

RADP-West

Regional Agricultural Development Program – West

Donor	USAID
Contractor	Chemonics International Inc.
Budget	USD 2,470,621
Period	March 1st, 2015 – February 28th, 2019
Area	Herat and Badghis provinces

RADP-West is the third RADP (Regional Agricultural Development Program) project that DCA-VET was granted, following the projects in the South and the North. Targeted provinces of the RADP-W project are the large province of Herat, and Badghis. The main objective of the project is to improve the livelihood and income of the livestock owners.



To this end, DCA-VET trains farmers and agribusiness, develops and improves livestock value chains. The focus of RADP-W is on the small ruminant value chain. The project especially addresses the present constraints in animal health and nutrition, like winter feed availability. The VFUs have a central position in the project, delivering veterinary services but also extension messages on animal health and production, and value chain development.

In the development of the value chains, DCA-VET focuses on the following components:

- Improving the supply of inputs and services in the value chain
- Strengthening of the linkages along the chain to increase profitability of businesses
- Adding value through improved quality and processing of animal products
- Improving of domestic and export markets.

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
- Conducting workshops on Value Chain development
- Providing Value Chain training for 40 VFUs
- Establishment of 8 sustainable community feed banks.

Empowerment of women is an important element of the project. To this aim, a minimum of 15% of the beneficiaries of the project activities in the small ruminant value chain should be women.

On June 14th, 2016, the RADP-West project was prematurely closed by USAID, for reasons beyond DCA-VET's control. Since March 2015, DCA-VET successfully implemented this project to the benefit of many livestock owners, so it was with regret that we stopped our USAID-funded activities in the Western region.