

Farmer Field Training in Badghis Province

Donor / contractor	USAID / Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI)
Budget	US\$ 149,494
Period	October 2011 – September 2013
Area	Province of Badghis

In September 2011, DCA-VET was awarded a USAID grant of almost US\$ 150,000 to train farmers in Badghis. This two-year project was part of the Incentives Driving Economics Alternatives for the North, East and West (IDEA-NEW) program. Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) was contractor of the project that started in October 2011.

The goal of the project was to promote farmers' awareness and improve farmers' abilities to take care of their herds. The improved herd care directly resulted into reduced mortality and morbidity, increased fertility and production, and greater yields of milk, meat, eggs, cashmere etc. with better quality.

The farmer training included information on preventive vaccination and de-worming schedules, basic nutrition, planning for winter feeding and fodder management, reproductive management, housing, sanitation, and other relevant subjects. Each year, 400 male and 400 female farmers were trained, with specific training programs for men and women separately.

The project was carried out in three districts of Badghis, i.e. Qala Now, Ab Kamari, and Qadis. This project increased the income of farmers, the level of livestock production, the profitability and sustainability of VFUs, and involved women in development of the livestock sector.