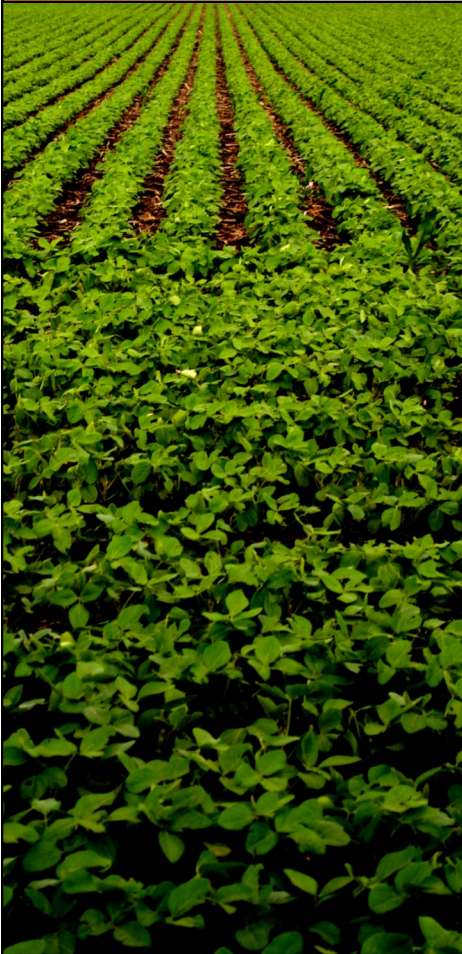


Soybeans for Agricultural Renewal in Afghanistan Initiative

SARAI efforts have reached more than 500,000 people through the development of key soy value chain segments. These include:

- Increasing soybean production by providing farmers with technical support and hands-on training on crop management practices from planting through harvest
- Expanding farmer access to markets through road rehabilitation; bringing new land into use with renovated irrigation systems, and greater access to inputs with microfinance programs
- Developing processing capacity that creates a market for locally produced soybeans, turning them into products for further use in downstream human food and animal feed applications
- To improve the awareness and nutritional benefits of soy through educational and promotional efforts aimed at community leaders, health workers, food manufacturers, vulnerable individuals, and end users.



Project Summary



The American Soybean Association's World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (ASA/WISHH) program, is working to improve the economic and livelihood conditions of people in Afghanistan. Our multi-faceted approach to developmental agricultural programming contributes to the overall U.S.-Afghanistan efforts aimed at improving food security, natural resource management, and the support of agricultural trade corridors. The Soybeans for Agricultural Renewal in Afghanistan Initiative (SARAI) project, funded through the *U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food for Progress* program, is strategically designed in that it not only seeks to address immediate humanitarian needs arising from the conflict, but pursues the reestablishment of livelihood opportunities through the promotion of the soy value chain in Afghanistan.