

New focus, new name

From 1 January 2017 onwards DCA-VET has a new name: DCA Livestock Programs. During the 28 years of veterinary aid to the people of Afghanistan, our profile has gradually broadened. In the first twenty years, DCA focussed on training of paravets and development of a private veterinary system of Veterinary Field Units. The VFU system is almost now reaching completion but maintenance will remain one of the tasks. Because of this development, DCA is able to spend more and more attention to other livestock related topics. These new topics are for example; extension on animal health and production, income generation through improved livestock production, and empowerment of women through livestock activities. This development is supported by the main donors, introducing new themes like business development and job creation to prevent migration. DCA feels the time is now right for a change towards a new image and an expansion of our activities on animal production. To mark this transition from a veterinary organisation to an organisation working also on livestock production, we now have a new name that reflects this expansion: **DCA Livestock Programs.**

Note, that this transition does not mean that DCA will wind up its successful veterinary programs. On the contrary, our support to the system of private veterinary services will remain one of the main pillars of our livestock programs. In addition, DCA will also incorporate more activities on livestock extension, value chains (marketing and business development), women empowerment, and One Health in its programs.

We are looking forward to serve the people of Afghanistan with our extended livestock programs!