



**Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)**  
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*Narrative Report*  
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## 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
- 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 Centres
- FMs Field Managers
- HVP Horticulture value chain project
- MoJ Ministry of Justice
- DAIL; Director Agriculture Irrigation & Livestock
- ANHDO; Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization
- PBTL; Plant Biotechnology Laboratory
- ICARDA International Centre for Agriculture Research In Dry Areas
- CPNs; Certified Production Nurseries
- BoDs Board of Directors
- MoU Memorandum of understanding
- NC National Collection
- BG Babur Garden
- ARIA Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan
- TAs Technical Assistances
- SPCD Seed & Planting Material Certification Directorate
- NVDA Nangarhar Valley Development Authority
- ToR Term of Reference
- UN United Nations

### 1. Description

1.1.	<b>Name of beneficiary of grant contract:</b>	Afghanistan National Nursery Grower Organization
1.2.	<b>Name and title of the Contact person:</b>	Zainulabudin Noor, General Manager
1.3.	<b>Name of partners in the Action:</b>	N/A
1.4.	<b>Title of the Action:</b>	Nursery Industry Development Transition Project
1.5.	<b>Contract number:</b>	DCI-ASIE/2015/362-883
1.6.	<b>Start date and end date of the reporting:</b>	January 2016 to November 2016
1.7.	<b>Target country:</b>	Afghanistan
1.8	<b>Final beneficiaries &amp;/or target groups:</b>	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

*ANNGO is farmers developed organization working to improve the production of planting material in the country. ANNGO is the only organization certifying planting materials in the country.*

Afghanistan National Nursery Growers organization is leading organization supporting and providing TA to national projects/NGOs, nursery & orchard growers in 6 different zones of the country. As a result of continuous TA to the mentioned organizations/groups prominent changes are noticed in the certified saplings production and orchard establishment programmes in the country.

ANNGO has increased to provide all possible TAs to NGAs and partner organizations working for the support of Nursery Industry in Afghanistan. The demand for certified planting material is increasing because in this year the number of MSNs are also increasing.

ANNGO member NGAs have sold over 1.2 millions of certified saplings in the spring season to the clients and also start the selling of the saplings in the fall campaign which more than 1 millions of saplings are ready to be sell.

ANNGO staff has also been monitoring & inspecting the production of certified saplings of the nursery growers associations and are regularly checking necessary documents for budwood request, number of seedlings produced, number of budded saplings and other related documents.

ANNGO is also working with newly established seed & planting material certification directorate and has trained the SPCD staff working in the country for the production of certified seeds & planting materials.

ANNGO technical staff also had meeting with MAIL Deputy Minister Mr. Amanudin Haidari and key staff from different directorates of MAIL for MoU between ANNGO and MAIL. The Deputy Minister assigned SPCD director to review the MoU and make changes according to SPCD & MAIL policies.

Technical groups are established for different species during a meeting held in Kabul PHDC. The participants of the meeting were former PHDP Team leader Mr. Greg Cullen, ARIA/LML transition project staff, ANNGO technical staff, PBTL staff and ANHDO technical staff. It was the first meeting of the technical coordination groups, the participants were to bring together the programmes of ANNGO, ANHDO/HPS/SO1 (production of high quality planting materials) with the adaptive research of ANHDO/HPS/SO2 and in line with the value chain approach of ANHDO/HPS/SO3, using the facilities and resources of the 6 PHD Centres, the technical and regulatory framework of the National Collections, and the analytical and production resources of PBTL. The participants had cooperation working well between various parts of ANNGO, HPS & the MAIL/EU Transition Project. In the future will invite other relevant organisations to join the groups. This technical committee will help ANNGO to improve their MSNs.

The first meeting of **Cherry, Almond & apricot Technical Groups** were held during the first week on the February 2016. ANNGO along with partner organizations has developed

technical groups. The main objective of the meeting was to get recommendation of varieties. The members need to bring together the programmes of ANNGO/SO1 (production of high quality planting materials) with the adaptive research of PHDCs and in line with the value chain approach of ANHDO/HPS/SO3, using the facilities and resources of the 6 PHD Centres, the technical and regulatory framework of the National Collections, and the analytical and production resources of PBTL. When the member have cooperation working well between various parts of ANNGO/HPS and the MAIL/EU Transition Project, can invite other relevant organizations to join the groups. This will help ANNGO to improve their MSNs, CPNs and finally improved varieties will be given to orchard growers.

ANNGO database section & inspectors were busy with the label printing for NGA members based on the result of inspection of CPNs during easily autumn 2015, spring/autumn 2016. The collected data was cross checked for errors and misuses.

ANNGO staff was busy with model nursery establishment in Babour Garden. The nursery contains fruit tree saplings, ornamental flowers & shrubs. The nursery is a show case for Babour Garden and will generate income for members of ANNGO. ANNGO has signed MoU with Babour Garden in July 2015 for the establishment of model nursery.

ANNGO fruit trees catalogue was established earlier this year. In the coming years more detailed versions of fruit trees catalogue will be developed based on the availability MTs in the MSNs and production of certified saplings.

ANNGO technical staff participated in coordination horticulture workshop, NHLP environmental protection workshop and workshop arranged by ICARDA for review regulation system in Afghanistan and 6 neighbouring countries to identify points for strengthening.

ANNGO staff, NGAs chairmen and BoD member also participated in the Ag-Fairs and farmers day show in Badam Bagh Research Station.

ANNGO staff has allocated and distributed MTs to 29 NGAs working in 24 provinces. ANNGO has sorted the available list for quality and standards. The provided materials from PHDCs were not according to ANNGO standards and the grapes vines had no labels. The available species list is also shared with ANNGO member.

ANNGO staff has conducted 3 days training to SPCD staff in Badam Bagh seed directorate training hall. ANNGO has introduced the whole chain of fruit trees certification scheme to SPCD staff and in the future will involve SPCD staff to inspect MSNs and CPNs.

ANNGO staff, Chairman, Kabul DAIL director & Shakardara NGA Chairman and Field manager had meeting with Kabul Governor during the month of February. The main purpose of the meeting was to introduce ANNGO and its activities around Kabul.

The Governor, Mr. H.E Hamid Akram made a visit Shakardara NGAs. The Governor was impressed of the ANNGO activities and the established NGAs working around Kabul province. ANNGO staff also regularly participated in Development Committee of Kabul Province.

During the reporting period ANNGO has moved forward conducted its 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly where all NGA chairmen, MAIL officials, partner organizations, project advisors, NHLP, Kabul Governor and DAIL director participated in the meeting. The programme was arranged in Shahana Restaurant, Kabul city. The general theme of the general assembly was 'The sustainability of ANNGO'. In the long term ANNGO should stand as a strong entity for improvement of the nursery industry and development of horticulture sector in the country.

