

## Exposure visit for pastoralists to Baghlan Province



Nine key Kuchi pastoralist livestock owners from Kabul, Logar, and Parwan provinces were invited for an exposure visit to Baghlan from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. The objective of the exposure visit was to show the farmers some of the best practices in livestock rearing, fodder bank development, veterinary services, and milk production.

During the trip, they visited a Veterinary Field Unit, a fodder bank, a milk collection centre, and a milk processing plant. The pastoralists were encouraged to learn from the experiences of the farmers in Baghlan. They received demonstrations and information on animal health care, urea treatment, milk collection and milk processing, and how to develop and manage a fodder bank. The visiting livestock owners were very interested and asked all kinds of questions to receive detailed and in-depth information.



The pastoralists enjoyed the field trip as it was a unique opportunity to see development work in practice. They were impressed by the level of commitment and ownership of the local communities, and very much inspired by the initiatives of the beneficiaries. It was a challenging excursion, but full of useful experiences that the pastoralists took back with them to their communities in the central provinces of Afghanistan.