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Season's Greetings

From all of us at the BHF

Donated Medicines Shipped to Kabul

A large shipment of medicines donated by members of the European Generic Medicines Association (EGA) was shipped in November to the Baz International Pharmaceutical Company (BIPC), located in Kabul, Afghanistan. The BIPC is a joint public-private partnership project organized and managed by the BHF, and completed in 2007. The medicines shipment was coordinated and assembled by Mr. Rory O'Riordan, President of Clonmel Healthcare Ltd (and former EGA President), and air shipped to Kabul by DHL. The BIPC Afghan owner, Dr. Karim Baz, will use the medicines to establish his distribution channels throughout the country in accordance with a business plan he has developed. His intention is to advertise and begin marketing pharmaceutical products similar to the line of medicines he plans to produce in the manufacturing facility he has constructed in Kabul. The partnership set up for the BIPC project included the BHF, the EGA, UNDP Kabul and the Afghan entrepreneur, Dr. Baz. The project was carried out with financing, professional training and in-kind donations contributed from a number of sources.

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One of the donated medicines pallets being loaded for shipment to Kabul.

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This joint BHF-TI workshop will provide an international platform under Chatham house rules to discuss and encourage current efforts, notably from the private sector, to improve the UN Convention Against Corruption including its review mechanism, feature presentations on other anti-corruption and good governance mechanisms and initiatives and focus on corruption and bad governance as a hindrance to development in poorer countries.

For more information or if you would like to attend, please contact Ms. Anna Aseeva at aaseeva@bhforum.org

BHF - FESS Workshop on Environmental Security and Company Responsibilities

On September 30th 2009, the Foundation for Environmental Security and Sustainability (FESS) and the BHF hosted their first joint event on “Environmental Security and Company Responsibilities” in Geneva. The BHF – FESS workshop discussed how environmental security assessments and projects can inform company operations and CSR strategies as well as contribute to improved company – community relations and a more secure and stable investment climate.

The presentations and discussions of the evolving field of environmental security provided a framework for understanding and integrating these issues into the corporate planning process.

The workshop was held under Chatham House Rules and was attended by representatives from various international companies and academic institutions. The workshop was moderated by the Deputy Director of the BHF.

The report of this meeting can be [accessed here](#).

BHF Staff News

The BHF bid farewell to Project Assistant Jennifer Marcotte in September and wishes her well in her new position with the Canadian Mission in Geneva. The BHF welcomes her replacement, Anna Aseeva, a graduate student at the European Institute of the University of Geneva. Anna is working for the BHF as a research assistant concentrating on project development and management.

BHF – UPEACE Workshop on Rethinking Cross-Sector Partnerships in Times of Economic Crisis

In keeping with the growing importance of public-private partnerships and the associated challenges of preserving them through difficult economic times, the BHF and the UN-mandated University for Peace's Centre for Executive and Professional Education in Costa Rica held a first joint one-day workshop on "Rethinking Cross-Sector Partnerships in Times of Economic Crisis" in Geneva on June 25.

The purpose of the workshop was to sensitize attendees to the mutual benefits of public-private partnerships in development projects, to demonstrate ways in which the public, private and non-profit sectors can make the most out of their collaboration in such area, and to help identify techniques to enhance the capabilities of the attendees and their organizations to maintain these structures in a period of economic crisis.

Support For The BHF

Despite the economic difficulties of the year just drawing to a close, the BHF continues to fulfill its mission of finding ways for the business and humanitarian communities to work more productively together for the common good. The workshops described above and especially the report on the donation of medicines show that we are actively promoting our basic goals and are producing concrete results. We plan to build upon these activities in 2010 and to add significant new programs to our agenda.

As this year draws to a close, may I ask your continued support for the BHF and its work through a year-end, tax-deductible donation. You may send a check to the following address: BHF, 7-9 Chemin de Balaxert, 1219 Chatelaine (GE), Switzerland. You may also make an electronic donation at the following banking coordinates: Bank: UBS SA; Swift Code (BIC): UBSWCHZH80A; IBAN CH09 0024 0240 2448 3360V; for credit to the Business Humanitarian Forum.

Your generosity is greatly needed and will be gratefully acknowledged.

With all best wishes for the holidays and the New Year,

John Maresca
President of the BHF Association Council