

Meeting with officials of the Ministry of Education on Early Childhood Development

*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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### Discussion with MISFA on IFAD project

The Country Program Head and the Microfinance team of BRAC Afghanistan met with the senior officials of MISFA at MISFA office on August 02, 2009. The contents of the meeting were the preliminary discussion on IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) project and targeting the ultra poor in context of Afghanistan.

### Program review and development meeting with CIDA

A program review and development meeting was held between Ms. Sue Wiebe, Senior Program Development Officer, CIDA and Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Program Manager-BRAC Afghanistan Education Program on Sept 23, 2009 at Canadian Project Support



Unit Office, Kabul. Mr. Siddique Ali and Mr. Shaki dad Abrar of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program also attended in the meeting. Detail discussions in the meeting were the program achievements, challenges and plan for 2010 of BRAC implements Girls Education project in Afghanistan.

### A meeting on Early Childhood Development

On September 7, 2009 a meeting on Early Childhood Development (ECD) was held between BRAC Afghanistan Education Program and the Ministry of Education at conference room of MoE in Kabul. Afghan Govt. is going to carry on a nationwide ECD program involving national and international NGOs. As BRAC has the vast experience on implementing ECD program in Bangladesh, MoE requests BRAC Afghanistan to help in developing the materials of ECD.

Mr. Shahabuddin Ahmed, Program Manager, BRAC Afghanistan Education Program highlights the BRAC ECD program in Bangladesh and shared the strategy to implement ECD program in Afghanistan. Associate Prof. Sayed Asghar Haidari, Advisor, policy Development-MoE, Dr. Kader Wadan, Sr. Advisor, Institutional Development-MoE, Nasrullah Kavir, Advisor, Special and Pre-School Education-MoE and Mr. Safi, Advisor, Islamic and General Education-MoE took part in the meeting. In addition, Mr. Ibrahim Khalil and Mr. Sakhidad Abrar - BRAC Afghanistan Education Program also attended in the meeting.

### Meeting with Oxfam Novib

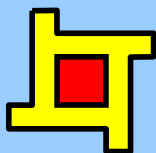
A meeting was held between Mr. Shah Liton, Country Manager, Oxfam Novib and the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan on August 09, 2009 at BRAC office in Kabul. The discussion was held on the issue of the integration of Humanitarian Aid linkage with the various development programs of Afghan Ministries. Mr. Mujibur Rahman, Project Manager of ISDP (BRAC Afghanistan Infrastructure and Social Development Program) also attended the meeting.

### BRAC and UNESCO talks on possible partnership

Ms. Jessica Hjarrand, Senior official of the UNESCO-Kabul had meeting with the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan at BRAC office in Kabul on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 to discuss the common interests and future partnership to work jointly for the development of Adult literacy. Mr. Sadequr Rahman Khan, Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Center (BTRC) also attended in the meeting.

### BRAC BD conducts Workshop on BRAC Branding Image

A day long workshop was organized by BRAC Bangladesh focusing on the images of BRAC in worldwide at BRAC Center in Bangladesh. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan attended in this workshop and presented the image of BRAC in Afghanistan. Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed, Chairperson of BRAC and the Directors also attended this workshop.



## New Rural MF Specialist of MISFA introduced with BRAC Program Coordinator attended Conference in China

Mr. Khalil Rahman Baheer has recently joined in MISFA (Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan) as a Rural Microfinance Specialist. He visited BRAC office and met with the Country Program Head and the Program Manager (Microfinance Program) of BRAC Afghanistan on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2009 at BRAC office in Kabul. He also discussed on the integrated rural microfinance prospective in rural area of Afghanistan.

Md. Taufiqur Rahman, Program Coordinator of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program attended



## Country Program Head visits in Central and North Region

The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan paid his field visits to Kabul, Parwan, Baghlan, Samangan and Balkh provinces of Afghanistan from 2 to 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. During the field visits; he observed the BRAC program performances and reviewed the program activities with the key officials as well as with the field staff. He provided precious suggestions for the improvements and the extension of program.

conference on MDR (Multi Drug Resistance) for the treatment and prevention of Tuberculosis in China from 9 to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. The conference was organized by the IUTLD (International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases). The Program Coordinator shared his experience in context of Afghanistan.

## SHARP Project

The contracts of the new upcoming SHARP (Strengthening Health Activities for Rural poor) projects of Nimroz and Helmand province has signed between BRAC Afghanistan and the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. According to the contract, BRAC will implement BPHS (Basic Packages of Healthcare Services) as a single in Nimroz province and partner with ACTD in Helmand province.

## Training performance of BTRC

In September, BRAC Afghanistan Training and Resource Center (BTRC) offered four courses for the staff of BRAC Afghanistan and other organizations. A total of 58 participants attended

## Community Midwifery Education (CME)

The activities of the CME projects have been started in Nimroz and Badghis provinces in this month. CME program is supported by Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI) for Nimroz province and AECI/Spain in Badghis province through the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH.) BRAC will select female students from different districts of Nimroz and Badghis provinces and will provide 18 months long training accordingly.

in different courses which included 42 participants from BRAC Afghanistan's different programs and 16 from the Shelter for Life (SFL) and the Community Centre for the Disabled (CCD). The Courses were Community Mobilization, Report Writing, Management & Development, and Micro Finance Operational Management.

BTRC submitted a Concept Note on Gender Equality to the UNIFEM. A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been signed among BRAC Afghanistan, UNICEF Afghanistan, and the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) for providing training on "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Practices" to the Community Health Workers (CHW) of Afghanistan. BTRC furthermore signed MOUs with different INGs like Swiss Committee for Afghanistan (SCA), Norwegian Church Afghanistan (NCA), Community Centre for the Disabled (CCD), World Vision Afghanistan for providing different training courses on Marketing & Small Business Analysis, Entrepreneurship Development & Micro Finance, Modular Course, General Business and Marketing respectively.



One visitor watching poster "Prevention and Control of Drug Resistance Tuberculosis in Afghanistan" in Beijing, China

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