



Updates from NEI

Eradicating malnutrition in Afghanistan.

Dear Friends,

As previously reported, 2010 turned out to be a productive year. Together with our Afghan partners, we were able to extend our soybean production to more farmers and educate communities in 34 provinces about soy benefits through training seminars and workshops. But that is not a reason to slow down. With your continued support, 2011 promises to be even brighter. As news of how NEI is helping farmers grow soybeans is now being spread, more individuals and families are eager to work with us. As a result, NEI's vision and mission will continue to grow in Afghanistan.

To give you a brief recap of what has been done so far in 2011:

- NEI Afghanistan is expanding! 13 new employees have been hired and trained.
- NEI's new staff distributed seeds and fertilizers, and trained 1,000 farmers in 8 provinces, including 400 in Shindand District, Herat Province, for the spring season.
- A winter education campaign for pregnant women has been completed in the Nangarhar Province (this is the first province of 19).

The main thrust for NEI in the first half of 2011 will be to reorganize itself and recruit new workers both abroad and in Afghanistan. The purpose of this effort is to simply be able to reach out to more farmers and families. It is hoped that through our new staffs, NEI will serve the people in an expedient and effective way. NEI will move forward with this process by:

- Expanding NEI Afghanistan with the hiring additional local candidates who are proficient in skills that are specific for the field or the office.
- Dividing the country into 4 separate geographical regions. Each office will have a manager, 2 to 3 agronomists, home economist and administrative support staff.
- Dispatching two young professionals who will be working in the Developments of Soy Production Sector and Soy Food Culture. These individuals will be leaving for Kabul in May.
- Continuing to train farmers through workshops. During May and June, NEI Staff will teach approximately 8,000 farmers in 180 districts of 21 provinces.

We are thankful for each and every one of you who have faithfully partnered with us. NEI's program is undoubtedly working, but there is much more to do and we cannot do it alone. We invite you to join us once more: whether in time, financial resources, or talent, please consider continuing your support. With one mind and one 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's continue to sow hope in Afghanistan.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steven Kwon, Ph.D
President of NEI



Kabul refugee camp children who are receiving soy milk daily.



Kabul refugee camp children



Farmer's training in Kabul Province



Kabul farmers