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Discover Afghan Hospitality

Hospitality, including the serving of food for guests is very important in the Afghan culture. Unexpected guests are not uncommon and are treated with honor. They are brought to a separate guest room and served tea while chatting with the host. A special bowl and pitcher of water used for cleansing are brought in to pour water over each person's hands. Three or four people may share a large platter of rice, side dishes of vegetables, homemade chutneys and pickles and freshly baked naan. Coming away from an Afghan table hungry simply never happens! Afghans take great pride in their cooking and are very happy to see their guests full and satisfied.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and dedication to JDA's work in Afghanistan. You provide the encouragement, resources and energy to maintain our commitment to the people of this country.

Our projects are implemented with Afghan staff as well as expatriates. Visiting experts come from other countries and may spend their time transferring their skills to our staff or work with them to solve a technical agricultural issue.

Often, JDA creates partnerships with organizations who do not have their own people on the ground, but want to build schools or drill wells. Our staff provide the local knowledge, resources and skills, and the partner the funds.



\$3,200 CREATES A WATER SOURCE SERVING 500 PEOPLE

Recently a western observer was visiting a remote village and observed the local activities at a muddy irrigation ditch. Women and children were collecting water, washing dishes, laundering clothes and bathing. Appalled, he commented on how terrible the water was. A local village leader overheard the remark and responded,

"Water is life! It is better to drink this water than to die".

This polluted irrigation water was their primary water source. Since this visit, two new water wells have been completed for the families of the village and hundreds of women are involved in Water Sanitation & Hygiene training (WASH).

This year, in partnership with three other organizations, JDA is drilling wells. Our team has drilled six wells for six villages. These wells average 175' in depth and will serve about 80 families or 500 people. Drilling was temporarily suspended while Afghans observed the fast of Ramadan in July, but the teams are now back at work.



Drilling a well can be complicated with unknowns. This spring, our drillers encountered favorable soils, making their work easier and under budget. We anticipate drilling a total of 16 wells.

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