

Four DCA-trainers to Holland for Training of Trainers programme

In the framework of the project "Capacity building of DCA's Training Staff on Curriculum Development and Facilitation Skills" which is funded by the British Embassy, four experienced, motivated and leading trainers (3 male and 1 female) from the three DCA Veterinary Training Centers and field facilitators will travel to the Netherlands in March 2012.

They will visit the University of Applied Sciences (HAS Den Bosch) to attend a two weeks training on need-based, didactic methodologies, curriculum development and different training facilitation approaches.

Background

DCA operates 3 training centers in Charikar, Mazar and Herat staffed with 25 well taught and experienced Afghan trainers. The centers provide training to over 2000 trainees annually on different livestock related topics. The main courses provided by the training centers include paravet course (6 months), Basic Veterinary Workers Course (BVW, 1 month), Refresher Courses on Different Animal Health and Husbandry topics with varying periods, Animal Nutrition Courses, Artificial Insemination, livestock extension etc. Candidates include Government staff, Veterinary Field Unit staff (VFU, s), NGO partners etc identified nationwide.

Recent independent assessment of the training centers advised that further capacity building through training and equipping the centers can bring about a more consolidated result for the end users such as the farmers, and public and private sector. This training is proposed based on the assessment.

This project identifies and introduces four motivated Afghan trainers (3 male trainers from Charikar, Herat and Mazar training centers; and 1 female livestock extension trainer) to the University of Applied Sciences (HAS Den Bosch, the Netherlands).

As the trainers will revise the existing curricula and in turn train their fellow staff on improved training methods, this will directly benefit over 2000 participants that are being introduced to the training centers annually. Didactic and hands-on practice oriented trainings help participants to be able to create their own jobs. Of the 2000 participants, 50% will have new jobs or improved their income as a result of development of new skills. This leads to access to improved livestock services to farmers/herders eventually contributing to local livelihoods and stability.