



VILLAGE WOMEN'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROJECT: HOME POULTRY



NEI's newest program teaches rural women how to raise chickens and sell them to earn a living. Our home poultry program focuses on impoverished women, particularly widows that have limited opportunities to better themselves. Our poultry expert provides training and does ongoing monitoring to assist the women become successful poultry farms. All the women receive 4 month old hens, materials to build chicken coops, and chicken feed. The women contribute to their own families and to the local village economy. This training improves the nutrition of 100 women and gives them the tools to become self-reliant

MARKETING SOY FOOD CULTURE



NEI promotes soy nutrition by attending fairs, running advertisement campaigns, and giving presentations to homemakers as well as professionals. The message of soy nutrition is important to help Afghanistan become healthier. NEI's soy products are sold to the general public as the label- Nutriana in three provinces. Soy naan bread is sold in 300 bakeries throughout the country. Additionally, 3,000 opinion leaders participated in NEI's trainings and taste tested soy products. Soy nutrition is become more popular among Afghans.

JOB TRAINING FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

NEI opens a computer lab for visually impaired adults. NEI partnered with Rahyab Rehabilitation Services for the Blind in Afghanistan to give visually impaired people job training that will help them become self-sufficient. Students use Braille device displays and audio programs during the training. Upon graduation, the students will be able to communicate more easily and obtain employment. The vocational training will help the students for a lifetime. They will be able to lead better lives and make more contributions to their families.



RECORD NUMBER HARVEST EXPECTED

Each year, NEI trains more soybean farmers and expands to new areas with the mission of eradicating malnutrition throughout Afghanistan. In 2016, our farmers are expected to harvest 6,000 MT of soybean in 31 provinces. Families keep a portion of their own harvest to eat at home. The remaining supply is sold to one of NEI's partnering factories. We partnered with over 17,000 soybean farmers to alleviate hunger in the country this year alone.



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