

FBL Showcases its Work to People of Dushanbe Tajikistan

May 12, 2018 was another historic day, when The Foundation for a Better Life organized its first Tajik event at Ismaili Center Dushanbe. The topic was “Innovative Approaches to Alleviate Poverty”. FBL also showcased its work from the last eight years through a multimedia presentation. The guests were greeted by volunteers wearing different national costumes, including the Afghan Traditional Dress.



The event was attended by the wider community of Dushanbe. Mr. Jalal Sultan, the Chairman of FBL USA, welcomed the guests, thanked the Aga Khan Council of Tajikistan, staff and volunteers of Ismaili Center Dushanbe for their cooperation and assistance. Mr. Sultan then talked about the various creative and innovative approaches with specific examples that FBL is using to alleviate poverty. Immediately after, the Director of FBL Tajikistan, Mr. Mubaraksho gave a brief report of the work done in the last 8 months in GBAO province.

The Keynote speaker was Mr. Khomaid Hamidov. He admired the work of the Foundation for a Better Life and stressed the need for more aid to alleviate poverty in the country. He also assured that he would be available for any assistance that FBL may need in their work in Tajikistan.



Following the speech of Mr. Hamidov Komil, Ms. Mumtoz Mirzovoli shared a multimedia presentation about the foundation’s work in general and that of FBL Tajikistan. She showed the audience recent videos of the dumpling, bakery, and tailoring projects, and also the positive impact of those projects in alleviation of poverty. The presentation was very well-received and applauded by the audience.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions & answers. The audience had quite a few questions, including those related to starting of FBL’s work in Dushanbe and other parts of Tajikistan, educational support (particularly acquiring education abroad), and whether Afghan people living in Tajikistan will qualify for FBL support. There were also a few people who offered their voluntary services.



Next, Mr. Kishvar Abdulalishoev, General Manager of MSDSP of AKF Tajikistan, addressed the audience. He expressed his admiration the work of FBL in Tajikistan. He also emphasized that, while people from abroad come to help improve the quality of life, it is also the duty of Tajiks to help their own people.



Fotima Masgarab

Finally, Mr. Zohir Piltaboev, emcee of the event, thanked the speakers and the guests for attending the function and invited two prominent singers, Ms. Khujasta Mirza and Ms. Fotima Masgarab, on the stage to perform for the audience. Each of them sang a few songs and entertained the guests with their enchanting voices. Several audience members got out of their seats and began singing and dancing. Afterwards, guests were requested to join for coffee and refreshments.



Khujasta Mirza