

# Improvement of the dairy infrastructure in Algeria

Country: Algeria

**The main purpose of the contract (G2G08/AG/8/1) was to strengthen the dairy sector and support dairy development in Algeria, to improve trade and agribusiness.**

Activities included:

- organise a study visit for Algerian government officials and representatives of the dairy sector to the Netherlands.



- provide a training programme for Algerian trainers in the Netherlands

As a direct follow up of the Study Visit in the Netherlands in May 2009, a Fact Finding mission was organised in the following month in the course of the EVD project, to assess the training activities in the Project and to evaluate the possibilities of the Guelma farm as demonstration and training farm for the development of the dairy sector in Algeria, as future options for the Dutch-Algerian cooperation in the dairy sector, and to prepare a SWOT analysis for the dairy sector in Algeria.

Subsequently a training course was held in the Netherlands. Male and female delegates from Algeria were trained. The participants were selected from different institutes from in Algeria, including ITMAS (Institut de Technologie Moyen Agricoles Spécialisés (I.T.M.A.S) in Guelma.



- provide a training programme for Algerian trainers in Algeria. The training was conducted at the Centre de Formation et de Vulgarisation Agricole de Medea (CFVA), based on the train-the-trainer concept.



- organize an seminar on the development of the dairy sector in Algeria. The official program started with a reception by the Algerian SG of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Thereafter a field visit was made to ITEL (Institut Technique des Elevages) and CNIAAG (Central Station for Insemination) located near Algiers. At ITEL the Dutch delegation was informed about the activities in the field of breeding, milk recording and extension. The need for further assistance from the Netherlands in relation to milk recording (data processing and storage), introduction of forage species, conservation of animal genetic resources was discussed. During the seminar, presentations were held on activities and results obtained during the project (study visit to Netherlands, training of trainers in Netherlands and in Algeria), the SWOT of the Algerian dairy sector and areas for future cooperation. Further cooperation in the dairy sector was presented on:
  - education and training (funds have subsequently been allocated from the Dutch side for a feasibility study and further support for setting up a dairy demonstration and training farm)
  - assistance with the modernization of the Algerian dairy sector (among others in developing a clear strategy and improved investment climate and market access for Netherlands - Algerian agri-business).