ANNGO enable the NGAs to run the project in the future with their own financial support in order to be sustainable. The two main objectives of the general assembly were, to exchange ideas on the best way to guarantee the support of the NGAs and agreed on the business plan, and elect the structure of the executive board of directors. There was also ample opportunity to discuss the progresses, exchange experiences and further strengthen of the NGAs in the production of high quality planting material and certified saplings. The election was held according the rules and regulations of the organization and new BoDs are selected. **The details of the general assembly are attached as ANNEX 1.**

ANNGO staff had regular meetings with HPS consultants, Mr. Yama Torabi & Mr. Gerard H.Th. Bruijl. Business Development Expert Int'l Consultant for organizational issues and marketing of certified saplings. Both the consultants also attended the general assembly and had their presentations to the participants. Mr. Gerard has also developed "**Proposed Business Plan Structure**" for ANNGO.

Official inspections of MSNs are completed & senior inspectors inspected all of the MSNs in the country. All the standards are checked according to the fruit trees certification scheme rules. The viral infected MTs are removed from MSNs before inspection. All the data of inspections are shared with ANNGO database section. The inspection of MSNs are planned & coordinated with SPCD in order to involve them in the process of inspection and train their provincial staff in the certification scheme. **The up dated information of the inspection of MSNs are given in the Annex 2**

ANNGO staff also had meeting with different stakeholders including, Kabul DAIL, HPS, MAIL/ARIA, UNEPA & technical group of cherries. The main purposes of the meetings were coordination, cooperation and support to Nursery Industry and expansion of ANNGO activities in provinces like Dai-Kundi & Bamyán center.

ANNGO Staff also participated in National Seed Conference and workshop planning of seeds in summer season.

The workshop was for 3 days. The venue of workshop for the first day of workshop was Pamir Training Hall in MAIL" and two other days" Seed Secretariat Building in Badam Bagh.

The participants were HE MAIL/Minister, Deputy Minister, Senior Advisers of MAIL, Sectorial Directorates of MAIL, National and International NGOs representatives, Representatives of Seed Companies, ANNGO Board Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Shakardara NGA FM and others (around 250 participants). The main purpose of the workshop was to improve seeds production and improved seed plan for distribution in coming season.

In the month of June ANNGO staff & 2 NGA members (Shakardara & Paghman) attended one day workshop arranged by Kabul DAIL. The main subject of the workshop was “Panel discussion government-civil society on accountability & transparency of agriculture development in Kabul & access to market”. The workshop was held in Seed Secretariat Building, Badam Bagh.

USAID through NHLP is keen to establish a tissue culture facility to private sector in Kabul province. The main purpose of this facility is to bust up the production of clonal rootstocks of almonds, peaches, cherries, pears & apples and sell disease free dwarfing rootstocks to nursery growers for the production of dwarfing trees. This will help establish intensive orchards in the country. ANNGO staff also had meeting with USAID consultant, Dr. Vibha in the US embassy, ANNGO team introduced ANNGO fruit tree production system with all the process of certification scheme for production of healthy, vigorous and true to type virus free planting material in the country.

The technical staff also attended a workshop & meetings with Dr. Vibha & NHLP key staff.

ANNGO staff attended two radio programmes on local radios, introducing ANNGO & its activities in the country. ANNGO also developed calendars and diaries for the year 2016-17 and distributed the published calendars and diaries to members & partner organizations, MAIL/DAIL and donors. ANNGO staff also distributed pruning tools to NGA chairmen during the GA.

Capacities building of Field Managers are the key component of ANNGO fruit trees certification scheme and continuous 4 seasonal training per year are responsibility of ANNGO staff. ANNGO & HPS staff conducted 3 training programme up to reporting period for Field Managers in farm-i-jadid of Nengarhar province.

ANNGO staff attended Stakeholders Coordination Workshop arranged by EU Transition Project. The workshop was held in ARIA conference room in the last week of May. All the PHDCs of six zones of the country staff attended the workshop. ANNGO technical staff conducted presentation on “Plan for MSNs & Clonal Rootstocks 2016-17”

ANNGO has signed MoU with MAIL during 2012 which could help ANNGO work during past 3 years but with the formation of new directorate (SPCD directorate) there was need to revise the MoU and improve it according to the needs of ANNGO, Horticulture Extension Directorate & SPCD directorate. Based on the new MoU ANNGO will be able to produce MTs in PHDCs which is a good positive step for ANNGO member NGAs & certification scheme. **Attached find a copy of new ANNGO & MAIL MoU as ANNEX 3.**

During the reporting period elections are held in all the NGAs and many NGA members changed in the new elections.

ANNGO has developed strong linkages with national & international organizations related with support to nursery industry in Afghanistan. Different donor organizations are contacted to get support for nursery growers producing key segment of fruit value chain. MC is one of the supporting organizations submitted concept notes to EU related with “Thematic Programme Support to Civil Society Organizations”. ANNGO expects more support through this project to Nursery Industry of Afghanistan. Similarly ANNGO is implementing small projects in the north & north east of Afghanistan. ANNGO needs more support to improve the nursery production of growers in 26 provinces.

ANNGO inspections of MSNs are completed. All of the MSNs are inspected and approved for summer season budwood sale. The same MSNs are eligible to sell budsticks for spring season grafting of certified saplings. The MSNs in unsecure areas could not be inspected.

According to MoU with TLO, ANNGO is providing TA to the nursery growers in Khost province which also includes certification of planting material in the targeted province. The data collected during inspections are entered & recorded in ANNGO database. The data of inspection is also shared with MAIL newly established Seed & Planting Material Certification Directorate.

ANNGO has conducted regular meetings with SPCD regarding schedule of inspections, registration of new MSNs, involvement of SPCD staff & removal of infected MTs from MSNs. Similarly PBTL has also conducted trainings related with sample collections from two different locations for MAIL/PHDC & ANNGO staff during the reporting period.

ANNGO technical staff has worked on training manual developed during PHDP 1. ANNGO & HPS/SO1 staff have revised the manual & brought changes in different subjects. This manual will be used by trainers during training of farmers.

ANNGO staff has conducted meetings with TLO, HPS, PHDCs & MC staff related with common activities & cooperation on field level. The organization also supports national & international NGOs in their services in the horticulture sector which includes orchard establishment & management services.

NHLP is one of the MAIL projects working in close coordination with ANNGO. The project is also the biggest customer of ANNGO which has agreed to establish a tissue culture facility to private organizations for the clonal rootstocks production of high value crops like, almond, cherries, pears & pistachios.

ANNGO is the potential customer to establish the facility & produce certified, disease free saplings in the country. The micro propagation unit will help ANNGO bust up production of important fruit crops, sell seedlings of clonal root to member NGAs & also micro-propagate seedlings of high value ornamentals which cannot be produced through common methods of reproduction. To know more about tissue culture & micro-propagation, a study tour was arranged by USAID to visit micro-propagation units in India. Two ANNGO staff were supported to visit the micro-propagation facilities.

During the reporting period, the curator of national collections has shared the list of seedlings & budded saplings available in PHDCs. ANNGO staff has sorted the budded saplings in PHDCs. Based on the provided list, ANNGO staff has also developed budding plan of MTs in PHDCs.

