



Success story: Nawab Khan, a paravet trained by CLAP-Kuchi project.

DCA's Community Livestock and Agriculture Project among the Kuchi (CLAP-Kuchi) VFUs and Paravet program covers vaccination, treatment and deworming in 10 provinces of Afghanistan (Kabul, Parwan, Logar as initial provinces and Balkh, Baghlan, Herat, Nangarhar, Khost, Pakteya and Laghman as additional provinces). Alongside the direct intervention of DCA staff, the paravets 6 months' course is the most important initiative of DCA, which aims to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of animal health care delivery and, consequently, livestock productivity,

The role of the paravets is to advise the livestock owners on proper livestock health management practices, such as proper de-worming, vaccination, nutrition, environmental sanitation, disease prevention, and control and treatment of animal illnesses.

Without proper animal health practices there will be reduced efficiency. And optimal profits can only be reached when there is a direct correlation between quality livestock production and veterinary services to livestock.

For the effectiveness and impact evaluation of paravets the DCA/CLAP-Kuchi M&E staff conducted an interview with various paravets. Here is the story of a paravet in Kisham village in Muhammad Agha district of Logar Province:

"My name is Nawab, son of Haji Taraki. and I have 6 family members. Before starting veterinary services, I was attending school and in part time was working as farmer on agriculture land and had a very bad economic situation. My monthly income was under poverty line (3000-5000 afs). Based on the needs and demand of my villager's livestock keepers, one day the DCA extension workers had contacted me for attending a 6 months' para-veterinarian-course. Thus, after fulfilling the rules and regulation of the project requirements, the DCA/CLAP project staff introduced me to Parwan province Charikar training Center, where I did peruse the 6-months agreed course. So, after the course completion in January 2016, DCA -with the financial support of MAIL/CLAP Kuchi project- assisted me in building the VFU and provided



me with the complete professional and logistical kits. Therefore, in February 2016, I was ready to start my business, working as a Paravet. Serving as a paravet and providing high quality medicines for the pastoralist Kuchi to treat their animals and produce high quality livestock products made me economically stronger than before when I had an ordinary life. Besides this, nowadays the community people call me as Vet- Doctor which I am proud of. Most of the Kuchi who live around the area where I provide veterinary services migrate to other provinces, thus, to provide veterinary services to Kuchi anywhere they are

going, I do migrate with them on seasonal changes from one province to another province. So, when the Kuchi migrate from Logar province to Nangarhar province, I also accompany them and shift my veterinary services to Kama district of Nangarhar province. Since I have started working as a paravet, day by day I am getting wealthier and now on average my monthly income is **15,500**/afs per month. Comparing to my ordinary life, which I had before receiving paraveterinarian course, and providing veterinary services to livestock keepers, it's a very big difference in my monthly income. Therefore, nowadays instead of paying for my daily home expenses I can save money as well.

Thanks to DCA/CLAP-Kuchi project for providing me such an opportunity and its tireless support."