

Support for DCA-VET approach

In July 2011, the EU assigned an independent Result Oriented Mission team to visit Afghanistan for evaluation of the results of the Animal Health Development Programme (AHDP). The AHDP is a four year, EU funded programme to develop animal health services throughout Afghanistan. It is working within the Department of Animal Health and Production, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock (MAIL) of Afghanistan.

Recently, the evaluation report of this mission was published. Although DCA-VET is not directly involved in this programme, the EU/AHDP mission report contained two important recommendations related to our work, i.e.:

- The EU should consider increased support in any future programme for extension work in the veterinary field - many farmers are ignorant of animal health and welfare issues.
- The DCA experience of training and supporting female paravets and volunteers should be discussed with the other NGOs and replicated if possible.

DCA-VET welcomes these recommendations propagandizing the DCA-VET approach in Afghan veterinary services. Of course, we would be pleased to share our experience in extension and in training and supporting females in animal health care with other NGOs.

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