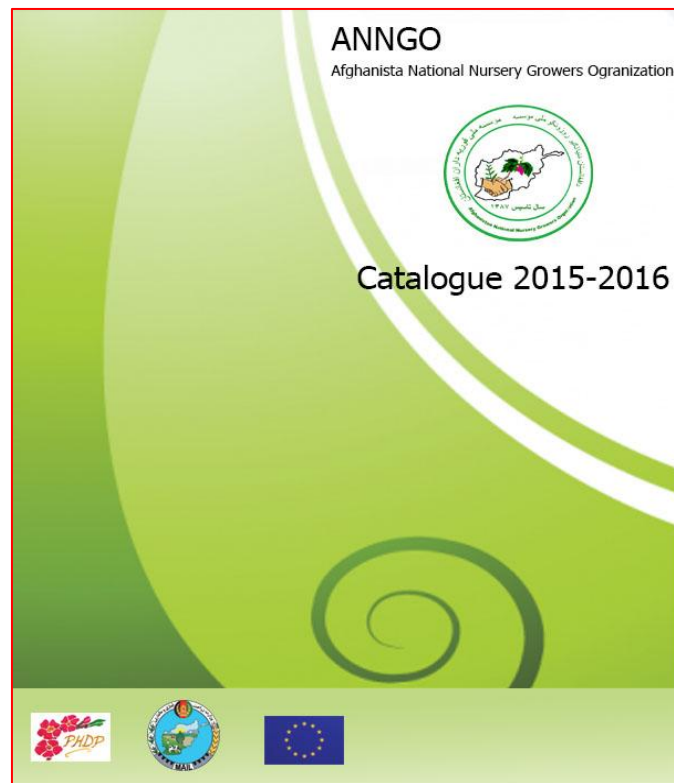




## Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

### Monthly Report



ANNGO has started work to develop the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of ANNGO fruit trees and ornamental Catalogue 2015-16.

July 2015





# Nursery Industry Development Transition Project



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## List of acronyms used in the report

- *EU*                      *European Union*
- *ANNGO;*              *Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization*
- *NGAs;*                *Nursery Growers Associations*
- *MSNs;*                *Mother Stock nurseries*
- *ANHDO;*              *Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization*
- *NGOs;*                *Non Governmental Organization*
- *MAIL;*                 *Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock*
- *NHLP*                 *National Horticulture and livestock project*
- *HPS-SO1;*             *Horticulture Private Sector-Sub objective one*
- *MTs*                    *Mother Trees*
- *PHDCs*                *Perennial Horticulture Development Centers*
- *PHDP TA*             *Perennial Horticulture Development Project Technical assistance*
- *DHD*                  *Directorate of Horticulture Development*
- *FMs*                    *Field Managers*
- *HVP*                   *Horticulture value chain project*
- *TA*                     *Technical assistance*
- *MoJ*                   *Ministry of Justice*
- *NGOs*                *Non governmental organizations*

## 1. Description

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- 1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract: **Afghanistan National Nursery Grower Organization**
  - 1.2. Name and title of the Contact person: **Zainulabudin Noor, General Manager**
  - 1.3. Name of partners in the Action: **N/A**
  - 1.4. Title of the Action: **Support to Afghanistan Fruit Tree Nursery Industry Transition Project**
  - 1.5. Contract number: **DCI-ASIE/2012/295-861**
  - 1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period: **July 2015**
  - 1.7. Target country **Afghanistan**
  - 1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups: **Nursery Growers / Orchard and vineyard growers (about 600,000 persons and family units)**
  - 1.9. Country(ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7): **Afghanistan.**

## 2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

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### 2.1 Executive summary of the Action:

The technical staffs have started developing the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of fruit tree catalogue with up dated information from National collections data provided, certified saplings budded in summer 2014 and ornamental sector.

MSNs improvement based on the market demand for certified saplings is in progress. The changes brought in each MSNs is increasing quality of certified saplings each year. The orchard growers purchase true to type saplings with certified labels provided by ANNGO.

ANNGO database is linked with the database of national collections and any change in the accession name or other relevant technical changes in the national collection in PHDCs, ANNGO brings the respective changes in its MSNs and database. The database section has started cross checking ANNGO data with PHDCs database.

Inspections of MSNs are compulsory and important component of certification. All MSNs must be inspected before budwood sale starts in the country. The inspection is conducted by ANNGO inspectors and the MSN owners are informed before the inspectors travel to inspect a specific MSN. Most of the MSNs are inspected and approved for the sale of budwood in the country.

The ANNGO Gape analysis is developed by PHDP TA is reviewed by ANNGO staff and has drafted a copy for further discussion with partner organizations. This analysis will help ANNGO fill its weaknesses.

ANNGO staff has provided training to newly established 2 NGAs of Kapisa province and Sorobi district of Kabul province. The main purpose of this training was to introduced the fruit tree certification to the newly hired FMs and guide the them for establishment of NGA and registration processes in the MoJ.

