

An important focus of the RAMP project was to provide the VFU staff with the tools they needed to generate their own income and thus become independent of international aid. During the RAMP project, the number of VFU locations rose from 100 to around 400, and the number of VFU staff doubled from about 300 to 600. Large quantities of vaccines and medicines were provided and a comprehensive cold chain system was put in place. From January 2004 through June 2006, the VFU staff performed 18.5 million vaccinations, in addition 9.5 million medications were administered.

When the RAMP-project came to an end, DCA-VET covered the period in between funding as much as possible from its own core funds. This enabled the 290 DCA-VET VFU staff to carry on their work at more or less the same level as during the RAMP period.

In 2006, a completely new element was added to the veterinary program of DCA-VET: a dairy factory was constructed. Funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DCA-VET rebuilt the Swiss cheese factory in Baghlan. The aim of this project was to improve local food security by offering the farmers an outlet for their surplus of milk. Some 300 farmers sell their milk to this Baghlan Dairy Factory, that was first meant to be a cheese factory, but is now producing mainly yoghurt.