



Soybean Planting...Little Seed, Big Hope!



NEI had another successful year partnering with Afghan farmers. NEI's agronomists trained over 15,000 farmers in 32 provinces on soybean planting, and provided them with high quality non-GMO soybean seeds and fertilizer. These farmers will first use their soybeans to feed their families and sell excess soybeans to local soy processing factories. NEI is very grateful to see farmers working together to defeat chronic malnutrition in rural Afghanistan.

Capacity Building in Afghanistan



To help build Afghanistan's national capacity, NEI sent two NEI Afghan employees to Kyungpook National University in South Korea for agricultural coursework focusing on soybean breeding. Student Mirwais Ghani recently submitted his thesis and will receive his Master's degree in agricultural science this August. Mr. Ghani will then return to Afghanistan to train farmers on high-yield soybean production, supporting NEI's goal of eradicating malnutrition through increased availability of protein-rich soybeans.

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Seeds of Hope Enters Second Year

Seeds of Hope, NEI's youth development and empowerment program, is entering its second year! An additional 2,000 rural youth in ten provinces are learning how to become productive members in their communities through cultural enrichment and leadership training sessions. Club member Fatema shared her positive experience: *"In my village, there are many qualified young people, but they decide to leave home because they are poor and jobless...Seeds of Hope program helps us learn and become self-sufficient".*



Nutritious and Delicious Soy Biscuits

Thanks to NEI's successful marketing and promotion efforts, more Afghans are buying Nutriana soy foods due to their health benefits and great taste. A favorite across all age groups is new Soya Biscuits. Similar looking to traditional crisp tea biscuits but with more protein and heart-healthy omega-3 oils, Nutriana Soya biscuits are delightful paired with a glass of cold soy milk.