ANNGO staff participated in EU Bazar. In this EU bazar, ANNGO NGA members exhibited different flowers, shrub and ornamental plants. During the exhibition, lots of ANNGO catalogues, brochures and other publications distributed to the participants.

ANNGO & HVP are agreed to have a MoU related with their activities in Kapisa & Surobi district of Kabul province. The MoU is finalized during a meeting held in ANNGO office between ANHDO & ANNGO key staff. **MoU between ANNGO & ANHDO/HVP as ANNEX 4.**

During the reporting period, BoDs meetings are held in Kabul province. The BoDs had general discussion on management & organizational issues of ANNGO.

ANNGO staff has completed the budding programme of MTs in PHDCs. The budding of MTs in the PHDCs were monitored for the first time by ANNGO inspectors. The seedlings produced in PHDCs could not fulfil ANNGO needs to produce the required MTs in PHDCs.

ANNGO technical staff attended the Citrus Promotion Group Meeting (CPGM) in HPS/RI office. ANNGO staff shared the list of available certified saplings with the participants of the meeting. Discussions held on the quality & nursery of available certified saplings produced by 3 NGAs in the eastern zone. Also more discussions held on Eureka lemon and their MTs production programme by ANNGO/PHDCs. It was also decided by the participants to visit the citrus certified saplings produced in September and find out major problems & weaknesses of certified citrus nurseries. The participants of the meeting arranged a monitoring mission of certified nurseries in the month of September.

ANNGO staff also attended National Horticulture Strategy workshop. ANNGO staff representing fruit trees nursery sector. The workshop was opened by H.E. Mr. Assadullah Zamir, MAIL minister. The participants reviewed the first draft of the strategy. ANNGO had its key contribution in the nursery sector.

ANNGO staff had trips to all the secure provinces to monitor the NGAs activities. During the visits, all necessary advices for improvement of the system and the nurseries given to the field managers and to the NGA members.

ANNGO general manager, chairman and head of regulatory services had a join visit with the MAIL Horticulture directorate Miss Adela Bakhtiari. In this visit, the delegation had detailed discussion with the NGAs (Hariva and Herat) chairman and members about the production of certified saplings, the coordination mechanism with DAIL and their problems. The delegation also had field visit to different nurseries and MSNs in the area.

In the month of September ANNGO Head of Regularity Services attended National Workshop of Agriculture Cooperatives of Afghanistan. The participants of the workshop were all 34 provincial Agriculture Cooperatives Managers, representatives of national and international NGOs, Associations, Agriculture Directorates, and all governmental and nongovernmental relatives' organisations. Its main purpose was discussions, changing ideas representatives of agriculture cooperatives, government national and international relatives' organisations to identify of Challenges, opportunities and establishing coordination and finding solving way for having better activities of agriculture cooperative members in Afghanistan.

This year inspection programs were coordinated with SPCD and the central and provincial staff of SPCD directorate were involved in the inspection of CPNs and MSNs.

ANNGO database section has started label printing for both autumn and spring plantation seasons and it will be completed in mid of December. The total labels for this year of certified saplings will be around 1,500,000 which is more than previous years.



ANNGO has conducted regular meetings with SPCD regarding schedule of inspections, registration of new MSNs, involvement of SPCD staff & removal of infected MTs from MSNs. Similarly PBTL has also conducted trainings related with sample collections from different locations for MAIL/PHDC & ANNGO during the month.

The sale of bud woods from MSNs is completed in all NGAs. The NGA members have bought bud woods from their own MSNs as well as from MSNs of other NGAs. In case of more need for bud woods, ANNGO has also provided bud woods from national collections of PHDCs.

Regular meetings have held with all the partners of ANNGO. Meetings held with HPS, HVP, GIZ, NCA, TLO, SPCD and MAIL. The main point for all the meetings were the cooperation and coordination between ANNGO and its partners.

### **Results and Activities:**

#### ***Outcome 1: 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 has developed proposals for new granting from donors to support orchard establishment programmes in the country. ANNGO has applied for new grants from EU & other donors for different provinces of the north and north-east.
- ANNGO being an independent organization has developed a details catalogue of available fruit species and ornamental plantings ready for sale.
- ANNGO has started establishing ornamental & fruit tree nursery with Babur Garden which is a pilot project. The layout and land preparation is completed for the project and will be expanded in the coming years to generate income to Baboor Garden.
- ANNGO staff had meeting with Kabul Governor in the Governor House and introduced ANNGO and its activities in Kabul provinces. The governor promised to introduced ANNGO to President H.E Asharaf Ghani and arrange video meeting of ANNGO and the President.
- The Kabul Governor Mr. Hamid Akram visited ANNGO activities in Shakardara district of Kabul province and was briefed by ANNGO technical and field staffs about ANNGO/NGAs activities.
- ANNGO staff had meeting with Technical Deputy Minister, Mr Amanudin Haidari for improved version of MoU between ANNGO & MAIL.
- ANNGO staff participated in the technical Development Committee of Kabul for the greenery of industrial parks around Kabul.
- ANNGO being an independent organization participated in spring Ag-Fair & Farmers day in Badam Bagh during the year 2016.
- ANNGO has revised the MoU with MAIL & has discussed with SPCD and ARIA director to help ANNGO provide space for MTs production in PHDCs.

- ANNGO being an independent organization has conducted its 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and conducted election among 30 member NGAs.
- ANNGO staff conducted meeting with UNEPA for new nurseries project in Daikundi and Bamyan provinces.
- ANNGO has regularly provided TA to ornamental & fruit tree nurseries of NGAs.
- ANNGO staff attended workshops arranged by MAIL, DAILs, PHDCs and partner organizations.
- ANNGO being an independent organization attended radio programme & introduced ANNGO as a leading organization supporting Nursery Growers in the country.
- ANNGO has signed new revised MoU with MAIL/SPCD and has improved it according to their needs.
- ANNGO BoDs have conducted 4 board of directors meeting in the current year.
- ANNGO being an independent organization has signed MoU with ANHDO/HVP project.
- ANNGO being an independent organization has coordinated its inspection activities with SPCD
- ANNGO technical staff has attended Governor Development meeting & presented ANNGO activities in 3 districts of Kabul.
- ANNGO has conducted meetings with partner organizations, ANHDO/HPS, HVP,TLO, MAIL & MC related with nursery industry support programmes.
- Being an independent organization has participated in EU Bazaar & Fruit Exhibition in Badam Bagh.
- Being an independent organization, ANNGO technical staff participated in the Horticulture Strategy Workshop & represented nursery industry of Afghanistan.
- ANNGO technical staff has attended Governor Development meeting & presented ANNGO activities in 3 districts of Kabul.
- ANNGO has conducted meetings with partner organizations, ANHDO/HPS, HVP,TLO & MAIL (ARIA, HED and SPCD), GIZ related with nursery industry support programmes.
- Being an independent organization has participated in annual AG-FAIRs in Badam Bagh.

