

Joint Development Associates International

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Discover Development



Relief:

Give a man a fish and he has food for the day.

Development:

Teach a man to fish and he has food for a lifetime.

Transformation:

Educate a man to think in new ways about fishing and his life will be changed forever.

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transformational
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Dear Friends,

The Development Center, a seven acre property outside the city of Mazar i Sharif, is a place of innovation, ideas and training. The grounds hold a building with classrooms, a lab and a kitchen and is surrounded by a brick wall as is typical of Afghan properties. Water is provided from a well with two pumps one of which is solar. A shaded outdoor work area and plenty of adjacent land is used for agricultural training, testing and experimentation.

The Development Center is all about helping Afghans see the resources they already have and think about them in new ways. We exchange ideas, test, teach, build stuff, and mentor each other. We employ men and women from surrounding villages.

We share, grow, learn, experiment. We eat together, meet, and celebrate. We challenge, risk, try, fail and succeed.

JDA continually challenges its staff, university interns and project employees to think differently about their resources. And the results prove that given the opportunity, Afghans are discovering solutions and implementing new ideas to solve old problems.

Some of the things we've done and continue to do at the Development Center:

- introduced strawberries
- train in hand pump repair & maintenance
- teach tractor operation, repair, maintenance & inspired local business spin-offs for additional implements
- test safflower & wheat varieties
- hold meetings, celebrations & meals
- tried Israeli technology of solar powered irrigation on a pomegranate orchard
- experiment with flexible pipes and drip irrigation
- test different Bio Sand Filter designs
- employed men and women from surrounding villages
- tested tomato varieties, then dried, processed and packaged them for sale
- operate a Soil Conservation Lab & develop conservation techniques
- conduct Water, Sanitation & Hygiene and Birth Life Saving classes
- raised sheep
- experimented with land leveling
- grow vegetables & lemon trees



Bio Sand Filter Designs



Dried Tomato Processing