

Over the past 11 years, NEI's work has positively impacted the lives of over 60,000 rural farmers. By conducting training workshops in how to use and cook with soy at home, soy has become a practical source of protein.

NEI is also developing an income-producing program for soy product saleswomen, empowering women by involving them to improve the health and welfare of their families and neighbors. With your generosity and support, we hope to attain new milestones in developing a completely self-sustainable soy industry in Afghanistan. Your help is so very much appreciated; we couldn't do it without you.

AFGHANS ENJOY EATING SOY AT HOME

Soy food culture beginning to create market demand



2014 was NEI's eleventh year of operation in Afghanistan and 8,000 Afghan farmers harvested 2,000 metric tons of soybeans. With home consumption, development of soy food culture is now becoming a reality. Families are fortifying their staple Naan bread with home-ground soy flour, and Soy Quorma is becoming popular -- a tasty soybean dish slow-cooked with vegetables and flavorful seasonings.

SOY PROCESSING ON THE RISE

Increased harvests of soy require more processing facilities



Working with local partners, two more factories have been built to process an increasing excess harvest of soybeans from farmers (after home-use consumption). One is a soy flour factory in Takhar and the other is a soy extrusion factory in Kapisa which produces a textured soy vegetable 'meat' as well as soy flour. NEI will assist these partners over the next five years to train them in processing and developing the market for soy products so that sustainable soybean processing and distribution systems are established regionally.

NEI RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN AFGHANISTAN

Celebrating 10 years of success



In October 2014, a celebration of NEI's 10 Years of Soy Industry Development in Afghanistan was held in Kabul. In addition to representatives from the Soy Farmers Association, Seed Growers Association and Soy Manufacturers, it was attended by Afghan Government officials, Parliamentarians, a provincial governor, and private sector leaders from the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries. This national recognition event was covered by all four major Afghan television networks and a dozen newspaper companies.

NEI'S HUMANITARIAN WORK CONTINUES



NEI's humanitarian soy milk feeding continues in three major cities, Herat, Kabul, and Badakshan, for women and children in poverty-stricken communities at refugee camps, and schools and orphanages in very poor areas.