

Afghanistan CIP Results Dissemination Seminar

In 2013, DCA took part in the Collaborative Investigation Project (CIP) on Brucellosis and Q fever in Herat. On 5 March 2014, the results of this project were presented to the local stakeholders by the Afghanistan CIP Results Dissemination Workshop, held at Esteqlal Hotel, Herat.

This one-day workshop was jointly organized by Herat Dutch Committee for Afghanistan, Provincial Public Health Office (DEWS), and the Herat Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock.



This was the first government-supported scientific seminar of such a huge scale to be held in Herat province. The 101 participants were from Herat Local authorities/Governments, NGOs, universities, institutions, animal and human health professionals from provincial and district level, and village elders. Objectives of the workshop were to:

- Inform local authorities and related stakeholders on One Health concept;
- Familiarize health care workers/professionals on Q fever and Brucellosis both from human and animal health prospective;
- Share CIP results with related provincial stakeholders;
- Propose actions that will contribute to sustainability of the One Health approach to tackle zoonotic disease control and that will strengthen the effectiveness of cross-sectoral collaboration in Afghanistan.

Reflecting on this very positive workshop the CIP Principal Investigator in Herat said, "Based on the participants' feedbacks the workshop was a great success in terms of the topics, the relevance and the importance of the studied diseases as well as of the multidisciplinary approach that was used."



Reference: <http://www.hubnet.asia>

Note - for a short overview of the 2013 Brucellosis/Q fever survey see Hubnet: <http://www.hubnet.asia/node/83>