ANNGO Head of regulatory Services and inspectors were reviewing the certification ANNEXES of certified production nurseries which were filled by Field Managers.

- Inspection of certified nurseries are completed (secure area), Over 98% of the CPNs approved for distribution.
- ANNGO will issue labels for approved CPNs by inspector.

Table # 1. List of inspected certified saplings

No.	Name of NGAs	No. of Certified Saplings	Remarks
1	Andrab	19075	
2	Badakhsahn	45216	
3	Bagram	15988	
4	Chonghar	66854	
5	Dr.Wakil	125438	
6	Ghazni	60965	
7	Hariva	20179	
8	Herat	113812	
9	Imami Qutiba	76851	
10	Kandarhar	27381	
11	Kapisa	47649	
12	Khulm	5050	
13	Kunar	93472	
14	Kunduz	141117	
15	Laghman	71965	
16	Logar	176685	
17	Maidan	33026	
18	Nangarhar	33154	
19	Paghman	57483	
20	Paktia	29410	
21	Said Khil	69563	
22	Shakardara	39016	
23	Takhar	138909	
24	Umulibilad	25600	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,533,858</b>	

During the inspection of all the certified nurseries, around 336620 saplings rejected and the rest which was according to the standards of ANNGO, accepted. The above table shows the number of certified saplings after final inspection of the field inspectors.

According to the field inspectors observations, the skills of nursery growers improved then before and they are well organized and well managed nursery owners. They are following all the instructions of the field managers on the standards of ANNGO for production of certified saplings and the field managers and field inspectors are strictly inspecting all the nurseries and rejecting those nurseries which not following the instructions of the project team. Based on the criteria of certification scheme, each nursery should have the map and documents of bud collection for budding process, signage for each clones etc..which during the inspections, all the nursery growers had the necessary documents in their nurseries.

***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.***

- ANNGO is regularly providing TA to Field Managers of NGAs related to different activities.
- ANNGO also provides regular TA to partner organizations like, ANHDO HPS & HVP projects.
- ANNGO staff technically supported HPS staff to publish IPM technical leaflets for nurserymen of NGAs in 2 local languages.
- ANNGO with financial support of ANHDO/HPS developed and broadcast radio announcements (Ariana Radio) from the 24 FEB to 03 MAR 2016. This included 60 X 90 sec spots broadcasted in total. The announcements promoted the development of the ornamentals sector and the certified saplings sales.
- With the financial support from HPS, distribution of nursery inputs (plastic bags) to the three eastern (citrus) NGA members took place on 24 February 2016. The inputs will be used for the 2016/17 citrus certified samples production. In cooperation with the ANHDO/HPS/SO4 team, ANNGO conducted a capacity building workshop on Citrus Nursery Management - Container Grown Saplings in PHDC-Jalalabad including the following participant; NGA members (40), NVDA (6), DAIL (2), PHDC-JAL (3). Provided the NVDA pilot nursery
- Helmand NGA has conducted field day with their own financial support during the month of May.
- ANNGO staff provides technical field trainings to SPCD staff in different locations during inspection of MSNs.
- ANNGO technical staff has attended Governor Development meeting & presented ANNGO activities in 3 districts of Kabul.
- ANNGO staff has revised the list of planting materials & seedlings available in PHDCs.
- ANNGO staff had developed the mother tree production plan in the PHDCs

- ANNGO staff has sorted Plum national collections in Kabul PHDC & commented on each accession in Badam bagh newly planted plums.
- ANNGO technical staff complete the inspection of the nurseries in the country and data have been updated in the database of ANNGO.

***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 developed plan of planting ornamental flowers, bulbs, shrubs in Babour Garden.
- ANNGO fruit trees catalogue is expanded with more information about different types of ornamental flowers, trees & shrubs.
- ANNGO staff participated in the technical group meeting of apricot and cherry. All the participants were informed of the available MTs and certified saplings produced by NGAs.
- ANNGO staff regularly provided TA to Babour Garden staff and technical labours.
- ANNGO continuously providing TA to newly established NGAs in Kapisa and Sorobi district of Kabul.
- Regular technical assistance is provided to partner organizations like TLO working under ANNGO in Khost province.
- ANNGO & ANHDO/HPS staff has monitored the Babour Garden ornamental model nursery and has instructed the field staff for pest and disease management in the nursery.
- ANNGO staff had developed budding plan for the production of MTs in PHDCs.
- The catalogue 2016-17 version is completed and around 4000 catalogues printed with financial support of ANHDO/HPS.
- The training manual for associations is revised with HPS/SO1 staff and necessary changes are brought in the manual.

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

- In spring campaign, requested labels for certified saplings printed based on the requests of Field Managers of NGAs.
- ANNGO database is responsible for the data entry and label printing programme of NGAs members nursery growers.
- ANNGO inspectors inspecting certified nurseries of NGAs and have rejected the nurseries not following ANNGO standards.
- Allocations of Mother Trees are completed and ANNGO staff completed distribution of Mother Trees to NGAs.

- ANNGO has printed labels for over 1.3 millions of saplings.
- ANNGO Head of Regularity Services revised the nurseries registration forms of NGAs.
- The viral infected MTs are removed from MSNs during inspection.
- Newly established nurseries are registered and included in the fruit tree certification scheme.
- Inspections of MSNs are officially started & ANNGO has to involve SPCD directorate of MAIL.
- Seedlings in PHDCs are inspected before budding for production of MTs.
- Infected MTs of different fruits are removed from several NGA MSNs.
- ANNGO Head of Regularity Services has revised the appendixes of MSNs filled by FM of NGAs
- Inspection of MSNs are completed & the final result shared with NGAs & MSN owners.
- The budwood sale from MSNs are completed & the certified nurseries are being budded according the ANNGO standards.
- A survey is in progress for the missing, dead & dry saplings of MSNs.

**Table No. 2- List of available certified saplings for sale in Afghanistan spring 2016.**

No	Province	NGA Name	Specie	Lables Printed
1	Herat	Hirat NGA	10	59,915
2	Herat	Hariwa NGA	10	36,925
3	Kunar	Kunar ha NGA	8	82,580
4	Nangarhar	Nangarhar NGA	8	33,085
5	Laghman	Laghman NGA	8	43,280
6	Kandahar	Kandahar NGA	5	47,298
7	Zabul	Zabul NGA	0	0
8	Helmand	Helmand NGA	5	18,860
9	Baghlan	Imam Qutiba NGA	9	61,359
10	Badakhshan	Badakhshan NGA	4	30,053
11	Balkh	Umulbilad NGA	4	23,500
12	Takhar	Takhar NGA	8	134,514
13	Samangan	Aybak NGA	3	33,185
14	Kunduz	Kunduz NGA	7	158,789
15	Baghlan	Chon Ghar NGA	6	83,020
16	Baghlan	Andarab NGA	0	8,304
17	Balkh	Khulm NGA	1	12,010
18	Paktia	Paktia NGA	5	48,545

19	Parwan	Sayed Khail NGA		52,684
20	Parwan	Bagram NGA	4	8,635
21	Kapisa	Kapisa NGA	4	14,632
22	Kabul	Shakardara NGA	6	26,325
23	Kabul	Paghman NGA	6	30,114
24	Maidan Wardak	Maidan NGA	5	7,883
25	Maidan Wardak	Dr. Wakil NGA	5	37,765
26	Ghazni	Hakim Sanai NGA	3	37,600
27	Logar	Logar NGA	4	150,758
28	Bamyan	Bamyan NGA	4	7,700
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,289,318</b>

- A survey is completed for the missing, dead & dry saplings of MSNs.
- Annual election of different NGAs has been completed and different positions changed
- Bud wood data of different NGAs checked with the label request.

