

## Grassroots Initiatives to Address under nutrition in South Asia

Dhaka, August 5, 2009 — Twenty-one civil society organizations from across South Asia won grants today from a \$840,000 award pool funded by the South Asia Region Development Marketplace (DM). The winners received up to \$40,000 each to implement innovative ideas on how to improve nutrition in their respective countries. Care of Afghan Families (CAF), from Afghanistan was one of the winners.



Innovative ideas, such as a proposal from Care of Afghan Families called Baby Friendly Village, to improve the nutrition status of young children through focus not just on their mothers, but also on other family and village members was one of the winners.



“This award means the recognition of innovative ideas for tackling malnutrition programs. A regional platform like the DM is helping NGOs bring out innovative ideas, share experiences and learn from each other,” said Bashir Ahmad Hamid, Organizational Development Director of CAF.

For more information about the South Asia development Marketplace, visit: [www.worldbank.org/nutritiondm2009](http://www.worldbank.org/nutritiondm2009)



### ***Capacity Development Program (CDP)***

Capacity building is one of the important objectives of CAF. Currently CAF with financial support of USAID/CDP started to conduct 7 modules of training to Afghan NGOs in Kabul from July 2009. The modules are 1. Project Management 2. Financial Management 3. Strategic Planning 4. Gender 5. Human Resource Management 6. Fund Raising 7. Organization Development. Several participants from more than 23 NGOs attended the training modules.



### **Partnership Contract for Health Services**

Current PPG projects under USAID support supposed to be ended on 23rd Oct, 2009. The new PCH projects under USAID support will be started from 24th Oct, 2009. CAF will work in Takhar and Badakhshan provinces during PCH project. CAF with partnership of SHDP in Takhar PCH project and with partnership of BARAN in cluster 1 Badakhshan will be the grant NGO and implement BPHS services.