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Well drilled in Ansary, Balkh Province (July 2016)

Building Sustainable Communities

A sustainable community is one that is economically, environmentally and socially healthy and resilient. It seeks a better quality of life, and it depends on its members' commitment and involvement. It takes a long term perspective. One that is focused on both the present and the future.

With this in mind, JDA is helping build sustainable Afghan communities through our various programs that help communities make better decisions.

A healthy community is the foundation to generating a strong sustainable community. Therefore, we provide training to women, men and children on proper hygiene and sanitation practices so that they are conscious of the importance of good hygiene, the spread of disease and how it affects their health. With the new insight , they are able to make positive behavior changes that will improve their health and well-being. We also target mothers and newborns with our Birth Life Saving Skills program in efforts to reduce mother/child mortality rates. Thanks to the spread of basic pregnancy education, fewer mothers and children under the age of five are dying during childbirth.

Healthy communities also means achieving water security. JDA, in partnership with Life Outreach International, drills wells in villages where there is major need for safe drinking water. We also promote and distribute water filtration systems as an alternative for safe drinking water.

We are promoting economic development to communities through the RADP-North program which provides knowledge and skills on improved wheat, high value crops, and livestock production techniques. These activities enable farmers to better market their products to generate more income for their families. In return, this will improve food and economic security for entire communities.

JDA facilitates the tools but members of the community must believe that they have the capacity to resolve their own problems and shape their own futures. That is the most promising way to build sustainable communities.





Project Update: Clean Water for Karnail Sai Village

Water Filters have been shipped to Afghanistan and are awaiting customs clearance. Delivery of the filters to families will most likely take place in October 2016.

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Empowering Women Through Knowledge

Afghanistan has one of the highest rates of malnutrition in the world with 40.9 percent of children under five suffering from chronic malnutrition and both women and children suffer from high levels of vitamin and mineral deficiency. To address this need, JDA, as an implementing partner for USAID's RADP-North program, is delivering lessons to women in communities of Balkh, Baghlan, Samangan and Jawzjan provinces.

Our trainers work with groups of 20-25 women over the course of six weeks. Each session covers two new lessons and allows for a group discussion. Lessons are presented through pictures since most of the women are illiterate. The nutrition curriculum discusses proper hygiene, basics of nutrition, food preparation, and food storage. It also includes a lesson in wheat seed selection and the use of PICS (Perdue Improved Crop Storage) bags as a safe food storage method.

The aim is to improve hygiene and nutrition conditions of households in targeted communities. Through the provision of comprehensive hygiene and nutrition training. We aim to:

Develop awareness of **proper nutrition** that results in appropriate behaviour change in individuals and throughout the community.

Build capacity of the participants to share effective nutrition interventions within their communities.

Raise community awareness of the most prevalent health issues caused by poor nutrition and building the necessary practical skills for prevention.

Empower women with knowledge to be effectively involved in hygiene, nutrition and agriculture.



JDA has delivered lessons to 5,909 women on Nutrition and Hygiene from October 2015 through August 2015. (1,275 women trained in Samangan, 1,032 women trained in Baghlan, 2,468 women trained in Balkh, 1,134 women trained in Jawzjan)