

RADP-North contract for DCA-VET

October 1st, 2014, DCA-VET signed a subcontract for the Regional Agricultural Development Program (RADP) in the Northern region. In this RADP-North project, DCA-VET will be subcontractor to Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI).

RADP is an Afghanistan-wide programme, funded by USAID to assist the country in its efforts to improve food and economic security for rural Afghans. The programme consists of four regions: North, South, East and West. In February of this year, DCA-VET was already awarded a subcontract for the RADP programme in the Southern region. In this RADP-South project not DAI, but Chemonics is our contractor. Between Chemonics and DCA-VET discussions are also ongoing on the RADP programme in the Western region.

The RADP-North project focusses on the provinces of Jowzjan, Balkh, Kunduz, Badakhshan, Samangan, and Baghlan. Implementation will take more than four years until May 20th, 2019. In the targeted provinces, DCA-VET will develop a value chain strategy to improve farmer productivity and small ruminant business profitability. DCA-VET will strengthen the value chain by creating new VFUs, providing livestock extension, and developing supporting markets for sheep and goats.

It is expected that within two-and-a-half years 4,000 livestock farmers will reach an increase in income of 10%. Within five years, 17,500 livestock farmers should experience an increase in income of even 20%. At the end of the contract period, total sales within the value chain will be increased by at least US\$ 4 million.

According to the mandate of the US Congress, USAID programmes have to address the needs of Afghan women. Therefore, in this RADP-North project DCA-VET strives to achieve that at least 30% of the beneficiaries will be women.



Animal husbandry demonstration