### 3-Field Trips, Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings:

#### **Meeting with HE MAIL Minister:**

Board of directors and project management had a meeting with HE MAIL minister (Mr. Assadullah Zameer). In the meeting with HE MAIL minister these points discussed.

- Brief introduction of ANNGO production
- Support of NHLP for purchasing of ANNGO certified saplings in the country
- Land allocation in Badam Bagh Farm of Kabul and Farm Jadid in Nengarhar for production of mother trees (based on the signed MoU)
- Lands allocation for ANNGO to establish the commercial high quality and marketable varieties orchard
- Need for the tissue culture laboratory
- Export of certified saplings to other neighboring countries

HE MAIL minister promised to consider all request of ANNGO after discussion with relevant MAIL directorates. HE MAIL minister also insist that ANNGO should increase the number of certified saplings in order to link ANNGO with neighbouring countries like Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.



*Photo # 1. Meeting of ANNGO team with HE MAIL minister*



*Photo # 2. Meeting of ANNGO team with HE MAIL minister*

**Meeting with MAIL technical Deputy Minister;**

A group meeting was held with HE Mr. Amanuddin Haidari MAIL Deputy, Mr. Mahbob Nang SPCD Director, Agri. Extension Director Advisor, Agriculture Plan and Policy Director, Mr. Ghafar Majeed from DHD with ANNGO/GM and technical staff) regarding MoU between MAIL and ANNGO. The discussion was about the MoU of ANNGO which HE MAIL deputy minister had several comments. HE deputy minister advised that all the directorate should share their comments on the MoU with ANNGO and ANNGO team should include and consider all the point and finalize the MoU. Once the comments are collected and iserted in the MoU, the final version should be submit to HE MAIL deputy minister for review and signature.



### Meeting with H.E. Hamid Kabul Governor;

The meeting was held in the month February at Kabul governor house. The Participants of the meeting were:

1. Honourable Hamid Akram Kabul Governor,
2. Mr. Hashmatullah Enayat Kabul Agriculture Director,
3. Mr. Walizadah Kabul Economy Director,
4. Mr. Sattar Mubarez ANNGO Board Chairman,
5. Mr.Zainulabdin Noor ANNGO General Manager,
6. Mr. Muzaffar Athar ANNGO Technical Manager,
7. Mr.Arif Shakardara NGA FM,
8. Chairman of Shakardara NGA and
9. Sharaf ANNGO Regulatory Services Manager.

The main purpose of meeting was the ANNGO activities and its plan in the different districts of Kabul province for development of the nursery industry in the country

The main points discussed were as follows:

- ANNGO GM introduced the organization, explained the capacity of fruit saplings production and demand of certified saplings in Afghanistan. The GM also described the importance of ANNGO as a legal entity for the improvement of Nursery industry thorough out country, Certification scheme of ANNGO , annual edition of ANNGO catalogue as tool for improvement of orchard industry, NGAs activities, annual production of fruit tree certified saplings and ornamental program of ANNGO, Baboor Garden pilot project, etc..
- The governor of Kabul Mr. Hamid and his team were impressed. He appreciate that ANNGO in two districts of Kabul have enough production of certified saplings and good ornamental plants. He promised to support ANNGO in other districts if ANNGO has plan for expansion of their activities. He also insist to improve and expand the ornamental sectors in the districts and they will facilitate to allocate lands if needed for ANNGO ornamentals and certified saplings. At the end of the meeting, the governor asked ANNGO team to organize a field trip to Shakardara and Paghman districts to visit the NGAs and the activities of ANNGO in Kabul province. The honourable governor of Kabul also promised to introduce ANNGO's activities in coming video conference to HE Ashraf Ghani president of Afghanistan. He also promised to publish the ANNGO's activities in their website.



Photo # 3 Meeting of ANNGO team with Honorable Kabul Governor

**Visit of Honorable Kabul governor to Shakardara district:**

As it was promised by Kabul Governor during meeting for visiting of Shakardara district, ANNGO team organized a field visit to NGA of Shakardara. ANNGO team facilitate the trip to honorable Kabul governor and his team. During the visit the Kabul Agriculture Director and district officers were also present. ANNGO team and NGA members explained all the project activities in the office and later on the delegation visit few nurseries and MSNs of ANNGO in the district. The governor of Kabul appreciate the activities of ANNGO and promised for further support of ANNGO where needed.



Photo # 4. Visit of Honorable Kabul Governor from Shakardar NGA's activities

**Meeting with Development Committee of Kabul Province;**

ANNGO is member of Provincial Development Committee (PDC) meeting and always participating on monthly basis to this meeting. In this meeting mainly the chairman is the

Kabul Governor Honorable Mohammad Hamid Akram and the rest of participants are the Sectorial Directorates of Kabul Province, 14 Districts Governors of Kabul Province, Directors of Development Committees of Kabul Province, UN organizations and Representatives of NGOs.

In this meeting, each organization explaining their achievements and future plans in the Kabul province. ANNGO selected as a active and best organization among other projects and awarded by Mr. Hamid Akram the governor of Kabul.



*Photo # 5. Award to ANNGO GM from Kabul Governor*

### **Panel discussion of the Government, civil society on accountability and transparency of Agriculture development in Kabul and access to Market:**

On 4th June the Agriculture director arranged a Panel discussion of the Government, civil society on accountability and transparency of Agriculture development in Kabul and access to Market, MAIL and the farmers of Kabul province in the Seed Secretariat Directorate , Kabul Afghanistan

#### **Participants:**

- HE MAIL minister Mr. Assadullah Zameer
- Honorable Hamid Akram, Kabul Governor,
- Miss Gabrilla country director of UNAMA
- Nabi Khalili AISA chairman
- Mr. Shujayee ( Leader of country traders)
- Miss Farah (Director of Women Affair of Governor house)
- Mr. Walizada (Economic Director of Governor house)
- Sofizada (MAIL Private Sector director)
- Hashmatullah Enayet (DAIL of Kabul)
- Haji Abdul Satar Mubariz ANNGO BoD Chairman
- ANNGO Team
- Landle Mill technical team
- MAIL directors
- Kabul 14 Districts governors
- Women councils groups of 14 districts

- Groups of traders of fruits, vegetables and nuts
- Farmers groups of different districts of Kabul
- Religious council members of Kabul districts

MAIL directors, provincial governors of 14 districts of Kabul, Districts farmers councils members, donor agencies, government authorities, DAIL of Kabul all staff, farmers of the different districts and many projects (around 200 participants).

