13th Paravet Course: 21 paravets graduated

The DCA Paravet course is a professional and highly appreciated course aiming to train paravet candidates in animal health services. DCA training centres are based in Charikar, Herat, Mazar and Kandahar. The Paravet course, which lasts for 6 months, teaches Paravets to recognize the most occurring diseases, to diagnose the diseases, and to administer matching treatment in theory, and also to handle, diagnose, and treat various diseases in practice. Paravets are private entrepreneurs, therefore, they are also trained in business development to run their VFUs and veterinary activities successfully in their own villages.

The 13th Paravet course, which commenced the 30rd of June 2014, and ended the 25th of December 2014, started with 20 trainees funded by the USAID RADP-South project, and 3 trainees funded by AKF (Agha Khan Foundation). During the course one trainee left the training and one other trainee regrettably passed away, so totally 21 (male) participants graduated from the course. The new Paravets will work in various areas of Badahkshan, Zabul, Kandahar, Helmand and Uruzgan.

The 13th Paravet graduation ceremony was held in Charikar training centre with participation of DCA staff from the various covered provinces, the Head of Agriculture in Charikar, and representatives of other NGOs.

Mr. Fakhri (DCA Program Director), the Head of Agriculture in Charikar, NGO representatives, Mr. Durani (Head of Charikar Training), as well as Mr. Anbar Gul (RADP-S project manager) all gave brief speeches on the importance of Paravets and Paravet training. At the end of the ceremony recommendation letters and gifts were distributed to the Paravets who graduated at the first, second and third positions. Then all trainees received their certificate and they thanked DCA for its valuable services.

DCA wishes the new Paravets good luck and prosperity with their veterinary practice and will support them with advice and refresher training throughout the life of the project.