

DCA meeting with Minister of MAIL

October 17th, 2015, representatives of DCA had a meeting with HE Assadullah Zamir, Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of DCA-VET. In addition to the Minister, also Dr M. Osman Safi, MAIL Director WB/NHLP, and Eng. Abdul Latif Zahed, MAIL Programme Director CLAP/RMLSP. DCA participants at the meeting were Ab Emmerzaal (Secretary General), Raymond Briscoe (Executive Director), Dr Faridoon (National Project Manager) and Dr Abdul Qader Fakhri (Programme Director). DCA presented the MAIL participants copies of the DCA publication *'Afghanistan, a 25-years' struggle for a better life for its people and livestock'*, and to the Minister also a nice decorative DCA carpet, which was gratefully accepted.



During the meeting, the participants discussed several topics such as the Livestock National Programme, public-private partnership, and the capacity of the Directorate of Animal Health and Livestock Production. In addition, they talked about the role of VFUs, the significance of Sanitary Mandate, coordination between different projects, and technical cooperation with respect to capacity building of livestock experts. The Minister expressed his intention to develop a five-year plan for the Livestock sector. To this end, DCA promised to organize a National Conference in close coordination with MAIL. DCA was very honoured to meet HE the Minister of MAIL and highly appreciated the fruitful and constructive discussions during the meeting.



Following this meeting, the DCA Leadership Team met with Deputy Minister Mr. Mir Amanuddin Haidari on Wednesday October 21st as well.