ANNGO has strong coordination and cooperation with other partners and supporting projects. Regular meetings are held between these projects to support the fruit trees certification scheme and purchase certified saplings from ANNGO members in the country.

At the end of the activities month, BoDs meeting was held where all the 7 members of BoDs and ANNGO Technical staff attended the meeting. Common problems and issues were discussed in the meeting. The meeting also focused on the prices of certified saplings and open market price developed by NHLP.

### Results and Activities

#### Result 1: ANNGO is developed as an independent organisation for the development of the fruit tree nursery industry.

- ANNGO being an independent organization has requested EU for no cost extension from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, which is approved.
- ANNGO staff has started developing new fruit trees catalogue 2015-16. The catalogue will be ready for print before the new project starts in November 2015.
- ANNGO technical staff and PHDP TA had meeting with NHLP/MAIL for discussion on the draft of MoU between both projects. In this meeting also the issue of support of ANNGO by NHLP discussed that NHLP will facilitate a tissue culture lab for production of rootstocks and ANNGO to technically

consider their demands for the next year. The MoU is under discussion and will soon finalize by both organization.

- Bagh Babur

### **Result 2: The technical level of the fruit tree nursery in Afghanistan is raised to standards appropriate to the development of a modern orchard industry.**

- Each year the qualities of certified saplings are increasing and nursery growers focus to produce true to type, healthy and vigorous saplings. The growers pay special attention during the growing season to keep the standard of the saplings high.

### **Results 3: A planting material registration and certification system is in operation**

- ANNGO database section has cross checked the updated national collection list with the list of mother trees for any change or miss naming issues. The cross check will help ANNGO database section minimize mistakes while printing labels for certified saplings for coming sale season.
- Inspection of MSNs are in progress and more than 80% MSNs are inspected and registered in ANNGO database.
- After completing the inspection of most of the MSNs. The ANNGO inspectors have officially informed the MSN owners for the removal of off types from the MSNs.

### **3-Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings:**

#### **I. Meetings:**

ANNGO technical staff had meeting with Bagh-i-babour director, Mr.Ahmad Shah and Agriculture officer Mr.Abdul Latif, regarding ANNGO activities and coordination in establishing fruit and ornamental nurseries and improving the MoU between Bagh-i - Babour and ANNGO.

ANNGO had coordination meeting with HPS/ SO1 staff ( Mr. Samar Gul, Naeemi, Kashmir, Mr. Puya) and Dr.Shams from PBTL regarding pest and diseases control in MSNs and certified planting materials.

ANNGO team insisting that the healthy planting materials in MSNs is the main point of ANNGO certification scheme, so with the coordination of ANNGO and PBTL staff, testing of NGAs planting materials will be one of the main objective of our activity.

ANNGO GM and technical staff had coordination meeting with NHLP staff regarding following issues:

- Clonal rootstock production and certified sapling production on rootstocks
- Tissue culture laboratory for the production of clonal rootstocks
- Support NHLP for demanded certified saplings on clonal rootstocks
- Conducting training for NHLP staff regarding ANNGO certification scheme.

ANNGO staff had meeting with Abdul Samad Kamawi, HVP project Manager and discussed the following issues;

- HVP responsibilities for Kapisa and Sorobi NGAs
- Registration and development of the mentioned NGAs
- Training program for the NGAs members in the targeted areas
- Financial responsibilities of HVP regarding these NGAs

On 26 of July ANNGO staff had meeting with Mahboobulah Nang regarding MoU between MAIL and ANNGO, manual of procedure.

The same day also had meeting with Shir Shah regarding list of fruit species and varieties which for budding as mother tree for ANNGO program.

On 27 of July we had grouping meeting with ANHDO GM and Mr.Safi from HVP regarding coordination work for Kapisa and Sroubi NGAs, also we reviewed the reshipping budget of HPS/SO1 which prepared by Miss Enrica also determent the SO1 and ANNGO responsibilities regarding HPS/SO1 project

On 28 of July, ANNGO board of directors had meeting held where the BoD members discussed organization internal problems and coming ANNGO project. The BoD members' emphasized for more support to NGAs and do not lose the highly trained staff because of changes and new funding from EU.

## **II. Trainings:**

During the month ANNGO staff trained new ( Kapis and Sroubi NGAs) FMs regarding following issues:

- Survey and checking nurseries of members of NGAs
- Brief information about ANNGO certification scheme
- ANNGO standards in productions
- Issues regarding registration of NGAs in Ministry Justice
- ANNGO certified Planting materials
- Certification documents of ANNGO ( appendixes )

## **III. Workshops;**

During min July work on ANNGO GAP analysis and discussed the following issues among ANNGO staff:

- ANNGO status in the current stage
- Status of ANNGO planting materials
- ANNGO status in certification scheme implementation
- ANNGO future sustainability ( finding way for generation of ANNGO income)
- Drafting reasonable business plan for ANNGO



IV. Photos;



ANNGO inspectors during inspection of MSNs in Maidan province



Apple clonal rootstocks newly planted for multiplication

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