



Meeting with the Aid Coordinator of Poland Embassy

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Embassy of Poland and Japan shows interest on Education Program

The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan met with Ms.Marta Wytrykowska, Aid Coordinator of Poland Embassy and Ms.Barbara Szymanowska, First Counselor of Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), Ghazni at the Embassy of Poland in Kabul on 8th June, 2009. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan highlights the present scenario of Ghazni province and articulated the BRAC intention to assist the PRT in rebuilding the Ghazni through implementation of some projects. BRAC submitted a project proposal to Japan Embassy through Poland Embassy for the establishment of community based schools under education program which will accommodate 8,250 students and will provide subject based training to government school teachers.

Following this, another meeting was held with Mr. Takakiyo Koizumi, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan on 25th June to discuss this proposed project for the possible assistance through Poland Embassy. Mr. Shahbuddin Ahmed, Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program and Mr. Shaki dad Abrar also attended the meeting.

BRAC and World Bank talks on possible partnership

The Country Program Head of

BRAC Afghanistan had meeting with Mr. Henry K. Bagazonzya, Sr. Financial Sector Specialist and Mio Takada, Rural Development Specialist of the World Bank-South Asia Region at BRAC Afghanistan office on 25th June, 2009. The discussion of the meeting is to the involvement of BRAC Afghanistan in Poultry project in attachment with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock which be supported by the FAO and the World Bank.

Meeting with the Head of DFID

A meeting was held between Mr. Marshall Elliott, Head of DFID, Mr. Andrew Kidd, Deputy Head of DFID-Kabul and the Country Program Head and Program Manager, Education Program of BRAC Afghanistan at DFID office in Kabul on 30th June, 2009. The discuss issues were financial support to the Adolescent Livelihood and Empowerment Project and the outcomes of NSP program in Helmand. BRAC Afghanistan is implementing NSP program in Helmand as a facilitating partner of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD).

Meeting with SIDA

A meeting was held between Mr. Sirajuddin Khaled, SIDA and the Country Program-Head of BRAC Afghanistan at BRAC office in Kabul on

1st June, 2009. The issue discussed in the meeting was Adolescent Development Program which is targeting the adolescent girls' in the rural and urban areas of Afghanistan by providing knowledge on life skill and livelihood trainings with credit facilities to improve their quality of life.

Meeting with CIDA

A meeting was held between Ms. Lara Nattale, First Secretary of the Canadian Embassy and the Program Manager (PM), Education Program of BRAC Afghanistan at the Embassy of Canada in Kabul on the issue of the capacity development of the government school teachers for Kandahar province. The PM briefly elaborated the education scenario of this province including the BRAC's interventions. The First Secretary expressed her satisfaction for the implementation of BRAC run girls' education project and discussed the possibility to develop a capacity development program for the government school teachers of Kandahar province. Mr. Abdul Quyyum, Sr. Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program also attended the meeting.

MISFA Review meeting

A scheduled meeting was held between the officials of MISFA (Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan) and the officials of Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) on 30th June at MISFA office in Kabul. The discussion issues

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Ditch Cleaning in Samangan province under CBDRR

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were the review of the MFI program activities, MISFA's future plan and course of action. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Katrin Fakiri, Managing Director and Mr. Dale Lampe, Director of operation of MISFA. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan attended this meeting.

BRAC provided subject based training

BRAC Afghanistan education program provides subject based training on **Mathematics** subject to the government school teachers' as the part of capacity development of the public schools of Afghanistan since January 2009. BRAC Afghanistan is already starting mathematics subject based training to the government school teachers' in Laghman province. Total of 54 teachers receives 12 days long training courses on mathematics from July 1 to July 12, 2009.

BRAC Afghanistan participates in NTP Review

BRAC Afghanistan health team participated in the external joint review of the NTP (National Tuberculosis Control Program). The team comprised of Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program, Dr. Shershah Amin and Dr. Daoud from BRAC Afghanistan were in this external review team. Other experts from WHO, EMRO, The Union, Global Fund, NTP and the specialists in Public Health from India and Pakistan were also participated in this review team.

Global Fund Round 8

First negotiation of Global Fund Round 8 for Malaria component was held in New Delhi, India from 20th to 23rd June, 2009. A three member's team (Dr. Shershah Amin, Dr. Mashuq and Mr. Azom) from BRAC Afghanistan Health

program attended the consolidation meeting along with the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and HNI representative.

Supervision of TB-CAP & CB-DOT

A team comprised from BRAC Afghanistan, MSH (Management Science for Health) and NTP (National Tuberculosis Control Program) visited in Badakshan province to supervise "Tuberculosis Control Assistance Program (TB-CAP) and Community Based DOT (CB-DOT) project". Dr. Basir Sherzad from BRAC Afghanistan Health program was in this team. BRAC Afghanistan is implementing TB-CAP and CB-DOT projects in Afghanistan.

Capacity Building of MF staffs

BRAC Afghanistan has arranged Management training for mid level management staffs of Microfinance program. Two trainers from EDA Rural Systems Pvt Ltd, India has conducted this training course in Kabul from 13th to 16th June, 2009 with 28 participants and another training course will start at Mazar e Sharif from the next 11th to 16th July, 2009 with 25 participants.

BRAC stands besides the flood affected people

During the month of May, Habash and Arghinan villages under Khuram Wa Sarbagh district of Samangan province were seriously affected by strong flash flood. One woman died, 20 people injured, many others became homeless and lost their livestock. This flood also damaged lot of crops land and many infrastructures. BRAC Afghanistan has ensured the water supply for this flood affected people and reconstructing the home, repairing the road and Micro Hydro

Power for electricity with the financial supported by Oxfam-Novib. BRAC Afghanistan is implementing Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) project in Samangan province.

Training Performance of BTRC

In June 2009, BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Center (BTRC) conducted a total of 15 batches of different training courses for BRAC, Government, national and international NGOs. Among them 05 batches were for BRAC, 09 batches for Government and 02 batches for International NGOs. A total of 271 participants attended in these courses where 105 were from BRAC and 166 from Government and International NGOs.

Major training courses offered during this month were: School Monitoring and Supervision, Drug Supply Management, ToT on Small Business Analysis, Basic Teachers Training, Subject Based Teachers Training, Branch Manager Training, Financial Management Course and Micro Finance Management Course.

Project completed under NSP

One Hundred Ninety One public utility projects that are expected to benefit a growing number of residences in Nangarhar, Paktika, Samangan, Badghis and Takhor provinces have been completed under BRAC Afghanistan National Solidarity Program (NSP). The projects were completed by the support of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) including 10% community contribution.