



# BEFARe

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## Education; the basic development



Chief Executive BEFARe Mr. shakir Ishaq and AAR Japan representative Ms. Rie Nautsumoto exchanging copies of MoU signed between BEFARe and AAR Japan

### BEFARe signs MoU with AAR Japan

BEFARe signed an MoU with Association for Aid and Relief (AAR) Japan, a Japanese NGO working since 1979 for refugees fleeing from the Indo-china peninsula. BEFARe signed a ten months project with AAR Japan for providing sports material and sports teachers to all 32 BEFARe Schools in Abbottabad

### BEFARe's PPV (Population Profiling and Verification) Project completes profiling of more than 60,000 Afghan Refugee Population across the country

PPV project funded by UNHCR is a broad household survey based on sampling of 15,000 households in 2010 followed by full roll-out phase of surveying 120,000 households in 2011. Results of the survey has to support the Strategy of the Government of Pakistan for Afghan population by profiling individuals and communities and verifying information obtained from the re-issuing of POR Cards.

The survey will also assist UNHCR in identifying the

most urgent and evidence based protection and assistance needs and opportunities that will help Afghans access their basic rights to services. It will provide information to humanitarian and development actors in Pakistan to assist them with their project development for Afghan hosting communities and support strategy development for re-integration of the Afghan returnee population of the Government of Afghanistan.

In September 2011, the project crossed the figure of profiling 64,500 which reflects that a population of more than



BEFARe PPV CS team listing Afghan Household in Peshawar. DA CAR, Peshawar is also present.

400,000 Afghans have been touched (54% of the targeted 120,012) and the teams are working aggressively to complete the remaining target in due course of time. With this

figure the project has covered refugee resided in camps and now the teams are interviewing Afghan Refugees in rural and other urban areas. The project activities are monitored internally by BEFARe and EBDM (BEFARe's technical partner in the project) externally by UNHCR and CAR (Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees) to ensure that the information gathered is precise, accurate and according to the set standards of UNCHR data collection methods.



BEFARe PPV team member (using netbook) interviewing an Afghan household head in Karachi

### BEFARe is installing 12 solar water pumps under RAHA initiative

BEFARe under RAHA initiative is conducting a project "Alternate energy sources for clean drinking water and improved living" with the support of KFW through UNHCR. The project besides installing 12 solar water pumps will impart 24 hygiene promotion sessions to the members of 8 committees constituted for managing the solar water pumps.

In October 2011, six trainings of the community organizations were organized so as to enable the community to contribute their maximum input towards project interventions.

The activity of well boring is proceeding as per plan and four more well bores have been established during the month of October raising the figure to

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Total to ten. The remaining two well bores will be established in the month of November 2011.



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**BEFARe conducts Educational Competitions in its schools**

BEFARe is implementing the largest refugee education project worldwide with the support of UNCHR in 52 Afghan refugee camps across KP since 1996. The program is currently supporting 58,000 Afghan refugee children enrolled in 129 BEFARe schools.

For the improvement in quality of education and encouragement of students for learning and positive competition among students, as well as teachers, educational competitions among BEFARe schools is a regular activity in all Sub-Offices. In October 2011, education competitions were held among 308 students of 31 schools in Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Timergara and Abbottabad from different grades in various subjects under supervision of 16 Field Education Supervisors, 25 Head Teachers and 39 Teachers.



A view of Educational competition at (PSG - 305) BEFARe school in Peshawar

**BEFARe conducts Focal Point Trainings (FPTs) for its Teachers**

FPT is a regular practice in BEFARe schools which continually enhances capacity of teachers. During the month of October 2011 BEFARe trained 825 teaching staff

including 174 female teachers through FPTs in Sub-Office Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Timergara and Abbottabad. Field Education Supervisors organized these trainings in various subjects, i.e. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and pedagogical concepts in the presence of Master Trainers and Field Education Officers.



A view of participatory Focal Point Training in Kababyan Peshawar

**BEFARe supports Afghan Refugees education through school buildings renovation under COPE component**

BEFARe conducted a UNHCR requested needs assessment of damaged schools in Mansehra and Haripur administered by BEFARe Abbottabad Sub-Office. These schools are operating since 1980s and no major repair work has been done till date.

The proposed support has to construct 72 classrooms with 72 verandas, 11 latrines (i.e. 6 cubicles per unit) and 200m of B/Walls in 24 schools benefiting 11,818 children. The team also suggested repair of 41 classrooms, 8 verandas and 4 latrines. The assessment team recommended furniture support for teachers and middle section students. The new classrooms will not only accommodate the existing students but will also raise the quality of learning environment. In October 2011, the



Demolishing of classroom in progress at BEFARe School (MSB 008)

project started demolishing of assessed buildings to be reconstructed under the proposed intervention.

**BEFARe organizes awareness raising rally**

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.

In October 2011, the project team organized peace rally to raise public awareness about Dengue Virus. Apart from the project team and constituency Relation Groups, a number of stakeholders including local body representatives, Police officials and communities participated in the walk and shared their view points with the participants.



Participants of Rally along with BEFARe staff at Attock, Punjab

**BEFARe team conducts advocacy events with elected representatives**

BEFARe team also conducted advocacy session with MPA Malik Atibar on the need-based utilization of MPA's fund for BHUs. The objectives of the advocacy meeting was to draw the attention of the elected representatives on the health sector reforms and development. The team conducted assessment survey of BHU for its revitalization and shared findings with Constituency Relation Group.

**BEFARe conducts Joint meeting with Afghan Commissioner KPK, UNHCR, all IPs & Representatives of Haripur and Mansehra Afghan Refugees Camps**

BEFARe Community Participa-

and Development Department ( CP&D) conducted two separate meetings with Afghan Commissioner KPK, All UNHCR IPs & Representatives of Haripur and Mansehra Afghan refugee Camps.

Purpose of these meetings was to provide a platform to the camp dwellers to discuss the issues they are facing with the responsible authorities and mutually explore options for meaningful solution.



An AR Camp representative addressing participants during meeting conducted by BEFARe CP&D at Mansehra

**BEFARe conducts refresher trainings for School Management Committees (SMCs)**

BEFARe regularly builds capacities of its School Management Committees (SMCs) through providing them trainings on community mobilization approaches.



Participants during group group in SMC training at Mardan

BEFARe uses its in-house capacity of trained Community Motivators (COs) and CP&D expert. The trainings keep communities motivated to raise valuable funds which are used for critical school operations.

In October 2011, Eight SMCs comprising of 97 members received refresher training and orientation on community participation approaches and processes through BEFARe trained community motivators.