



SEEDS OF HOPE YOUTH CLUB



NEI is excited to announce the newly established Seeds of Hope Youth Club program. This is NEI's first program focusing entirely on building the capacity of rural youth. Eight youth clubs in Nangarhar and Herat province will teach 400 youth about farming, nutrition, community leadership, and business. The youth clubs will have their very own poultry farms, soy farms, and small garden plots. These experiential lessons will teach about agriculture as well as give youth nutritional food. The youth will also engage in community service projects and sporting activities.

SOY FARMERS ASSOCIATION



NEI has increased the number of Soy Farmers Associations throughout the country. These associations organize NEI's efforts and give resources including farming equipment- tractors and thresher. Soy Farmers Associations (SFAs) promote cooperation, facilitate support, and share best practices. In total, we currently have 13 SFAs with 2,750 farmers.

DELEGATION TO KOREA

Twice a year, NEI organizes delegations and trainings for Afghan farmers, business and government leaders, and agronomists. The farmers selected for the delegation are successful and dedicated soy farmers that run demonstration farms. The delegations travel to Korea and learn firsthand from leading soy farming and business experts. This is truly an international effort that builds the capacity of the Afghan people and creates cultural exchanges between Afghanistan and Korea. The delegates return to Afghanistan with renewed enthusiasm for our soy initiative that is addressing protein malnutrition.



WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS PROJECT

Disadvantaged women are selected as sales agents by NEI and they are trained on soy nutrition and how to prepare Afghan dishes made from soy. The women go door- to-door selling NEI's soy products and they share information on the benefits of soy to their friends and neighbors. Our sales agents earn an income and learn new skills meanwhile educating the community about NEI's high protein food products.



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