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GENERAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS		
Date / location	Description of activities	Remarks
1/4/2014 Kabul	Coordination meeting with ANHDO regarding arrangement of distribution rootstock as stoolbed to Nursery Grower Associations (NGAs)	
2-6/4/2014 Kabul	Contacted with Nursery grower associations (NGAs) Chairman to provide recommendation letter for NGAs field managers for processing of recruitment.	
7/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting With ANNGO board chairman Meeting with Ministry of Economic about ANNGO six months reporting	
8/4/2014 Kabul	ANNGO Financial forecasting and narrative reports send to PHDP II Team leader and ANNGO tech. Advisor for revision.	
9/4/2014 Kabul	work With March monthly progressive report	
12/4/2014 Kabul	Arranged Internal Staff Meeting as well as Update contact list of Field Managers	
13-14/4/2014 Kabul	work with quarterly report for the months of January, February and March 2014	
15/4/2014 Kabul	Work with Narrative report for 2013	
16/4/2014 Kabul	Quarterly report for the months of January, Feb and March 2014disseminated to All related organs	
19/4/2014 Kabul	Internal Staff meeting, ANNGO G.M Position job vacancy announced through ACBAR Organization	ANNGO General Manager Position job vacancy announced through ACBAR Organization
20/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting with RI HR-Manager regarding Field Managers Recruitment and discussed with them about time sheet and leave rule	
21/4/2014 Kabul	ANNGO Mini-grant for NGAs tools (pruning shear, Loppers and Saw) purchased from Noor Brathers Company and the	For Each NGA after transferring 10%

	contribution of NGAs 10%. Distribution tools soon will be complete	contribution to ANNGO Bank account then they will be received 8 Piece pruning shears Felco 2, Two piece loppers and two Saw for pruning and training of Planting materials
22/4/2014 Kabul	Follow up report to the Ministry of Finance	
23/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting with RI Project manager and ANHDO Regarding plan for production of MSNs and data sharing between each other	
26/4/2014 Kabul	Internal Staff meeting	
27-29/4/2014 Kabul	Recruitment of new Field manager for Herat, Zabul and Kunar provinces and C.V of them Screening as well as Meeting with Enrica regarding FM three days training hold on Kabul, venue reserved and Agenda revised	
30/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting With Mr. Najib MADERA Project manager regarding ANNGO Visibility big posters for Four entrance doors of Kabul discussed with the issue with responsible MADERA and asked them the Contribution and payment	
REGULATORY SERVICES , INSPECTION, LABEL DISTRIBUTION		
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1-2/4/2014Kabul	Lifting and packing of M9 and B9 rootstocks from Badam Bagh farm. Total There were around 5000 rootstock M9 and B9 due to some of rootstocks infected by fungal disease (Powdery mildew) just we have only chosen 1850 rootstocks healthy, true to type, Free of Pest and diseases and vigorous also senior field inspector worked on rootstocks list which was distributed for spring plantation as stoolbeds to NGAs	
7-11 & 15 /4/2014 Kabul	Shakardara , Paghman, Herat, Kunar, Nangarhar, Said khil NGAs' Bud sold data entry has been done Total buds sold by NGAs as follow: Shakardar bud sold 99317 Paghman bud sold 123437. Herat bud sold 391769 Kunar bud sold 69671 Nangarhar bud sold 141680 Said khil bud sold 250992 The mentioned buds have been sold and distributed to the nursery growers.	Total buds sold by the mentioned NGAs were 1076866
9/4/2014Kabul	ANNGO Senior field inspector visited Babur Gorden and met responsible of Babur Garden also Mr. Latif horticulturist of Babur garden give brief information of the park and all activities	
14/04/2014 Bagram	ANNGO Technical person visited Bagram Apricot certified nursery which has been budded from mother stocks the purpose of saplings will be distributed in the future as a MSNs' to the NGAs.	
15 /4/2014 Kabul	Sorted out 13 NGAs Active and none active members list.	
16/04/2014 Kabul	Meeting has been held with Enrica project manager of SO1 the mentioned meeting was about the training and worked on	

