

*Ten days training workshop conducted by Afghanistan Veterinary Association on the on the capacity building of Samangan province para-vets in Balkh province, Afghanistan*

18 para-vets of 6 district and Aybak center and 6 Veterinary staff of DAIL– Samangan province participated in Workshop.



A view of workshop participants

**About R2J**

Road to Jobs (R2J) project is an ILO-SIDA funded project aiming to unleash the economic potential of the expanding rural road network in Afghanistan. The project works with selected competitive rural and urban value chains connected by the network through multi-faceted interventions in Samangan and Balkh Northern Provinces.

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Training on capacity building of para-vets was conducted over 10 days from 19th to 29th October 2016 by Afghanistan Veterinary Association (AVA). There were 24 participants ( 18 para-vets and 6 DAIL– Veterinary staff) who participated. The training combined both theoretical and hands-on aspects.

The training workshop was facilitated by two qualified trainer of AVA.

**Objectives of the training:**

- To conduct the 10 days training for 18 para-vet& 6 DAIL veterinary staff according to selected topics and para-vets able to solves livestock farmer’s problems in remote areas of samangan province.
- To minimize the problem and diseases of poultry and reduce mortality rate by providing good quality services

*This in the line with R2J project's objective to support farmer increase their income and sustain their farm activities profitably*

**Outputs of training:**

- 18 para-vet& 6 DAIL veterinary staff receive the 10 days training about the animal health and treatments.
- 18 para-vet& 6 DAIL veterinary staff familiar with new and up to date knowledge regarding the animal health and treatment.
- 18 para-vets have to access to more livestock farmers in targeted area.
- 18 para-vet income increase 10-20% by using the new and update knowledge
- 5- 10% mortality rate decrease of livestock by accessing to para-vet service

**Methodology of Teaching:**

Lecture, power point presentation using projector, documentary films, various video presentation of the diseases, Group work discussion, and practical work in animal clinic, trainees homework clinical reasoning and patient-based teaching

- Small group teaching
- Lecturing and large group teaching
- Evidence-based veterinary education

**The representative of the trainees said,** “ This was a good opportunity provided us by ILO and we are thankful. We have gained knowledge and now we are able to solve more of the farmers’ problems in live-stock. This will help us reach more farmers and increase our incomes. Our suggestion to ILO and AVA is that they provide training on artificial insemination, treatment of all abortion problems and metabolic diseases so that we can deal with all the major problems facing farmers in remote areas” .

**The AVA trainers said,**“ The para-vets participated well in training and the test scores ( average 75%) at the end indicated that understanding and assimilation of concepts and applications was very high. Our suggestion to ILO and DAIL is to conduct the training separately for para-vets and DAIL– veterinary staff because they are working in differently field in area” .

**The Samangan DAIL veterinary manager also said that his department was happy with the quality of the training.** “ We are satisfied with the training quality and facilities that were provided by ILO and AVA for the training. The para-vet will now be able to solve livestock farmers problems using the newly gained knowledge in remote areas”, he said.

At the end of his speech he then handed over a signed request for other training to para-vets in the future. All participants received training certificates from the AVA regional coordinator, trainers and ILO representative.

