



2016 SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IN 31 PROVINCES



More than 17,000 farmers in 2,435 villages successfully produced 6,000 metric tons of soybean. This is a record harvest, which alleviates malnutrition in homes across Afghanistan.

Farmers and their families eat soybean at home and sell the excess harvest to one of seven factories. According to our recent survey of soy farmers, they enjoy giving soy to their children because this prevents them from getting as sick as their neighbor's kids. Word of mouth spreads the news about the health benefits of soy nutrition and now many neighbors are also eating soy at home.

HOME POULTRY PROJECTS FOR VILLAGE WOMEN



This pilot project in partnership with World Food Programme helps widows in Kabul, Kapisa, and Parwan provinces. This year 100 women received training and all the tools and inputs to become economically self-sufficient poultry farmers. The women produce eggs for home consumption and to sell in the local market. Ms. Halima from Kabul says "my life has changed dramatically. Now I can support my family, my children can go to school. Also I expanded my poultry business and built another coop." We greatly appreciate the support from the Republic of Korea for helping us create opportunities for poor women in Afghanistan.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN NANGARHAR & HERAT

In addition to working with villages, farmers, and homemakers, we expanded our community development efforts in 2016 to include youth living in the insecure villages of Nangarhar and Herat. Our Seeds of Hope Youth Clubs implemented community service projects, ran poultry farms, and grew vegetables. This year we are expanding to eight more provinces and will have a total of 40 Seeds of Hope Youth Clubs that teach about self-sufficiency, leadership, and community service.



SOY MARKET DEVELOPMENT FOR URBAN POPULATIONS

Due to record high production of soybean this year, more soybean is now available for urban populations who are not living in soybean producing villages. Our Kabul staff has been working hard to connect the excess soybeans from the farmers to the Mondavi grain stores in the major cities including Kabul City. More than 300 stores are now selling soy nutrition to urban customers. NEI broadcasts cooking shows that teach soy farming families and others how to prepare Afghan dishes with soy. After watching the shows, more families are now buying soybeans from the stores to give their children a high protein soybean diet.