The meeting started with the recitation of holy Quran verses and then Mr. Hashmatullah Enayet (DAIL director Kabul) welcomed all the participants in the event and thanked the MAIL minister and the Kabul governor for their always support to the Agriculture sector.

Later, HE MAIL minister start his speech about the progress of the agriculture in the country, especially in the Kabul province. He stated the increasing agriculture production for improvement of the rural livelihoods is the main objective of the MAIL and HE promised to support any ideas of the projects and the MAIL directorates for achieving the mentioned objective. HE explained the progress of MAIL since last year and also mentioned that during his HE visits to the other countries, HE will encourage the countries for more support of Agriculture sector in Afghanistan in order to bring more technologies and changes in the Agriculture sector in the country. HE also asked all the participants (especially the local councils members) to share all their ideas, comments, problems, requests and other issues related to the agriculture to the MAIL/DAIL in order to facilitate and support them with the farmers in all the district of Kabul as well in the other provinces.

Before starting the communication with the farmers and the traders, HE MAIL minister distribute the award for the active and good organizations members for their activities in the country especially in Kabul province. These awards were provided by Honourable governor of Kabul Mr. Hamid Akram. All the projects in Kabul were under evaluation and after completion of the evaluation of activities and impact on the development of the agriculture sectors of all projects, the governor of Kabul decided to encourage the organizations with giving the awards of best organization. As ANNGO project activities in Kabul city came on the first rank so, the first award was given to ANNGO. Mr. Abdul Satar Mubariz (chairman of ANNGO BoD) and Zainulabudin Noor (General Manager of ANNGO) received the 1st awards among other projects.



Photo # 6. ANNGO awarded by HE MAIL minister and honourable governor of Kabul

The program continued till 2:00 pm with honorable governor of Kabul and after the meeting, the governor of Kabul interested to see ANNGO different stage of activities and request us to see the national collection and mother tree production. ANNGO GM and LML acting coordinator accompanied them to the national collection and all the procedure of the EU funded projects for the development of horticulture sector explained to them.



Photo # 7. Visit of honourable governor of Kabul from Kabul PHDC

### Meeting with Kabul Governor:

ANNGO general manager arranged a meeting with Kabul governor for the Italian delegation. The delegation were from University of Florence professors (Dr. Alberto Giuntoli and Prof. Francesco Ferrini). ANHDO/HPS team leader (Pablo Degl'Innocenti), ANHDO general manager (Najibullah Enayet) and ANNGO general manager accompanied the team. Meeting was in the governor house meeting hall, the governor welcomed the guests to Afghanistan specially to Kabul. The objectives of the program explained to the Kabul governor and his team, they were very keen to support the delegation in Afghanistan. As the delegation had a short period of visits, so they promised to visit different locations of ornamentals in Kabul and other provinces as well as support the farmers in the production and propagation of flowers in the future.



*Photo # 8 Meetings of ANNGO/ANHDO team and consultants with Kabul Governor*

### ANNGO General Assembly:

During the reporting period (past three months) ANNGO has moved forward conducted its 8th General Assembly where all NGA chairmen, MAIL officials, partner organizations, project advisors, NHLP, Kabul Governor and DAIL director participated in the meeting. The programme was arranged in Shahana Restaurant, Kabul city. The general theme of the general assembly was 'The sustainability of ANNGO'. In the long term ANNGO should stand as a strong entity for improvement of the nursery industry and development of horticulture sector in the country.

ANNGO enable the NGAs to run the project in the future with their financial support in order to be sustainable. The two main objectives of the general assembly were, firstly, to exchange ideas on the best way to guarantee the support of the NGAs and agreed on the business plan, and, secondly, elect the structure of the executive board of directors. There was also ample opportunity to discuss the progresses, exchange experiences and further strengthen of the NGAs in the production of high quality planting material and certified saplings. The main objectives of the current general assembly were:

- To explain the achievement of the previous project and new grant
- To elect of the President and the Executive Board

To determine the policy for implementation of the business plan for sustainability of the project In the annual general assembly. ANNGO invited all the NGA chairmen to review the project progress, explain the NGAs annual achievements, suggestions and feedback from their respective province in order to improve the project activities and production. Invitation cards prepared and send to all the invitees. See photo # 1 (Invitation card of ANNGO)



PHOTO # 1.  
ANNGO Invitation  
cards



Photo # 9. ANNGO Presentation to the honorable Governor of Kabul and participants

### ANNGO Board of Directors Meetings;

As per ANNGO by-law, the board of directors should meet quarterly in base of Kabul in order to be aware of the project progress, problems and other project related issues. The board members were invited regularly on quarterly basis during this year. The agenda for the BoD meeting preparing in advance by GM and the Chairman of BoD. The agenda is

sharing to all board members before their departure from their destinations and they are responsible to prepare their presentation on progress of the activities in their related NGAs. The general manager of the project is responsible to present the achievements of the past three months, share the financial reports, technical reports and other necessary documents to BoDs. The GM is also sharing the forecast of the budget for the coming quarter to BoDs in order to be aware of what activities are planned in the future. The BoD are meeting the staff of the project, meeting the different clients, meeting the MAIL directors and MAIL minister and deputy minister. At the last days of the meeting, they are writing their advices, decisions and expectations for the coming months. In all BoD meetings the BoD chairman is opening the meeting with warm welcome to the BoD members and then the secretary of the BoD reviewing the previous meeting decisions and asking the general manager for the progress on action of their decisions.

After review of the previous meeting minute, they are asking general manager to present the past quarter activities and achievements, which ANNGO general manager is responsible to present all the progress of the project activities in detail and also to point out the problems and future plan. During the board meetings, the following points have been discussed:



*Photo # 10. Board of directors quarterly meeting in Kabul ANNGO Office*

- Requesting NHLP to purchase the saplings from the NGAs instead of individual members
- The price of certified saplings should be according to the procurement manual of NHLP
- Before Label printing and distribution, the previous dues of the NGAs should be checked. If the NGAs are not completely paid their previous years payments, the label should not be print to them.
- The low quality and unmarketable varieties in the MSNs should be remove and the new and high quality marketable varieties should be plant.
- Those members who are not producing the certified saplings, should exclude from the NGAs.



### EU Bazaar:

As per plan of EU delegation for participation of partners in the EU Bazar, ANNGO planned to introduce the flowers and ornamentals producers to EU Bazar. Member of ANNGO NGAs organized to show the best flowers and ornamental trees to this event. Three members of the NGA were participated in this even together with the project general manager and marketing manager. Over 100 different species & varieties of flowers & indoor plants were placed for exhibition and sale.



