

## DCA-VET Monitoring and Data Collection Training

On March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, DCA-VET conducted a Monitoring and Data Collection Training for its project staff. 47 people, engaged in various projects, attended the workshop in the DCA-VET Regional Office in Herat.

The training focused on methods and tools of data collection, as well as on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) terminology and basic knowledge. The trainers explained the basic concept of monitoring and data collection in order to support all staff, and especially newly hired personnel, in collecting the right data from the field as well as using the relevant tools to allow a proper monitoring process.

During this workshop some gaps and shortfalls from previous data collection and M&E work were pointed out and compared with the new methods. To illustrate all aspects of data collection and M&E, and to make the whole process more tangible and realistic for the participants a role play was performed. Following the role play several questions were raised regarding participatory monitoring, the difference between supervision and monitoring, and the usage of tools while collecting data.



At the end of the workshop, Dr. Abdul Qadir Fakhri, DCA-VET Programme Director, evaluated the training. He concluded that the training has been very successful in enhancing the knowledge and skills of the participants on the one hand and in launching a uniform, effective and accurate method of data collection to be practiced by all DCA-VET staff on the other hand.

Evaluation of the workshop by the participants showed that they were very satisfied with the participatory set-up of the training. A couple of them reported they experienced some time constraints, and recommended to increase the length of the workshop in the future.