



Country Program Head congratulated the New MRRD Minister

KABUL 08.02.2010- The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan and the Project Manager of National Solidarity Program (NSP) visited the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) on 8th February, 2010 to congratulate the newly elected H.E Minister Jarullah Mansori. BRAC Afghanistan is implementing NSP in 6 provinces as one of the facilitating partners of MRRD. The Country Program Head briefly elaborated the performances of BRAC implements NSP program. H.E Minister provided valuable suggestions for the expansion of NSP program and direction for the future. He also thanks BRAC Afghanistan for benevolent interventions in the development of Afghanistan.

Country Program Head met with Ex. Finance Minister

KABUL 13.01.2010- The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan and Mr.Wahidullah Fazel, Sr. Communication Officer of BRAC Afghanistan Public Affairs & Communication met with the Ex. Finance Minister Mr. Anwarul Haque Ahadi on 13th January, 2010. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan thanks for providing all sorts of support during his tenure and request him to be a long lasting advisor to effectively implement the BRAC programs in Afghanistan.

Meeting with the Head of DFID

KABUL 25.01.2010- A meeting was held between the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan and Mr.Marshall, Head of DFID-Kabul (UK department for International Development) on 25th January, 2010 at DFID office in Kabul. The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan highlighted the potential BRAC's role for the development in Helmand province. BRAC is implementing Health program, Education, NSP program and small enterprise project in Helmand province. Deputy Program Manager of BRAC Afghanistan Health Program attended the meeting.

BRAC and UNESCO talks on possible partnership

KABUL 13.01.2010- Mr.Yukitoshi Matsumoto, Program Coordinator of UNESCO Enhancement of Literacy in Afghanistan (ELA) visited BRAC Afghanistan office in Kabul and had meeting with the Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan on 13th January, 2010 at BRAC Afghanistan Central office in Kabul. He discussed the possible partnership with BRAC Afghanistan in Supervising, Monitoring and Capacity building of the Staff members of UNESCO and institutional support for Provincial Literacy Center and District Literacy Center. A part of this, BRAC Afghanistan submitted a project proposal to UNESCO on integration of livelihood training with microfinance program of ELA graduates. Mr. Shahnewaz, Program Manager of UNESCO-Kabul also attended the meeting.

Round Table discussion

KABUL 20.01.2010- The Country Program Head of BRAC Afghanistan and Program Manger of BRAC Afghanistan Education Program had attended the round table discussion with the Afghan Civil Society on 20th February, 2010 at Canadian Embassy in Kabul. The Round Table discussion was facilitated by the Canadian Embassy to improve knowledge on NGO role in Afghanistan and initiatives among the civil society, in particular focused on development issues.

Meeting with Da Afghanistan Bank

KABUL 23.01.2010- A meeting was held between Muhammed Qaseem Rahimi, Deputy Director General, Financial Supervision Department of Da Afghanistan Bank (Central Bank), Mr. Jorge Daly, Microfinance and Saving Mobilization, USAID-Funded Economic Growth and Governance Initiatives and Mr.Fazlul Hoque, Vice President of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan on 23rd January, 2010 at BRAC office in Kabul. The discussion was held on the possibility of becoming a Deposit taking Microfinance Institution (DMFI).

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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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The Vice President of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan shared his experience on the mobilization of deposits under Microfinance Institutions.

AMA Board Meeting

KABUL 11.02.2010- A schedule meeting was held with the board of directors of Afghanistan Microfinance Association (AMA) on 11th February, 2010 at AMA office in Kabul. The discussion was on the role and future plan of AMA and determining the affordable communication strategy for Microfinance Institutions in Afghanistan. Md.Fazlul Hoque, Vice President of BRAC Microfinance Afghanistan is one of the active directors of AMA.

BRAC develops 40 Master Trainers on Biology and Chemistry

KABUL 1~4.01.2010: In order to enhance the capacity of the public schools, BRAC Afghanistan Education Program provides subject based trainings on different subjects i.e. English, Math, Biology and Chemistry to the government school teachers since January 2010. As the part of these capacity development initiatives, Brac Afghanistan develops 40 Master Trainers on Chemistry and Biology subjects through providing training packages in the month of January. These Master Trainers will also carry on their respective trainings at the districts and schools levels for enhancing the capacity of the government school teachers.

Meeting with Basic Education Department of MoE

A meeting between BRAC Afghanistan and Basic Education Department of the Ministry of Education (MoE) was held at the Basic Education Department, Kabul on January 24, 2010. In the meeting, a detail discussion was held on the Annual Work plan 2010; CBS (Community Based Schools) monitoring by government monitors and conducts

research on CBS in the insecure areas of Afghanistan.

Basic Education Department also requests to BRAC Afghanistan and other CBE (Community Based Education) providers to help in carrying out the research functions effectively. Mr. Abdul Quyyum and Mr. Shakhi Dad Abrar, BRAC Afghanistan Education Program were attended in the meeting.

Oxfam Novib National Workshop on Climate Change, Food Security and Livelihoods

Mr. Shah Asad Ahmed, Consultant and Mr. Nazmul Hasan, MIS Officer of BRAC Afghanistan attended in a three day workshop on 'Food security, Livelihoods, and Climate Change' at the International Club in Kabul from 7-9 February 2010. The workshop was organized by Oxfam Novib, facilitated by Madame Yara Abdul Hamid from Palestine, Dr. Saeed Parto from Maastricht University (The Netherlands), and Madame Floor Klitjin (Oxfam Novib, The Hague) and attended by representatives from aid agencies, government ministries, national and international NGOs. Relating to food security, livelihoods, and climate change in the context of Afghanistan keeping in mind the agro-ecological zones, sustainability, and crosscutting issues like gender, participants contributed in developing intervention strategies and activities for the period of next three years. The purpose of the workshop was to develop a comprehensive food security and climate change project for Afghanistan.

NSP Contract Amendment

The contract amendment of cycle IV for partial payment has been signed between BRAC

Afghanistan and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) on January 2010. A total 30 communities are newly accessible, included in the contract with addition USD 36,000 for one year in Helmand provinces.

Besides, the contract amendment of cycle I has been signed with MRRD. BRAC will receive additional USD 3,91,500 to completing the remaining NSP activities in Takhar, Nangarhar and Paktika provinces within September 2011.

Projects Completed under NSP

121 public utility projects that are expected to benefit a growing number of residences in Nangarhar, Paktika, Helmand, Samangan, Badghis and Takhar provinces have been completed in January 2010 under BRAC Afghanistan NSP Program. The projects contain Sheep rearing, gravelling of road, construction of road, drinking water reservoirs, irrigation channel etc. The projects were completed with the facilitation of BRAC, funded by MRRD/NSP including 10% community contribution.

Hospital Reform Project

BRAC Training & Resource Center (BTRC) in Afghanistan had a tri-party meeting with Tech-Serve/MSH and Cure International Hospital regarding modality of Hospital Management Training for the directors of 12 USAID run provincial hospitals, Framework for field observation and cost in the Cure International Hospital. The training package under "Hospital Reform Project" is awarded to BTRC.

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