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Education; the basic development

A teacher at MSG-048 delivering speech on the occasion of world environment day

BEFARe FES and school staff of PSG-096 planting saplings in school compound

BEFARe marks World Environment Day at six of its administered 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.

BEFARe observed the world environment day in its six schools on 5th June, 2011. Objective of day was to educate and develop the sense of protecting environment among children, their parents and community elders. BEFARe was motivated and supported by UNHCR in undertaking the event at its administered schools. Following activities were carried out at each school:

- Creative work through drawing/ painting on environment related issues
- Prize distribution and awareness raising among community
- Tree plantation

A view of the World Environment Day celebrated at Akora Khattak MSB-343

The day was attended by BEFARe staff i.e. Sub-office Manager, Field Education Officer, 5 Field Education supervisors, 44 teaching staff, 640 students, 305 parents of the students, and 39 SMC members.

At the end of the event all kind of tree saplings and pots bearing flowering plants that were purchased by BEFARe with the support of UNHCR, were distributed for planting. Some were planted in school area in presence of community while others were distributed among the jubilant students and delighted community participants; to plant at their houses.

The activity was very much appreciated by the benefiting communities which they expressed in their views after the event was over.

BEFARe conducts Focal Point Trainings (FPTs) for its teaching staff.

Focal Point Trainings (FPTs) are a regularly practice in BEFARe schools which continually enhance capacity of teachers. In June 2011 BEFARe trained 114 teaching staff through Focal point training in Sub-Office Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan Abbottabad and Timergara. FESs organized these trainings in various subjects and pedagogical concepts in the presence of Master Trainers and Field Education officers.

BEFARe organizes World Refugees Day at 24 of its administered schools.

World Refugees day was observed in 24 schools in five sub offices of BEFARe as a part and parcel of community mobilization. The purpose of the event was to show solidarity with Refugees and convey message to rest of World that still millions of Refugees' especially Afghans' surviving out of home country and looking forward to peace and prosperity in their home land. The event was observed with zeal by 922 community members, teachers, supervisory staff and 2,545 students.

The students spoke their minds on the occasion through their speeches and skit presentations commemorating "World Refugees Day".

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BEFARe distributes NFIs to 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 2 districts of Sind.; namely Dadu and Thatta The project has been funded by OFDA. 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.

The team in June,2011 distributed 2249 Hygiene kits and 8996 Jerry Cans in the identified UCs of Thatta and Dadu. The teams have already conducted .HP sessions with the beneficiaries of NFIs.

NFIs distribution in Thatta

BEFARe completes skill training courses for 240 youth from refugee and hosting communities and equipment supply to 10 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.

June 2011 was the concluding month for the project in which 240 youth (192 hosts and 48 refugees) completed skills training courses in market oriented trades in 10 identified GTVIs in Peshawar and Malakand divisions. Some of the trainees have been awarded tool kits worth of Rs. 10,000/- to start their business while the others will receive their tools in July 2011.. These GTVIs have also been provided training equipments so that they can start and run courses for subsequent batches.

Kfw team visits GCMS Sangota

On 07 June, 2011 Dr. Anna (Country Representative, KfW), Mr. Georg Fiebig (Consultant KfW), Mr. Shehzada Pervaiz (Consultant KfW) and BEFARe team paid visit to GCMS Sangota (M). The KfW team held detailed discussion with management of the institute and BEFARe team Kfw team visited different sections of GCMS Sangota (M) and inspected areas which were supposed to be viewed and used by the German Minister and his team in their upcoming visit.

Kfw team visit to GCMS Sangota

German Minister for Economic Cooperation visits GCMS Sangota

On June 16, 2011, Mr. Dirk Niebel, German Minister for Economic Cooperation & Development along with his entourage of 35 persons visited GCMS Sangota. The delegation was warmly received by BEFARe team, Management of the GCMS and KfW team present on the occasion. Later on, the guests were taken to the briefing area. Dr. Anna formally welcomed the guests on behalf of KfW, BEFARe and management of the institute. Dr. Anna introduced BEFARe and Management of the institute with the delegation and provided brief introduction of the activities implemented under RAHA

German Minister with BEFARe trainees at GCMS Sangota

BEFARe completes reconstruction of 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 May 2011 BEFARe completed construction work at the identified 15 Department of E&SE schools.

The 6 computer labs continued to provide computer literacy to 800 local and refugee youth.

Built rooms and varanda at GGPS Toor Qilla

BEFARe conducts training for 14 female teachers on "Emergency Education" in Timargera

BEFARe conducted a 3 days training on Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies for 14 teachers of the identified Department of E&SE schools In Timargera. The training was very relevant to the needs of the area as the area has very recently struck by devastating floods. The training embarked upon building capacities of the trainees to address the educational needs of children in emergencies.

The trainer imparting session on Emergency Education in Timargera

BEFARe provides training opportunities to its staff members.

In June 2011 ten staff members from BEFARe participated in 5 days training on "The art of technical writing and its advantages" organized by Pakistan Institute of Management in Lahore.

Ms. Asma Malik, Master Trainer from BEFARe attended 3 days ToT workshop on the INEE Minimum Standards for Education: Preparedness, Response Recovery which was held in Doha, Qatar, on Monday, June 20-22, 2011. The focus of the workshop was on using the INEE Minimum Standards to support education programs and policies, 30 participants from the Middle East and South East Asia, including representatives from NGOs, UN agencies and donor agencies had participated in the workshop Ms. Malik represented Pakistan in the said workshop and highlighted issues regarding emergency education in Pakistan.

Group photo of the participants of ToT held in Doha, Qatar.