



A HAPPY DILEMMA... *Farmers choose to keep their soy for family consumption*

A rise in consumption of soybeans among rural farmers has created a happy dilemma! This exciting acceptance of protein-rich soybeans as a popular food is what NEI hoped for. The farmers want to retain most of their harvests for their families rather than sell to the market. Necessarily, NEI is now beginning to work with larger farmers to provide needed sustainable surpluses while still working with those in greatest danger of malnutrition, the subsistence farmers.



MORE SOY FACTORIES BEING BUILT

Meeting demand for soy products in Afghanistan



As more soybeans are produced by Afghan farmers, it is imperative to increase the soy processing capacity of the country. Consequently, NEI established a processing compound in Kabul showcasing good manufacturing processes and hygiene standards which the Kapisa Governor and Afghanistan's Deputy Minister of Public Health visited. A sixth processing plant (soy extrusion), NEI's first, to produce soy oil and partially defatted soy flour was built in Kapisa. In addition, NEI has embarked on acquiring equipment from South Korea for the first sterilized soymilk factory in Afghanistan. The plant is scheduled to open in Kabul in September 2016, and will produce soymilk with a 10-month shelf life making it suitable and safe for consumption in the most remote mountain villages where affordable proteins are hard to come by.

MEETING WITH AFGHANISTAN HEADS OF STATE

Special Afghanistan recognition accorded to NEI was a meeting with His Excellency President Dr. Ashraf Ghani. Dr. Kwon briefed President Ghani on NEI's eleven-year presence in Afghanistan working with poor and rural families to eradicate chronic malnutrition. He was very complimentary and expressed appreciation of NEI's commitment and work in tackling this problem. On a later occasion, Dr. Kwon met with Afghanistan's Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah who also expressed his high regard for NEI's work with the Afghan people. NEI is very happy and pleased to receive such distinguished recognition and support from the national unity government of Afghanistan; it will prove very helpful as we move forward with our soybean solution to malnutrition.



Bringing supplies to families

NEI RESPONDS WITH AID FOR AVALANCHE VICTIMS

NEI provided humanitarian aid by sending a team provisioned with food and emergency supplies to Panjshir, Laghman, and Parwan provinces to help victims of recent destructive snows and rain floods wherein approximately 200 people died and many were left without food or shelter.



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