



## Dutch Committee for Afghanistan - Livestock Programs

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are very happy to send you our Annual Report for 2020. It was a very special year for everyone around the world, given the pandemic. Afghanistan has been hit more severely than most countries. This is mainly due to the inadequate healthcare in this poor country where the infrastructure also leaves much to be desired. Our people at DCA have done their best to provide COVID-19 information to the rural beneficiaries in all our projects, in addition to the implementation. The security situation has also deteriorated over the past year. We sincerely hope for the Afghan people that an agreement will be reached between the Taliban and the incumbent government. That would greatly benefit the development of the country, and therefore our project implementation. Despite all these problems, our staff has been able to carry out the projects properly as you can read in the attached report.

A new strategic plan for the coming years was adopted by our Board, in collaboration with the Advisory Board and the senior staff in Afghanistan. DCA has the ambition to continue to play an important role in the further development of the livestock farming sector in Afghanistan, and in support to the National Veterinary Services. Livestock farming is an essential livelihood for the rural population where, by far the largest part of the Afghan population lives. In addition, livestock farming makes an important contribution to food security in the country. The VFU network, developed by DCA, promotes Herd Health, and contributes significantly to increasing animal production. Furthermore, DCA could play an important role in the development of this network in partnership with MAIL.

DCA is therefore committed to further strengthening the VFU network by increasing the skills of the existing VFU staff, and by training new veterinary paraprofessionals to further expand the network. There are more livestock owners needing access to quality services, and some of the service providers need replacement. DCA would very much like to carry out a project in collaboration with the Veterinary Directorate of the Ministry (MAIL) to further roll out and optimize the Sanitary Mandate Contract Scheme already developed, and to strengthen this very important Public Private Partnership. The VFUs could provide a valuable resource for raising awareness, disease reporting, control, and surveillance thereby strengthening the National Veterinary Services. This annual report contains information about our organisation, our work approach and the current situation in Afghanistan. All our projects are described individually, accompanied by some nice photos.

More information on DCA's activities and projects can be found on our website: [www.dca-livestock.org](http://www.dca-livestock.org)

Sincerely yours,

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