Photo # 11. ANNGO Ornamental section representatives in EU Bazar

### Study Tour to India (1st August 2016 to 5th August 2016)

#### Main purpose:

The main purpose of the trip was the Establishment of tissue culture facility for the production of clonal rootstock to private sector in Afghanistan.

#### Agenda for the trip:

It was the proposed Agenda by TARI GRAM institute of India;

#### Visit schedule for Commercial Tissue Culture Labs

##### Day 1

Visit to Delhi

Airport to Hotel, ( stay at India Habitat Center, Lodhi road New Delhi 110003)

##### Day 2

Travel from Hotel to MTP lab, Gual Pahari, Gurgaon

##### Day 3

Hotel to IGI Airport (no overnight stay at Bangalore)

Delhi - Bangalore

Bangalore to lab

Evening back from Bangalore - New Delhi

##### Day 4

Visit of other research Labs

## Day 5

Travel Back to Kabul

Table # 3. Participants of India Study tour

S.Nr	Name	Organization	Position
1	Mohammad Iqbal	USAID	Project Management Specialist
2	Hidayatullah Omarkhail	Samsor Ban	Director
3	Mohammad Muzaffar	ANNGO	Head of Technical Services
4	Nazif ullah Husaini	ANNGO	Senior Inspector
5	Abdul Maqsood	ICARDA/ANNGO	Intern
6	Miss Farozan	ICARDA	Intern
7	Ali dil-i-jam	Private Company	Director
8	Abdul Hasib Iqbal	NHLP	Technical officer

### Technical & financial support to the trip:

The technical support was given by TARI GRAM institute, Haryana, India. The trip was financially supported by USAID.

### Details of the trip:

During PHDP1 project, trials were conducted to know the cheapest & easiest ways to multiply clonal cuttings of stone fruit rootstocks. The cuttings included in the multiplication programme were GF 677, Colt, Gisela 5, Mahaleb SL64, Maryana GF 81 & Myrobalan 29C. Unfortunately, the methods applied could not work to produce all the required clonal cuttings through the applied methods.

Micro-propagation is the only solution for regenerating clonally uniform plants under aseptic conditions. Through tissue culture large volumes of superior quality plants of various species can be produced within a short period of time & space. ANNGO will be able to produce the desired rootstocks for member NGAs to improve the standard & value of the saplings for local market & orchard growers.



Photo # 12. Participants of the trip in one of the nurseries in Bangalore, India

Since long the need for establishment of commercial tissue culture facility was felt to improve the standard of certified saplings produced in Afghanistan. NHLP used to import different species of fruit trees on clonal rootstocks to establish high density demonstration orchards in different targeted location of the country. USAID invited a consultant from India to conduct a feasibility study of the commercial lab for private sector in Afghanistan.

The consultant had several meetings with ANNGO technical team regarding their production and need for control and management of the tissue culture laboratory.

A short trip was arranged by USAID to visit some tissue culture nurseries in Haryana & Bangalore. The tissue culture lab visited on the second day of the trip was TARI GRAM institute, which had the capacity of five million seedlings production of Banana saplings. The saplings produced are sold between 8 to 12 rupees on orchard growers. The institute also produced ornamental saplings to export to Europe.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the trip the team travelled to Bangalore to visit a private company Novel Biotech run by a lady Dr. Geetha Suresh.

The company used to produce over 2 million saplings of banana & Ginger for local market. This company was run and managed by ladies mostly.

#### **Round table discussion in Zafar Radio (85.2 FM):**

##### **Participants:**

Hashmatullah Enayet Agriculture Director of DAIL Kabul  
Walizada Economic Director of Kabul Governor house  
Zainulabudin Noor GM of ANNGO  
Sayed Haseeb Sadat Horticulture director of DAIL Kabul  
Announcers and Facilitators of Zafar Radio

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Location:** Radio Zafar Station, Deh Bori, Kabul Afghanistan

The radio round table was arranged in continuation of the previous conversation meeting with HE MAIL minister and honourable Kabul Governor with the different Kabul ministries directorates, projects and donor agencies which were held on 5th of June in Seed Secretariat Directorate in Badam Bagh.

The main discussion was about the Agriculture year that current year was announced by Kabul governor and request all the projects and donors to support the agriculture sector with their strong coordination, technical and financial support of this sector. ANNGO organization received two awards from Kabul Governor for the strong farmers support in the country, especially in the Kabul province.

During the discussion the activities of ANNGO explained with the coordination with the MAIL/DAIL in the country and the efficiency and effectiveness of the certified saplings of ANNGO that is the biggest demand of country farmers and projects. The certified saplings produced to the farmers and project during the few years were one of the biggest achievements of the project and the biggest visibility of the EU delegation in the country. The needs of farmers and the projects were explained during the discussion and ANNGO promised to increase the number of the saplings production under certification scheme in the country. The market problems of the certified saplings, importing of the nonstandard trees full of diseases from neighbouring countries, request of the clients for the high

density planting and demand of the NGAs for the best quality Mother Trees for the MSNs raised in the meeting. The tissue culture Laboratory for production of clonal rootstock production under tissue culture is one of the biggest demands of ANNGO which rose during the discussion. Security is the other challenges of the project that decrease the quantity and quality of the production.

During the discussion, the rest of the team also insist for the coordination of the organization which working on the agriculture sector as well as they requested the organization and the MAIL for the building the capacity of the farmers and awareness of them in the sector.



*Photo # 13. ANNGO GM during the round table in Radio Zafar*

#### **Interview with Radio Bayan:**

During the month of June, the Radio Bayan also had a interview regarding the project activities, supporting donor, production and coverage of the activities in the country that technical team of the project (Sharafuddin Sharaf, Sayed Noorajan and Nazifullah) explained all the activities that after financial support of EU delegation, the organization became able to run the certification scheme in the whole country and currently the volume of certified saplings production is on high range of production and will be more in the next years. The complete picture of the project activities explained to the interviewer of the Radio Bayan during the discussion.



Photo # 14 ANNGO technical team during the interview with Radio Bayan

ANNGO Chairman also were available that the Radio interviewer ask the impact of the EU delegation financial support on the production of the certified saplings as well as on the nursery industry. ANNGO chairman mentioned that with this support of EU delegation, this project improved alot and will continue to follow all the instruction of EU delegation and the TA provided by other organizations for support of this business. He mentioned that the nursery industry production was very low at the begining and production of certified saplings also were not enough in the country while the projects purchase the saplings without any certification from other countries but now with this support of EU delegation of Afghanistan, the organization is able to produce 70 -80% of the demands of the project for support of the certified saplings in the country.

During the interview, he asked about technical support and coordination of MAIL with ANNGO that was replied by the team that ANNGO has good relation and coordination with MAIL and always HE MAIL minister and HE MAIL Deputy minister meeting ANNGO team for improvement of the system in the country.



