

DCA-VET participating in One Health Symposium, Kabul, 24 and 25 November 2013

DCA Program Director, Dr. Abdul Qader Fakhri, is invited to give a presentation at the One Health Symposium in Kabul at the end of November 2013.

The One Health Symposium is organised in the context of the South Asian One Health programme. This is a regional training programme in animal and human epidemiology in South Asia. It is funded by the European Commission, administered by the World Bank, and is being implemented by Massey University, New Zealand. Nine countries are involved: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

In each of these countries, One Health Hubs are developed, i.e. networks of national organisations working on human and animal epidemiology. Within each One Health Hub, multi-disciplinary teams have designed and implemented 'Collaborative investigation Projects (CIPs)' on priority zoonoses.

In Afghanistan, the CIP focused on a survey of the prevalence of Brucellosis, Q fever, and Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) in both humans and livestock in Herat. In this study, administered in December 2012 and January 2013, DCA took care of the collection of blood samples of 2030 sheep and goats, and 350 cattle.

Aim of the Kabul One Health Symposium in November is to increase visibility, and to further strengthen the One Health Hub. During the symposium, the results of the survey on Brucellosis, Q fever and CCHF will be shared. And organisations like DCA, working in the One Health sphere, will present their work on this topic. In the DCA presentation, Dr. Fakhri will focus on DCA's activities to counteract zoonoses, and on the importance of an effective and efficient partnership of private and public veterinary services in the eradication of zoonoses.

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