	Helmand NGA's documents.	
19/04/2014 Kabul	Worked on 20 NGA's documents and kept in separated files.	
20-21/04/2014 Kabul	Meeting with Enrica project manager of SO1 and worked on certification documents and PPT presentation for Field Manager training.	
22/04/2014 Kabul	Worked on certification Scheme forms and printed out for FM training for practical work to be done on last day of training.	
23-26/04/2014 Kabul	worked on Paktia, Logar NGAs' certification documents and checked and asked the FM to send the missed document as soon as possible	
27/04/2014 Kabul	Worked on inspection plan for the year of 2014 and the inspection plan shared with Ms. Enrica .Project Manager of Nursery industry RI/ANHDO	
29-30/04/2014 Kabul	Contact with Field Managers for technical training as well as worked on citrus rootstocks' list, mother stocks maps to be ready for the next inspection	
TECHNICAL SERVICES, NC, TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS, MOTHER PLANTS, MSNs,		
Date / location	Description of activities	Remarks
1/4/2014-Kabul	Comparing the National list of accessions with MSNs list. The purpose to cross check the list was to know about the change in clone numbers or error in clone numbers either in national list or MSNs list.	
2/4/2014-Kabul	Correction in clone 7243 with the distribution list of 2011 and national list developed in 2011. The accession was misnamed in the by database manager in the national list.	
6/4/2014-Kabul	Back up of the data and arranged all the information on the PC.	
7/4/2014-Kabul	Staff meeting and worked on database for catalogue development as well as worked on all species available in NCs	
8/4/2014-Kabul	Worked with database with database Manager. on following points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National List 2013 in ANNGO database ▪ Active and non-active members list ▪ Budwoods sold during 2013 ▪ Distribution list 2013-14 ▪ Database for catalogue ▪ Updated maps ▪ Review of all certification documents 	
12/4/2014-Kabul	Staff meeting and worked on database for catalogue development	
13-14/04/2014-Kabul	worked on pome fruits for catalogue	
15-16/04/2014-Herat	Travel to Herat Introduction; As per instructions of acting General Manager, Mr.Karim Kashmiri and Letter send by Herat NGA, I want to solve issues related with the NGA activities. Propose of the Trip; Meeting with NGA members and MSN owners for Budwood sale 2013 during summer 2013 and related issues. Visit and meeting with Ornamental plants producers in Herat	

	<p>Province.</p> <p>Meeting with NGA;</p> <p>Meeting was started around 9:00 am. The participants of the Meeting were;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Haji Abdul Sattar, ANNGO Chairman. 2. Abdul Nasir, NGA Chairman. 3. Muzaffar Athar, ANNGO HTSs. 4. ENG.Khuda Dad, Former Field Officer. 5. Abdul Jalai, Guzara MSN Owner. 6. Haji Naim, Enjil MSN Owner. 7. Naseer Ahamd, NGA Cashier 8. Gulam Jilan, NGA board member. 9. Sayed Abdul Wahid, NGA member and 10. Qudratullah, NGA member. <p>The 3 MSN owners were also present in the meeting. Last year about 400,000 budwood was sold from all the MSNs in Herat province. Most of the budwoods were sold from stonefruit MSNs. The security situation in Herat province was not normal during mid to late 2013. The Almond and Apricot MSN owner could not go the MSN in Dehzaq village of Guzara district. Due to bad security situation, the MSN owner was staying in Herat city during budding Campion 2013. During summer 2013 the field officer and MSN owner could not manage and follow up budwood sale from dehzaq village MSN. Some of the members taking risk and going to dehzaq village to collect budwood from MSN. During the meeting held on 16th April, it was decided to; Certify the budwoods should be collected in the presence MSN owner or Field Officer. The budwood collected in the absence of MSN owner or FO could not be certified and registered. Every member of NGA has to pay the price of budwood while harvesting & buying the budwood from MSN. All the members should respect and follow the certification process. Before budwood sale each year, NGA members should conduct meeting and plan the budwood collection from MSNs.</p> <p>MSN visit;</p> <p>The Dehzaq village MSN was visited in the afternoon. Due to the bad security situation the signages were removed from the MTs. On the west side of the nursery the boundary wall was broken and people could easily pass the fallen wall to collect budwoods.</p>	
19/04/2014-Herat	<p>Ornamental flowers producers in Herat;</p> <p>One of the active NGA producing thousands on ornamental trees, flowers and shrubs every year. The NGA is producing door and outdoor flowers and plants of different species. The NGA is importing ornamentals from Pakistan and Iran. The markets for the ornamentals are increasing. ANNGO need to work to improve the production and multiplication of some important species of ornamental plants and introduce them to other provinces to</p>	

