

## World Bank Horticulture and Livestock Project – Veterinary Training activities 2012

Donor / contractor	World Bank
Contractor	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock, Afghanistan
Budget	AFS 24,366,000 (approx. USD 477,765)
Period	1 May 2012 – 31 December 2012
Area	Afghanistan nationwide

DCA-VET was awarded the 8-month project “Animal health services”, funded by World Bank/Horticulture and Livestock Project. The project ran from 1 May to 31 December 2012.

Objectives were:

- promoting livestock production and productivity
- improving the service delivery capacity in the animal health services, mainly from the private sector, and establishing of livestock extension services.

The project was composed of six components:

### **1. Support of VFUs privatized in 2012 (52 VFU staff)**

The main challenges of the veterinary clinics that have been privatized in late 2011 were identified and addressed, thereby contributing to the sustainability of the clinics.

### **2. Training of new paravets (52)**

These 52 newly trained VU staff guaranteed access to veterinary services for an additional 100,000 farmers.

### **3. Business skills training (171 VFU staff)**

One of the challenges of the VFUs in the field relates to their business skills. Most VFU staff don't have practical experience in marketing, record keeping, inventory control and financial management. Through the business skills training the commercial viability of 171 VFU staff was improved, resulting in an increase of their income and business soundness.

### **4. Artificial Insemination training (100 VFU staff)**

According to the findings of assessments, there is high demand from VFU staff to engage in AI services. Through training of VFU staff on AI, the project contributed to a higher productivity of the local breeds.

### **5. Extension/Nutrition course (171 VFU staff)**

This course increased farmers awareness on animal health and production as well as the demand for veterinary services of VFUs.

### **6. Workshop for privatized VFU staff**

This workshop was meant to harmonize the private veterinary services models through sharing of experiences and best practices among stakeholders. The participants concluded the workshop by formulating promising recommendations on the way forward.