

## **New project: Farmer Field Training in Badghis Province**

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

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

The farmer training will include 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 will be trained.

This project will increase the income of farmers, the level of livestock production, the profitability and sustainability of VFUs, and involve women in development of the livestock sector.

Published 31 October 2011