposal Submitted under ISDP

A new Project Proposal on Water Supply and Sanitation (WATSAN) has been submitted to Spanish PRT under BRAC Afghanistan Infrastructure and Social Development Programs (ISDP) for Badghis province in the month of February. The objective of the project is to improve the health of rural communities by increasing awareness through integration of health and hygiene education. The coverage area under the project is four districts i.e Muqur, Abkamari, Jawand and Qala-e-Naw in Badghis province.

Besides, OXFAM extended the time period of the Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (CBDRR) upto April 2009.

#### MISFA conducts Workshop

A 5 day long workshop on "

Financial Management and Ration Analysis" was organized and conducted by MISFA Ltd (Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan) from 22 to 26 February, 2009. Md. Aminul Islam, Area Manager (SEP) of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan attended this workshop.

#### Exposure Visits in BRAC Bangladesh Health Program

BRAC Afghanistan Health team members had an exposure visit to Bangladesh from 15 February to 11 March 2009. The purpose was to learn the experience of the Global fund supported TB and Malaria projects in Bangladesh implemented by BRAC Bangladesh. The team members included Dr. Daoud Khuram and Dr. AGM Mashuqur Rahman.

#### Capacity Building Training

On the eve of the Capacity building process of staff, two personnel of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program attended on "Report Writing" course in the month of February. The course was facilitated by BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Center (BTRC).

#### Consultancy of TB Proposal

Dr. Sher Shah Amin, Deputy Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program visited the Yemen to provide consultancy for developing ACSM component of TB proposal for the Global Fund as per the request of WHO office in Afghanistan. He stayed there from 20 to 29 February, 2009.