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Education; the basic development



Group photo of the Participating children in the educational competition with CE, BEFARe, other senior management and schools staff at BEFARe Main Office Peshawar.

BEFARe conducts Competitions to adjudge Best Students of the Year among 129 Schools.

BEFARe is implementing the largest refugee education project worldwide with the support of UNCHR in 52 Afghan refugee camps in KP since 1996. The program is currently supporting 53,000 Afghan refugee children enrolled in 129 schools.

For improving the quality of education and developing healthy competition among students, curriculum based competition is a regular activity at all sub offices of BEFARe.

On 21st of April 2011 educational competition among 30 top students of grade 6th, Six students from each Sub-Office of Abbotabad, Kohat, Mardan, Peshawar and Timergara were invited at main office Peshawar.

Through this educational competition top 10 students of BEFARe for the academic year 2010-2011 were selected, Tariq Aziz from MSB-115 Baraki camp of Sub-

Office Mardan got 1st position by securing 95% marks and was announced the best student of BEFARe schools for academic year 2010-2011

The event was attended by Mr. Shaker Ishaq, Chief Executive, Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Awan, Head of finance and administration, Mr. Mohammad Amin, Manager Programmes and Implementation, Mr. Syed Wajid Ali Shah Project Manager Formal Education. Staff from main office as well as all Sub-Offices attended the event. In his speech Mr. Shaker Ishaq the Chief Executive BEFARe announced the scholarship till grade 12th in Government school for Tariq Aziz as a reward for securing 1st position in the competition.



Tariq Aziz, the first position holder with CE, Shaker Ishaq and other senior management at BEFARe.

BEFARe conducts Tree Plantation Campaign at its administered schools

BEFARe CP&D (Community Participation and Development) launched its tree plantation campaign from the month of March in target communities of all five Sub-Offices. This is a sustained action and is refreshed in each new plant growing season to inculcate habit of green and clean living. As a result of community mobilization for tree plantation campaign, 234 tree and flower saplings were planted by school children with the help of teachers at various schools of sub-offices; Abbottabad, Peshawar and Kohat. The purpose of tree plantation in 37 schools during April was not only to improve environmental conditions but also to develop a sense of environmental responsibility among students.

BEFARe trains 80 teachers on Pedagogy.

BEFARe organized five days basic training from 4th to 8th April for teachers at Peshawar, Mardan and Kohat. In Peshawar 28, Kohat 11 and in Mardan 41 untrained male teachers benefited from the training. Out of the total 80 teachers 8 were community supported teachers who were accommodated to benefit from the training.

BEFARe organizes Hygiene Promotion sessions for the flood affected families in Sind.

BEFARe in a consortium with International Medical Corps (IMC) is carrying out a project on the provision of comprehensive primary healthcare services, including hygiene education and distribution of hygiene related NFIs to the flood affected population for an immediate response in 4

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districts of Sind.; namely Shikarpur, Larkana, Jacobabad and Qambar Shahdaskot. The project has been funded by DFID-UK. BEFARe is responsible for the distribution and replenishment of hygiene kits and jerry cans for storage of clean drinking water. BEFARe is also responsible for conducting hygiene promotion sessions separately for male and female through hygiene promoters (HPs) at the identified four districts.

In April 2011 47 HP sessions were conducted benefiting a total of 1186 individuals. These sessions are very useful for motivating affected communities to follow healthy living and avoid unhygienic practices



Participants during HP session in Shikarpur

BEFARe in another intervention in collaboration with IMC supported by OFDA is delivering similar services in two other districts of Sindh namely Dadu and Thatta.

The team in April, 2011 conducted 20 Hygiene Promotion (HP) Sessions in the targeted UCs benefiting 940 male and 526 female.

BEFARe conducts exams of the trainees being trained in GTVIs

BEFARe with the support of KfW through UNHCR under RAHA initiative is implementing project BEFARe-E1 "To improve livelihood and local economies in refugee affected and hosting areas by strengthening 10 government technical training institutes to provide quality vocational skills training to both Afghan refugees and local communities in District Peshawar and Malakand Division.

