

RADP-West project awarded to DCA-VET

The 6th of March 2015, our Executive Director Raymond Briscoe signed the subcontract for the RADP-West project, DCA-VET's third RADP-project in a row. Like the RADP-North and RADP-South projects, the RADP-West project is funded by USAID. Subcontractor is Chemonics International Inc. Targeted provinces in the western region are Herat and Badghis, with a ceiling budget of almost 2.5 million US dollar.

Main objective of the project is to improve the livelihood and income of the livestock owners by training of farmers and agribusiness, and by developing and improving of value chains. The focus is on the small ruminant value chain, and the principal technical constraints addressed are animal health and nutrition, especially winter feed and fodder. The supply of inputs and services in the value chain to farmers will be improved, linkages along the chain will be strengthened to increase profitability for businesses, domestic and export markets will be improved, and value will be added through improved quality and processing of the animal products.

DCA-VET activities in this project include:

- Training of 16 new Paravets
- Training of 100 Local Female Extension Workers
- Establishment of 40 Farmer Self Help Groups
- Establishment of 100 Farmer Extension Groups
- Value Chain development workshops
- Establishment of 8 sustainable community feed banks.

A minimum of 15% of the beneficiaries of the project activities in the small ruminant value chain will be women. And at the end of this project, the income of at least 4,000 farmers will be increased by 20%, thanks to improvements in the value chain.