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### Veterinarian Starts Classes for Farmers

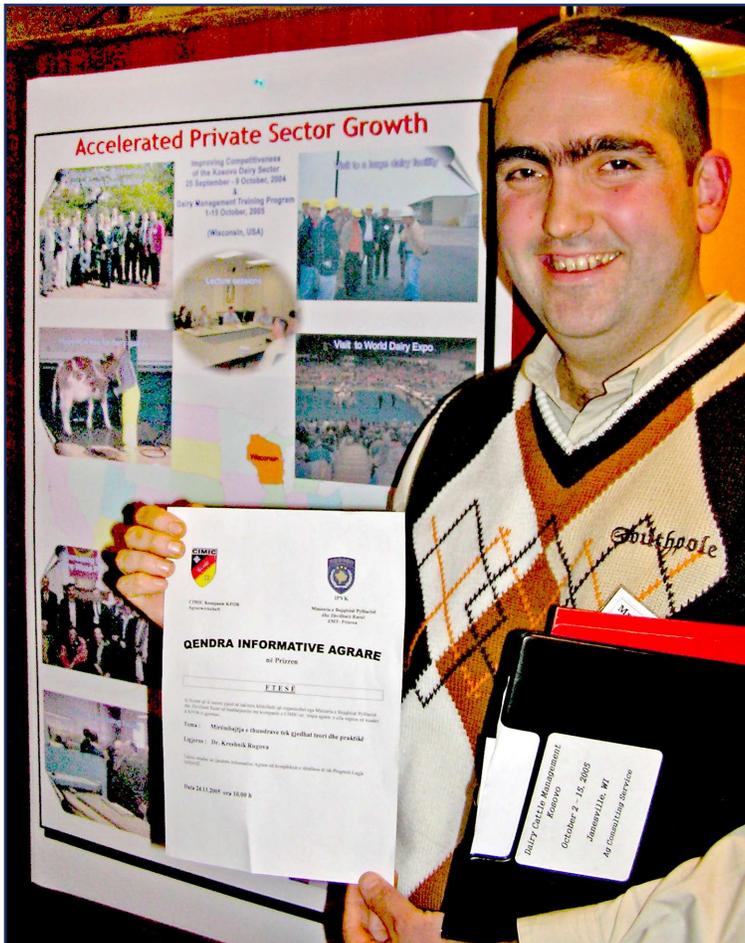


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As part of its efforts to bolster economic and political reform in Kosovo, USAID sponsored a training program that brought 150 Kosovar leaders and specialists in the public and private sectors to the U.S. and other countries for 18 months. Participants learned specialized skills and practical knowledge in their fields of expertise, and returned to Kosovo with ideas for bringing about reforms that will support development of democratic processes, rule of law, free enterprise, and an efficient economy.

One of the participants, a veterinarian named Dr. Kreshnik Rogova, spent part of his study tour at Wisconsin dairy farms together with a group of Kosovar farmers, veterinarians, dairy processors, and agricultural officials. There, they learned about advanced dairy production and processing techniques they could introduce in Kosovo. Upon returning to Kosovo, Dr. Rogova shared the knowledge he gained with local dairy farmers. In collaboration with a larger USAID dairy improvement program, Dr. Rogova helped advise and train dairy farmers in better production techniques.

***Dr. Kreshnik Rogova, a veterinarian, at a USAID exhibit on training programs. Dr. Rogova held classes for dairy farmers after finishing a USAID study tour.***

“After going to the US, I gave two presentations to farmers on what I learned in Wisconsin about breeding, producing more milk, all the statistics, and then a training on the farm about laminitis, a problem of the hoof. I learned it is easier to transfer knowledge with pictures and by showing how. In Wisconsin, I saw that you have to work hard to succeed, and you have to learn all your life long,” said Dr. Rogova.

As a result, a number of local dairy farms are now able to produce Grade A quality milk. Another veterinarian on the study program, Dr. Turhan Nila, said, “Now farmers trust our advice even more since we’ve been to the U.S.”