	<p>NGAs.</p> <p>Visit of Mohammadi Nursery</p> <p>The nursery is producing and selling fruit trees, ornaments trees and flowers. The owner has worked in Iran in one of the ornamental nurseries. The owner has installed 12 green houses and producing the plants of over 20 species. The nursery is located close to Malan Bridge away from Herat city. The production of the nursery is more than sales. Electricity, water pressure and lack of technical labors are the other issues related with the problems of the nursery.</p> <p>Visit of Arghawan Nursery</p> <p>One of the famous nurseries in Herat city. The owner is producing and selling ornamental flora. The owner has also breeding programme of pet animals and birds. The owner is supplying flowers and plants to customers in Herat city. The owner has got problem with the space, pots and inputs to saplings.</p> <p>ANNGO needs to work to improve the production process and sale of some important ornamentals among other NGAs in Afghanistan. Some of the produces even do not know the local and technical name of the species they are producing in their nurseries.</p> <p>Other Issues;</p> <p>Herat NGA was requested to arrange ornamental flora show in the DAIL compound of the available species with the NGAs each year. This will help NGA members sell their plants and advertise the activities of Herat NGA in the provinces. The NGA was also linked with FAIDA project of USAID to bust up the business of NGA members. FAIDA will soon arrange a trade fair in Herat Province.</p> <p>The activities of NGA were affected because of the absence of the FOs in Herat NGA.</p>	
22-23/4/2014-Kabul	Worked on Peaches , cherry data for Catalogue	
24-25/4/2014 Nangarhar	<p>Travel to Nangarhar to solve certified saplings in Eastern Zone and return to Kabul</p> <p>Citrus promotion meeting Main point as follow:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Abdul Latif (Head of horticulture and genetic resources) leading the meeting 2. Nangarhar NGA had provided 20 saplings of citrus off type to an orchard grower. 3. Briefing the issue: on behalf of DAIL/MAIL the horticulture and genetic resources department has the responsibility to monitor the activities related to this department such as orchard plantations. During the monitoring we found that an orchard in Rodat district received lemon trees while the labels were of oranges. All the trees in this orchard were certified but they were miss-labeled. For clarifying this issue our department organized a meeting with the relevant organizations. 4. Since the orchards were planted by NHLP thus primarily the issue referred to them but they refused to be guilty 	

	<p>because they said that they trust the ANNGO certification system that is why they are not strictly checking each plant whether they are orange or lemon but they just refer to the labels if there is ANNGO label they believe the sapling is certified and there is no need to investigate further.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. ANNGO Chairman Mr. Haji Abdul Satar was saying that why NHLP bought the wrong saplings. However the nursery grower made a mistake, why NHLP did the mistake of buying lemons with orange labels. 6. Again the NHLP guys were saying that they don't have to check the certified saplings because the saplings with ANNGO labels should have been checked several times by ANNGO inspectors. 7. Nangarhar NGA was agreed to replace the lemons with oranges but the problem was not only these few saplings, the concern was the whole ANNGO certification system. If ANNGO members do mistakes/fraud despite the strong inspection system in few years no one will buy ANNGO certified saplings. 8. Aziz gave the example of certified seeds that the seed company deceived people with distribution of bad quality cereal seeds in the past few years but now the seed companies are almost standard and producing very good quality seeds but no farmer is ready to buy those seeds because the farmers don't trust those companies. And we don't know when those farmers will trust those companies again. Nowadays the certified saplings have a good market but we fear and we hope not that one day fruit growers, projects and organizations will not buy the certified saplings and ANNGO will lose the reputation they have. 9. ANNGO Chairman Mr. Abdul Satar said that they will further investigate the issue and will make a decision about the person and the NGA. 10. Since the certified saplings have a very good market and sometimes the nursery growers sell the saplings before they receive the labels. It has been suggested that NGAs/ANNGO must set up a system to collect back the labels which were ordered and printed but not used for its relevant saplings. 11. DAIL monitor the established orchard and ANNGO nurseries. This department is to create facilities for the stakeholders and to coordinate between them not to create problems. 12. Finally ANNGO Board will decide about the result of the 	
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	meeting	
26-27/04/2014-Kabul	Developing presentation for Field Managers training and Meeting with RI for the agenda improvement and up dates	
29/4/2014-Kabul	Arranging the documents for field Managers training	
DATA-BASE & DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT		
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1-2/4/2014/Kabul	Working in database and enter the buds sold report to database	
7/4/2014/Kabul	Set up office for New finance Manager as well as installed printers in finance computer.	
8-9/4/2014/Kabul	working in database and make future work plan with Head of technical services	
12-15/4/2014/Kabul	Enter 2014 distribution list and entered 2012 labels request and Buds sold data from NGAs in database and check the document of NGAs	
16/4/2014/Kabul	Collecting the pictures for database for ANNGO catalogue	
19-23/4/2014/Kabul	Staff files buck up by Database manager also Work on picture for catalogue and developed database pictures sections that allocated for catalogue	
TRAINING, VISITS, STUDY TOURS, ETC.		
1/4/2014 Kabul	Coordination meeting with ANHDO For arrangement of distribution rootstock as stoolbed to Nursery Grower Associations (NGAs)	
7/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting With ANNGO board chairman	
9/04/2014-Kabul	ANNGO Technical team Visited Baber garden for the purpose of Ornamental programme and met responsible guy and got brief information about historic park Also brief information by Mr.Abdul Latif Kohistani who is the Horticulture Officer in the park provided to us.	
5, 12, 19, 26/4/2014 Kabul	Internal Staff Meeting properly held on each Saturday	
20/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting with RI HR-Manager regarding Field Manager Recruitment as well as discussed about time sheet and leave rule between ANNGO & RI	
21/04/2014-Kabul	Head of technical services had Meeting with Roots of Peace regarding Grapes MSNs	
23/4/2014 Kabul	Meeting with RI Project manager and ANHDO Regarding plan for production of MSNs and data sharing between each other	
24/4/2014 Nangarhar	Citrus meeting held on Jalalabad	