The institutes where courses in different trades commenced in November 2010 have ended in April 2011. These institutes are GTVC Chakdara (M), GCMS Sangota (M), GPTI Wari (M), GTVC Mingora (Panr), GTVC Mingora (F) and GTVC Hayatabad (F). All these institutes have sent examination registration of their trainees to Trade Testing Board (TTB) for final examination. Among these institutes, GTVC Hayatabad (F) and GTVC Mingora (F) were the first two institutes to hold examinations in beautician and advance tailoring courses on April 26 and 28, 2011. The examination was conducted in conducive decorum and all appearing candidates are expected to pass their exams with good marks. Rest of the institutes will hold their respective exams when they will receive their roll numbers and student registration forms from Trade Testing Board (TTB, KPK).



GTVC Mingora (F) tailoring trainee's exam

BEFARe provides opportunities of employment to its beneficiaries.

Apart from finding opportunities for the trainees to bring them in mainstream by supporting them in finding livelihood options in the outside world. BEFARe management assessed its own running programmes to create opportunities for some of the trainees to work for organization after completion of its courses. BEFARe is conducting in collaboration with UNHCR an unprecedented survey to collect the profile of Afghan refugees in Pakistan under the Govt of Pakistan approved, Afghan management and repatriation strategy (ARMS) and it is known as Population Profiling Verification and Response (PPVR). It is a paperless survey

conducted on mini laptops (Netbooks) by a pair of male and female, house hold interviewers (HHIs) along with other professionals to complete the survey.

A three days course was designed by the BEFARe, PPVR team for 24 trainees enrolled under BEFARe-E1 project in Gulbahar women institute in Peshawar. Four trainers were allocated for the task, and 24 trainees along with their teacher were brought to the PPVR office. RAHA team oriented the trainers before the training to sensitize them about the idea behind this exercise. The training was conducted from April 04-06, 2011 at PPVR project office Peshawar for 24 trainees, on specific software with the help of digital Netbooks. All the trainees have been assigned separate digital net book for practicing the lessons during the course and familiarity with exercise. As most of these trainees are not very qualified as compare to HHIs selected, but this training will enhance their chances of being selected for the task, as they have to apply by following the in place procedures of recruitment.



Trainees are doing practice on netbooks

AT GTVC Hayatabad, AHD (Agency for Human Development) a national NGO conducted tests and interviews of the 20 trainees of the tailoring course for the two vacant positions of instructors at their center in Jamrud. Ms. Tahira and Ms. Riffat were the two trainees who took top positions and were offered the respective jobs with Rs.10,000/month salary. Both the trainees belong to low income families and the offered package will make them able to support their families. This is indeed an achievement for BEFARe-E1

Project.

BEFARe conducts reconstruction work at 15 Department of E&SE schools in Peshawar and Malakand.

BEFARe under RAHA initiative is implementing project BEFARe-E2 supported by KfW through UNHCR under RAHA for rehabilitation of school services at 15 Department of E&SE schools, setting up of computer labs amongst 8 of them and improved learning opportunities accessible to children and youth both from refugee and host communities.

In April 2011 BEFARe continued to carry out construction work at the identified 15 Department of E&SE schools.

BEFARe in April 2011 also conducted PTC/SMC trainings at GHS Haji Muhammad Noor Killay (Male) & GGHS Tarnab farm (Female) Peshawar which were attended by 18 participants. The purpose of these trainings was to bring conceptual clarity of the members of PTC/SMC on RAHA initiative and developing School Improvement Plans and effective community mobilization

BEFARe conducts advocacy events

BEFARe with the support of The Asia Foundation (TAF) under the Free And Fair Election Network (FAFEN) is striving to mobilize marginalized communities. Apart from advocacy events the project facilitate communities and especially youth to enlist themselves as Constituency Relation Groups (CRGs) and compile area profiles to identify institutions and services provision in comparison with the required resources for better future planning

BEFARe in April 2011 conducted peaceful rally twice in NA57 on the governance issues like price hike, law and order, corruption, load shedding and unemployment in the county.