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Clean Water for Karnai Sai Project



Distribution of Sawyer Water Filters for Karnai Sai Village in Balkh Province took place on October 29, 2016. Osiyo Hamkorlik participated in the distribution along with JDA's WASH team. District Police escorted our distribution team out to the village where the men from each family waited patiently. For security purposes, three different sites were selected for distribution. Before the filtering systems were handed out, the men were taught how to properly use and clean the filter. A total of 183 filters were provided including two for the village clinic and one for the district center.

JDA learned of Karnai Sai Village in June of this year when our WASH team was approached by the Ministry of Economy to drill a well for this remote village where more than 180 families have access to water 10-20 km distant.

Every day, children travel as much as 20 kilometers to the nearest irrigation canal to bring drinking water to their homes. Unfortunately, the water they rely on is not safe and contains bacteria and viruses that often makes them ill.

In response to this alarming situation, JDA initiated the drilling of a well for Karnai Sai, but was unsuccessful in obtaining water even as they drilled down to 84 meters. Drilling deeper was not possible due to the village's lack of electricity needed for an electric submersible pump.

We decided to develop an alternative plan. With the help of our generous donors, JDA raised sufficient funds to deliver Sawyer Water Filters to each of the families in need. Due to the unfortunate drilling circumstances, we could not provide them with a well at this time, but we were able to place in their hands a significant tool to keep their children and entire family free from water-borne diseases.

