



Updates from NEI

eradicating malnutrition in afghanistan.

Dear Friends,

As you all know, 2010 has been a historic year for NEI. Because of your support and the amazing work of our Afghan partners we were able to go far beyond our own expectations in all four of our development sectors - Soy Production, Soy Food Culture Development, Soy Processing, and Soy Milk Distribution.

Just to give you a brief recap of last year's work:

- We have finally reached all of Afghanistan's 34 provinces!
- 7,000 NEI farmers from 34 provinces produced over 2,000 tons of soybeans to feed their families and their communities.
- Afghan families are increasingly consuming soybeans at home and Soy Naan is more popular than ever.
- More than 500,000 women and children have been served through our soymilk distribution program.

Although we have had a landmark year, we are eager to build on the momentum of 2010 to reach even more Afghan families in 2011. So in 2011, we are looking towards the following initiatives:

- **We are aiming to double Soybean Production!** We will expand within each of the 34 provinces, working with 14,000 farmers and produce 4,000 tons of soybeans.
- **We are broadening Soy Food Culture Development.** Soy naan is an efficient tool for defeating malnutrition so we will continue to promote it through the media and among Afghan bakeries. NEI will popularize the "10 Best Soy Recipes" nationwide & hold a nationally televised "Top Chef" program to introduce soy food to a wider audience. Finally, NEI will help teach the next generation by bringing soy nutrition education to high school and middle school classrooms.
- **We are ramping up Women's Empowerment Programs.** We will provide 150 tons of soy flour to over 10,000 pregnant women in high-risk areas and help develop soy-based animal feed so that these women can develop income-producing cottage industries.
- **We are expanding the Soy Processing Sector.** To create a completely sustainable soy industry, NEI will assist local entrepreneurs to establish 3 more soy flour factories.
- **We are increasing nutritional intervention through Soymilk Distribution.** We are even more aggressively tackling malnutrition among the most vulnerable populations by establishing 3 more soymilk processing factories to serve over 1,000,000 women and children with soymilk and soy biscuit distribution.

We are so thankful for each and every one of you who have faithfully partnered with us and are excited to see what we can do together in 2011 to tangibly reduce malnutrition in Afghanistan. As you look forward to 2011, please consider increasing your partnership with NEI. Whether in time, financial resources, or talent, as NEI expands its work in Afghanistan, we are increasing our need for meaningful partnerships.

Thank you so much. Let's continue to sow hope in Afghanistan.

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

