

Subject Training courses inaugurated by Provincial Governor in Kandahar Province

BRAC Afghanistan 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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Executive Director of BRAC Intl. Program visited BRAC Afghanistan

The Executive Director of BRAC International Program, Md. Aminul Alam paid his schedule visit to Afghanistan from 19th to 22nd July, 2009. During his stay, he conducted several meetings with the Country Program Head, Program Managers and other officials of BRAC Afghanistan Development Programs.

He also called upon a meeting for the Regional Managers of BRAC Afghanistan Microfinance Program and discussed different issues, and provided instructions and directions for the improvement of program.

He had also meeting with the key staff members of Health Program and health officials. The executive director provided his inputs and suggestions on how to better utilize the CHWs (Community Health Workers) in order to meet the health program objectives.

CIDA Advisor meeting with CPH

A meeting was held between the officials of CIDA and Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan on capacity building of partners and real beneficiaries and on program delivery in insecure areas on July 15, 2009 at BRAC Afghanistan Office. The Country Program Head explained the BRAC program implementation modalities focusing on special measures to program delivery in insecure areas keeping with community involvement in program implementation and highlights the national security situation along with the mechanisms of Afghan government including international development partners to carry out the development interventions smoothly in insecure remote rural areas in Afghanistan.

Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Program Manager- BRAC Education Program, Mr. Abdul Quyyum, Sr. Manager-BRAC Education Program, Mr Siddique Ali, Manager MIS- BRAC Education Program, Mr. Harley Johnson, CIDA-HQ, and Ms. Nazifa Abbedi, Education Advisor-CIDA take part in the meeting.

Meeting with CIDA and TED

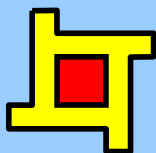
A meeting was held between Ms. Lara Nattale, Second Secretary-CIDA, Ms. Sushan Wardak, Director of Teachers' Education Directorate (TED) and Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Program Manager-BRAC Education Program on providing psychosocial training for the government school teachers in Kandahar province at Teachers' Education Directorate (TED), Kabul on July 13, 2009. A detail discussion was held on focusing the specific role and responsibility of CIDA, TED and BRAC on providing psychosocial training to 1,000 government school teachers in Kandahar province. BRAC is assigned to submit concept note mentioning modalities of psychosocial training implementation with a Gantt chart of this training implementation. Mr. Abdul Quyyum, Sr. Manager-BRAC Education Program and Mr. Abdul Kader, Coordinator of Training and Liaison-BRAC Education Program also attended this meeting.

MISFA conducts Workshop on SME Development

A two days long workshop was organized by MISFA (Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan) and ARIES regarding the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Development in Afghanistan at Hotel Serina in Kabul on 20th to 21st July, 2009. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan attended in this workshop and presented the experience for small and medium enterprise development in Afghanistan. Mr. Tazul Islam, Sr. Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Small Enterprise Project also attended this workshop.

Inauguration of Subject based Training in Kandahar Province

BRAC Afghanistan starts to provide subject based training on English and Mathematics subjects in Kandahar province as a part of capacity development of the government school teachers through arranging an inaugural ceremony on July 30, 2009. The training session is inaugurated by the Provincial Governor, Kandahar province in presence of some distinguished guests including Provincial



Education Director, District Education Director and BRAC Officials. A long term impact of these training courses will be shaping the coming generation by ensuring the quality education.

MF Project Review meeting with MISFA

The Country Program Head and the Microfinance team of BRAC Afghanistan met with the senior officials of MISFA at MISFA office on July 26, 2009. The contents of the meeting were the review of budget for next 3 years microfinance project to be started from October, 2009.

Negotiation with MoPH

BRAC Health officials had negotiation meeting with the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) for new SHARP projects financed by the World Bank in Nimroz and Helmand provinces in July, 2009. BRAC Afghanistan sent the contract agreement to the World Bank for final approval. The duration of these projects is 45 months.

USAID has Shown Interest

CB-TB DOTS under USAID TB-CAP Project is currently underway for one year to implement community based Tuberculosis control interventions in country's four provinces with the support of USAID. The provinces are Baghlan, Badakshan, Jawzjan and Hirat. The existing duration will be over in September 2009. USAID has shown interests to extend the project for another one year from October 2009 to September 2010. BRAC Afghanistan Health program already submitted the follow up project proposal to MSH (Management Science for Health Facilities).

BRAC Afghanistan signed contract with MoPH

BRAC Afghanistan Health Program signed a contract agreement with the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) & Global Alliance

for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI) in Afghanistan for conducting 18 months long Community Midwifery Education (CME) program in Nimroz province. BRAC will select female students from different districts of Nimroz province and provide training accordingly. This project will be implemented in partnership with a local NGO.

MoPH handed over Ambulance to BRAC

The Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) handed over two ambulances to BRAC Afghanistan for implementing Mobile Health Team Projects in Badghis and Nimroz provinces. These projects are supported by GAVI/HSS and MoPH. The aim of these projects is to serve pregnant mothers and children living in geographically inaccessible areas.

Training Performance of BTRC

In July 2009, BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource courses of whom 65 were female participants.

Major training courses offered during this month were: School Monitoring and Supervision, Project Planning and Management course, ToT, and arranged Micro Finance Management Course which was conducted by EDA team of India.

BTRC has also submitted four proposals to different organizations such as MoPH, GTZ, World Vision of Afghanistan and NCA.

Oxfam Novib extended CBDRR Project

Oxfam Novib approved the contract agreement with BRAC Afghanistan to implant the Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) project phase II for next one year in

in Samangan province. Oxfam Novib included new villages under Dara-e-Souf Pain district of Samangan Province.

BRAC Afghanistan selected as a best FP by MRRD

The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) / NSP has selected BRAC Afghanistan as one of the best performer to cover the remaining 1,103 communities in the districts of Badghis, Takhar and Paktika provinces out of remaining 9,160 communities in whole Afghanistan. This selection of a best performer is determined by MRRD who perform well to implement National Solidarity Program (NSP) as a Facilitating Partner (FP) of MRRD.

BRAC staff receives overseas training

Mr. Sher Shah Amin, Deputy Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program attended on training course "Leading Management Teams"



at Royal Benja Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand from 13th to 25 July, 2009. The training was organized by The International Development Management Program, The Union to their managerial capacity. There were total 24 participants from 20 different countries from Asia and Africa. The participants were from different institutes and organizations, mainly from NGOs, NTPs and WHO.

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