

Brooke and DCA: a new partner grant agreement

The 29th of March 2018, Brooke Hospital for Animals (Brooke) and DCA have signed a new Partner Grant Agreement for funding from April 1st, 2018 until March 31st, 2021. Total budget forecasted for the project is about 2.7 million USD. DCA is excited about this new contract that offers us the possibility to integrate the activities of Brooke for working equines into our other projects.

Since 2008, Brooke and DCA have been partnering in Afghanistan for the benefit of the working equines in Afghanistan. Brooke is a charity established in Egypt in 1934 with the head office in the United Kingdom to promote the welfare and to relieve the suffering of working equines all



over the world. Until recently, the Brooke staff implemented the equine focused activities, while DCA facilitated the project, e.g. by accommodating the Brooke staff, and bringing in DCA's professional expertise. The partnership has been annually renewed until end of March 2018. The new partnership agreement which targets the "one welfare" improvement (the working equines, the livelihoods and resilience of their owners and the environment) that started from April 1st 2018, has a different approach. No longer one-year grants are offered, but a three-year one, allowing for a more sustainable tackling of the problems working equines experience. In addition, it is Brooke's new policy to integrate its projects with other projects of its partners. By doing so, Brooke and DCA are able to enlarge their scope and serve more equines and other farm animals.

The overall goal of the DCA-Brooke partnership is that by March 2021:

- 150,000 working equines have access to quality veterinary and welfare services

- 50,000 animals enjoy acceptable levels of welfare and living/working environment
- 50,000 equine owners are thriving thanks to the improved input of their working equines
- 260 service providers are offering quality services to working equines
- Local authorities and community influencers support the strengthened equine welfare systems



To achieve this goal DCA/Brooke will train 30,000 male owners, 9,000 female, and 11,000 children equine owners in compassion and equine friendly behaviour. These trainees will be organized in welfare groups for cross learning and self-helping. In addition, 80 paravets, 90 harness makers, and 90

traditional healers will be mentored to adopt equine friendly and quality veterinary and welfare services. And last but not least, local authorities, traditional and religious leaders, and CDCs will be involved in the project. Their awareness on the benefits of equine welfare will be built, to make them advocate for compassion building and welfare friendly handling of working equines and support the sustainability of the project outcomes.