

## **Eighteen new paravets graduated in Herat**

A very successful Paravet Graduation ceremony was held in Herat on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. A total of 18 trainees of which 12 were from the RMLSP Programme completed their 6 month training course at our Herat Training Center.

The ceremony was attended by 101 people. Representatives were present from the Governor's Office (Director of Technical and Sector Development), MRRD (Director and Deputy Director), Provincial Administration, Herat University and international and national NGOs.

The ceremony was officially opened by Dr Khalil Waez, the Provincial Veterinary Officer of DAIL, with the other guest speakers being Ms Fatema Jafari, Secretary of the Herat Provincial Council, and Eng Ghulam Sarwar Khurasani, the Director of the Technical and Sector Department.

The guest speakers highlighted the importance of livestock in the Afghan farmer's lives, and appreciated that now more farmers would have access to services in districts and villages. They thanked DCA for providing excellent coordination, cooperation and performing quality activities. They also thanked the donors for their support, in particular IFAD through the RMLSP, and the EU.

Upon returning to their villages, the graduates will be facilitated by an experienced monitor to establish their VFU (Veterinary Field Unit). They will also then receive their complete support package both logistical and technical. Our monitors will make regular visits to them and their communities to assist in the establishment of the VFU, and in a quality service delivery.

