



Updates from NEI

Eradicating malnutrition in Afghanistan.

Dear Friends,

With the summer harvest coming to a close, there is much activity in Kabul. Here are some updates on what NEI has recently been involved with.

NEI is working hard to make sure production efforts are successful. Our agronomist teams are actively advising farmers with harvesting techniques and best practices in market development. In addition to the help from our agronomist teams, farmers in the Kapisa and Parwan provinces have been the first to utilize special thresher machines donated by NEI through the US government funding. These machines greatly assist farmers threshing soybeans in clean speedy ways and all farmers were amazed.

A developed soybean value chain, from cultivation to soy product processing, is imperative to defeat malnutrition. The recent commissioning of a third mid-scale soy flour facility in the eastern province of Nangarhar has also enhanced soy flour production efforts. A fourth processing facility has been planned for the province of Kunduz.

For the first time in country's history, NEI used radio to promote soybean. As shown in the last picture to the right, an NEI team member records a brief message that addresses soybean home use and he provides information on where to purchase soybean and soy flour. This radio announcement marks the start of a more aggressive, media-focused public awareness campaign.

As we are reaching more farmers throughout the country, NEI is recognizing the need to become a more professional organization. This past month, employee development workshops began. These workshops will equip NEI team members to effectively face upcoming challenges in Afghan governance, agricultural issues, and business development. In addition, NEI has stepped forward to partner with the ASFHA Hospital in Kabul. A recent partnership agreement with the hospital provides medical care and provisions for NEI staff.

Dr. Kwon and his wife Annie graciously hosted the NEI Appreciation and Recognition Dinner. The night was a great time to reconnect with past and current volunteers as well as supporters. All guests were happy to hear about the achievements of NEI and were glad to be part of the NEI mission. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that attended and those that shared their NEI stories.

Lastly, we at NEI would like to extend our warmest holiday wishes. We are extremely thankful for everyone's faithful decision to partner with us. Without your help, NEI would not have saved so many lives of Afghan women and children. As always, there is much work to be done and we invite you to join us once more; whether it is your time, financial resources, or talent. Please consider continuing your support. With one mind and heart, let us stand behind the simple idea that we can help give life back to the people of Afghanistan.

Thank you so much. Let us work together for a brighter Afghan future.

Sincerely,
NEI Team



Soybean Harvest with NEI Help



Farmers Using the Thresher Machines



Nangarhar Factory Commissioning



NEI Radio Address