**Nursing Management Workshop**

August 8-10, first Nursing Management Workshop was conducted for the nursing directorate, nurses and midwives of hospitals and health facilities at Training Center of MoPH for three days. The purpose of the workshop was: (1) to provide in-service training programs for nurses and midwives, (2) to understand medical ethics and implement it in practical site, and (3) to evaluate and solve problems by the help of management skills.

Strengthen of nursing management in Afghanistan, staff management, increasing capacity building of nursing, implementation of medical ethics and in-service trainings in health facilities were discussed in group works. They visited

**Second CoC Training was conducted**

August 26, in order to strengthen the knowledge, skills and attitude of female doctors and midwives at health facilities in Kabul Province, the second (COC) Training was conducted for 16 staffs of CHCs and BHC by technical and financial support of the Project at Malalai Training Center. The purpose of the training was: (1) To increase access to CHC services, (2) To provide the quality of continuum of care (ANC, Delivery, PNC, Newborn Care) and health education for mothers and newborn at CHC, and (3) To provide the normal delivery services for 24hours at CHC.

Besides theoretical lessons (ANC-Delivery, PNC, NBC, Health Education, BPHS and new method of family planning, manual removal of placenta, and job description of doctors and midwives at CHCs), the participants had practical lessons at MMH, RBH and MCH Center of MoPH. She instructed the participants about midwifery education and medical ethics.

**Third Reproductive Health Officer (RHO) training ended successfully**

The third RHO training program was conducted by the Reproductive Health Directorate of MoPH with the financial and technical support of the project, based on the results of the 2nd course, which focused on Epidemiology, Collection and analysis of data, Family planning, Supervision and monitoring and Communication, the 3rd course was prepared to accomplish these objectives: review the monitoring and supervision process by provincial RHOS, learn about the planning process and finalize action plan, introduce other tools of monitoring and evaluation and learn about midwifery education and medical ethics

Twenty two RH officers from twenty two provinces of the country participated in this training program. The overall result of the evaluation showed that course was fully technical and met the expectation.

**Eid Mubarak**

Wish You

Happy Eid Days

**Progress of six (6) hospital meeting**

September 14, pilot referral sheets for OB/GY and neonatal patients were made by 6 hospital network group.

The refer sheets were introduced to 6 hospitals, 6 poly clinics and 6 CHCs through a one day workshop by RH Directorate and CAF/MDM and also they conducted home visiting services (by cooperation of TDH) in Charqalai Wazirabad.

**Urban Health Task Force Committee Established.**

August 8th, after approval of proposal for the Program of Establishment Effective Referral System in Urban Kabul by Executive Board of MoPH, Task Force Committee was established. The purpose of the TF is: 1) to prepare urban Kabul health system through planning of implementation 2) execution of plan and 3) monitoring and evaluation of procedure. The TF members are representatives of GD Curative and Diagnostic, GD Policy and Planning, GD PHC, GD PPHD, GD HRD and JICA.

The members of TF are responsible to make the plan operative. The term of TF will be for one year (from July2006 to June 2007) and will be extended if it is necessary.

**Ramadan**

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, during this month Muslims all over the world observe a strict fast. The Arabic word for “fasting” (sawm) literally means "to refrain" - and it means not only refraining from food and drink, but from all evil actions, thoughts, and words.

As a time to purify the soul and practice self-sacrifice, Ramadan is much more than just not eating and drinking. Muslims are called upon to use Islamic guidance. We are to make peace with those who have wronged us, strengthen ties with family and friends, do away with bad habits essentially to clean up our lives, our thoughts, and our feelings.

Ramadan is the month which the Holy Quraan was sent to Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) and also The Khalifa of Islam Hazrat Ali was martyred in this month.
Welcome!

New Project coordinator has been assigned as a replacement of ex-coordinator. Previously he had worked in Bangladesh. He has worked in Afghanistan since January 2004 as program coordinator for JICA Afghanistan Office, and from July 2005 had worked as Medical Education Project Coordinator.

How do you feel working with the project as coordinator?
Frankly, everybody is good and very kind and instructs me very friendly. I am very busy now to finish budget affairs. All the members seem to be very busy and active and are always thinking for the improvement of Afghans’ health situation.

Project coordinator is like oil in the engine or vitamin in your body. The project coordinator does not produce anything, but should produce good atmosphere for other project members.

Could you please tell me what is your expectation from the project?
Our project purpose is to build up capacity of officers in MoPH all personal related with health in order to provide good services for Afghans. If partner MoPH gets enough capacity, all Afghans will receive equally qualify services.

Do you have any messages for your colleagues?
I want every body to communicate each other well. It is one of the biggest principle of offices. We should work together as one team considering three points: (1) Report, (2) Communicate and, (3) Consult
The three principles are really important. We should respect each other and communicate well. We should always share information and in case of having any problems, solve the problem together.

Afghan Public Health Institute (APHI)

A new department was created called Afghan Public Health institute (APHI), this institute will also include the previous research and IEC departments of MoPH. Dr. Bashir Noormal has been nominated as the head of this institute.

APHI will be supporting MoPH in policy & strategy making and also in developing the educational curriculum.

Technical Exchange Program

Ministry of Public Health with technical and financial support of the Project conducted a six (6) days technical exchange program at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad, Pakistan from 16-21 October, 2006. Five officers from Malalai Training Department accompanied by three Project members participated in this program, which aimed to: (1) To learn the management of training department (Especially, Organogram, relationship with clinic/ other organizations, roles of each staff, (2) To participate in a follow-up field visit with training team and learn teamwork, tools and real activities, (3) To learn the history of PIMS (Especially lessons learnt, their way of solving problems)

The program was found very fruitful and the participants learned a lot from the experiences of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences. Our next issue will give you more details about this program.

Khoda Hafez.

October 8, the Project Coordinator’s assignment expired and new Coordinator started his assignment on October.

During her assignment as a Coordinator of the Project, she was found a very active and hard working Expert. We are very grateful to her services to the Project and hope many successes for her future carriers.

Postscript by the editor

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