



Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

Monthly Report



ANNGO has focused to improve the nursery industry with the financial support of EU new grant

19th to 31st December 2015





Nursery Industry Development Transition Project



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- *EU* *European Union*
- *ANNGO;* *Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization*
- *NGAs;* *Nursery Growers Associations*
- *MSNs;* *Mother Stock nurseries*
- *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*
- *FMs* *Field Managers*
- *HVP* *Horticulture value chain project*
- *DAIL;* *Director Agriculture Irrigation & Livestock*
- *ANHDO;* *Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization*
- *PBTL;* *Plant Biotechnology Laboratory*
- *CPNs;* *Certified Production Nurseries*
- *TLO;* *A Swiss peace Pilot Project-Tribal Liaison office (Afghanistan)*
- *BoDs* *Board of Directors*
- *MoU* *Memorandum of understanding*
- *PHDCs* *Perennial Horticulture Development Centers*
- *NC* *National Collection*
- *BG* *Babur Garden*
- *ARIA* *Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan*
- *ICARDA* *International Center for Agriculture Research in dry Areas*

1. Description

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:	Nursery Industry Development Transition Project
1.5.	Contract number:	DCI-ASIE/2012/295-861
1.6.	Start date and end date of the reporting:	19th December 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

2.1. Executive summary of the Action

ANNGO has signed new contract with EU for new project on 19th of December 2016. This is the second granting of ANNGO. ANNGO has improved a lot during first granting and set up an improved nurseries production system. Currently, Nursery Growers in 24 provinces are producing saplings according to ANNGO fruit trees certification scheme. MSNs are improved and expanded each year. The organization has also done its gape analysis. ANNGO has signed MoUs with key leading organizations like MIAL, NVDA, TLO, NHLP and RI for the development of Horticulture in Afghanistan.

It is the first month of newly granted project to ANNGO. The project officially started working on 19th December 2015. The 49 days gape has affected ANNGO activities. All the staff had to work hard to cover the seasonal activities.

ANNGO staff had to work on the previous granted project report. All the data and reports were compiled to develop the final report of the previous granted project. The project report to be shared with audit report to EU.

ANNGO technical staff also attended annual planning workshop of LMLs arranged for FHs of 6 PHDCs. ANNGO technical staff presented the status of MTs in the ANNGO system and linkages between MSNs and PHDCs. ANNGO emphasized to screen all the NCs in PHDCs and produce MTs in PHDCs according to ANNGO standards.

ANNGO staff worked with Curator of National Collections for available MTs in the PHDCs. The Curator promised to share the list of available MTs in PHDCs with ANNGO technical team.

ANNGO Head of Regularity Services checked Dari version of handbook and leaflet about nematode which was developed ANHDO/RI/SO1 plant protection specialist. This handbook with pictures is very useful for Field Managers and extension workers which are working in the field to provide information about identification of nematode in the field and take decision for controlling of this pest. This handbook has 17 pages and will be published very soon.

ANNGO staff drafted Kapisa and Saroobi NGAs annual work plan for HVP staff, the main points for work plan were, quarterly training for Field Managers, capacity building of NGA members, registration process of NGAs in Ministry of Justice, certified planting materials as mother trees for NGAs, Survey of nursery growers of NGAs, Managements of MSNs and CPNs of NGAs, Inspections of MSNs and CPNs, Selection and establishing MSNs for NGAs etc.

The label printing programme is in progress and based on the result of inspection of CPNs, ANNGO database has printed labels for NGA members.

Based on the signed MoU with Babour Garden, ANNGO has to develop a model Nursery in the garden. SO, ANNGO staff prepared plan for Baboor Garden pilot project "model nursery, ornamental and fruit trees nurseries.

Developed the list of planting materials like (different types of rootstocks, varieties grapes cuttings, flower seeds, seedlings, flower bulbs, different species seeds) Also prepared the list of horticulture tools like (loppers, small scissors, pruning saw, budding knife, budding tape and sprayer)

Fruit Trees Catalogue development is in progress. ANNGO technical staff has developed the English version of the catalogue and circulated for corrections among technical staff of ANNGO.

Results and Activities

Outcome: ANNGO is developed as an independent and self-sustainable organization for the development & improvement of Afghan Fruits, nuts and ornamentals nursery sectors.

- ANNGO being an independent organization is granted new project for 3 more years (December 2015 to December 2018). This granting will help ANNGO flourish more and develop strong linkages with NGOs and ministries working in the field of Horticulture.
- ANNGO has successfully developed the 5th addition of fruit trees catalogue which cover information about fruit trees, ornamentals and forest tree saplings.
- ANNGO being an independent organization has signed MoU with Babour Garden to establish an ornamental model nursery.

Outcome 2: The technical level of the fruit tree, nut and ornamental nurseries in Afghanistan are raised to standards appropriate to the development of a modern nursery industry.

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- ANNGO has developed agenda of the trainings to conduct trainings to newly established SPCD directorate. ANNGO staff will conduct number of trainings to the staff of the directorate so that joint inspections can be conducted in the field.

Outcome 3: The technical level of ornamentals nurseries in Afghanistan is raised to standards appropriate to the development of a modern ornamental industry.

- ANNGO has planned to establish Model Ornamental Nurseries in Babour Garden and with NGA members.

Outcome.4 The current planting material registration and certification system is consolidated and improved.

- Inspections of CPNs are in progress. The data received from the field are entered in the ANNGO database and label printing programme is in progress.
- Based on the inspections, the labels printed for all the members of the organization

3-Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings:

On 28 of December, ANNGO staff participated in writing committee meeting of ANHDO magazine, in the committee ANHDO board members and staff, namely, Prof. Samadi, Mr. Yaqubi, Abdul Kabir Hakimi ANNGO Board Chairman and also 2 other ANHDO board members were present.

The main issues of this meeting was evaluation of subjects which submitted by different staffs of ANHDO/RI/ SO2, SO3, SO4 and also subject of ANNGO (Afghanistan Fruit Trees Certification Scheme).

Some of these subjects did not have the quality for issue to ANHDO magazine and the committee rejected these subjects. Most of these subjects which submitted to ANHDO committee have some problems like don't have introduction of subjects, name editor, conclusion, recommendation and references include ANNGO subject.

The subjects, who had mistaken, again returned for improvement and after improving these subjects will issues by ANHDO magazine.

On 29 of December ANNGO staff prepared presentations for SPCD training staff the topics of this presentation were as follow:(Organizing Nursery Growers Associations & its current status in Afghanistan, the ANNGO regulatory system for fruit saplings).

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