Photo # 15 Interview of Radio Bayan with ANNGO Chairman

### **Fruit Exhibition Badam Bagh:**

A fruit exhibition was arranged by MAIL/ARIA. The chief guest for the exhibition was Kabul governor, Mr. Hamid Akram and MAIL Extension Director Mr. Hamdullah Hamdard. Staff from ANNGO, ANHDO, MAIL, Kabul DAIL & national/international NGO participated in the exhibition. Over 60 accessions of apricot, peach, plum and apples were placed in the exhibition. In this exhibitions the ANNGO NGA's members were invited to observe the good and marketable varieties of the fruits for the production of mother trees of their MSNs.

In this exhibition, the ANNGO catalogues were distributed to the participants and also were placed in front of the chief gusts and others.



*Photo # 16. fruit exhibition in Badam Bagh research station*

### **Visit of Horticulture Extension Director of MAIL from ANNGO Herat NGAs:**

**Duration of trip:** 20 - 22 Aug.2016

#### **Members of trip:**

- Miss. Adela Bakhtiari (Director of Horticulture Extension/MAIL),
- Zabihullah from Horticulture Directorate,
- Zainulabudin Noor, ANNGO General Manager,
- Abdul Sattar Mubarez, ANNGO BoD Chairman,
- Sharafuddin Sharaf, ANNGO /RSM and
- chairmen of Hirat and Hariva NGAs and the NGAs members

**Purposes of trip:** Evaluation of Hariva and Herat NGAs as well as to visits of MSNs, CPNs and stool beds of NGAs by MAIL officials.

On 21 Augus 2016 after arrival to Herat city, the delegation had meeting with 7 members of Hariva zonal NGA include Field Manager.

After introduction of participants of the meeting, ANNGO General Manager briefly explained the main objectives of ANNGO, current situation of NGAs, strong and weak points, the future plan for better management of nursery industry on the National level by NGA members of ANNGO.

Later Miss Adela Bakhtiary (director of horticulture extension) explained the purpose of her visit from ANNGO/NGAs for better production of certified saplings and expanding the activities of the NGAs activities in the other provinces. She had several questions from members, MSNs, CPNs, ornamental production of NGA members, coordination of NGA with ANNGO, NHLP, DAIL and other relative organizations/stakeholders. She also had several questions asked regarding NGA problems.

Mr. Naser Haidry Hariva NGA chairman and other members answered Miss. Adela questions, they explained about the condition of good MSN of marketable varieties, stool bed of rootstocks for productions of certified saplings, also they mentioned this year they will be ready to provide and distribute around 36000 certified saplings. They appreciate the ANNGO supports for both NGAs and were willing to improve the coordination and cooperation with Herat DAIL, NHLP and other organization which are working in Horticulture sectors.

The Hariva NGA chairman and members explained the need for the establishment of the zonal NGA, the increment in the production of certified saplings and extension of ANNGO activities in the other provinces. Both NGAs members described the existing problems of their NGAs to the MAIL Horticulture extension directorate as below:

- As NHLP has the biggest demand of establishing orchards to the area, so their plan should be coordinate with ANNGO/NGAs in order to produce types and numbers of certified saplings according to the demand of NHLP.
- Mainly NHLP is contracting individual farmers that the NGAs will not be responsible for the quality and certification of the saplings. It is requesting that NHLP should consider the procedure of the NGAs and communicate with the NGAs in order to provide best quality of certified saplings to them and also it will help the NGAs to be sustainable in the future.
- Payment of the purchased saplings by NHLP takes time more then 8-9 months that will affect the interests of farmers for production and future provision of sapling for NHLP campaign.

- NHLP purchasing saplings the same certified saplings in different places with different cost from NGA members.



Photo # 17. Meeting of MAIL Horticulture Directorate with Hirat /Hariva NGA members

#### NGA member suggestions:

- MAIL and DAIL must support ANNGO / NGAs and link all organizations which are working in horticulture sectors to purchase the certified saplings from the NGAs belongs to ANNGO.
- If NHLP coordinate their orchards establishment plan with ANNGO it will be good for providing on time from high quality certified saplings
- For better management and facilitation of sapling distribution in planting season, NHLP should contract NGAs instead of individual farmers who are member of NGA. It will reduce the value of the NGAs and member will not follow the NGAs or their roles in the future.

Haji Abdul Sattar ANNGO BoD Chairman explained to the Horticulture extension directorate delegations, the problems of NGAs members and production of certified saplings in general. He mentioned that the NGA members should follow all the procedures for the payments of services such as (label, planting materials, fees etc.) to the ANNGO for sustainability of ANNGO. Every member and each NGA should focus on the dues of the member to keep the project running in the future. He ask all the NGA members to follow all the instruction giving by the field manager for improvement of the certification system.

Head of regulatory services (Sharafuddin Sharaf) who was assigned to evaluate the Hariva NGAs since establishment to date in order to fill the gaps if any for the better quality production of certified sapling in the zone and province. He had several questions during the meeting from the members of both NGAs such as:



- Reason of establishment of Hariva NGA as zonal NGA, which have members from Ghor, Badghis and Farah provinces,
- Update list of NGA members by specifications of Name, Father name, village, district, province area of nurseries
- Security situations for working of field manager and ANNGO senior inspectors in the area.
- Registration documents in Ministry Justice like by-law, general assembly, foundation list, BoD list, logo, license for activities, symbol of NGA etc.
- NGA bank account and member payment fees
- Number of certified planting materials for production certified saplings
- Production certified saplings etc.

The questions of the delegation from the NGA chairmen and members answered as below:

- Regarding establishment of this NGA, they answered that the Herat NGA had more members which their control and management were difficult for one chairman and also there were enough demand from other provinces (Ghor, Badghis and Farah) to start working with Herat NGA for the certification scheme and production of certified saplings. They already submit their commitment for following of all rules and regulation of certification program in their provinces and their nurseries.
- Updated list of NGA members were presented to the delegation together with the copy of By-law, NGA license, list of members and other necessary documents.
- The security of the locations where NGA have nurseries are fine and field inspectors and the field managers can easily work and travel there.
- The production of the certified saplings are according to the By-law of ANNGO that in the previous distribution, the NGA provides more than 36000 of saplings to NHLP and also for the coming season they will produce more than the above mentioned number of high value and marketable varieties according to the demand of local farmers.

During the above mentioned meetings and discussions with Hariva NGA members, some issues of ANNGO certification scheme in the field were not clear for Horticulture Extension directorate (Miss Adela Bakhtiari), that was explained by head of regulatory services to all the members as well as to the delegation.

The issue of ANNGO certification scheme” draft of Afghanistan fruit trees certification scheme” will finalize soon and will insert as part of Afghanistan Seed Law. The directorate of Seed and Planting Material Certification (SPDC) acting as authorize directorate for all process of certification scheme. Most of SPCD staff in central and provincial level are involved in the process of inspection process of MSNs/CPNs, source of certified planting materials for propagation (fruits National Collections), PBTL and health of certified planting materials, commercial varieties of fruits and monitoring of ANNGO activities. The Horticulture extension director insist to involve their staff in the process of production of the certified saplings in order to be aware of type, number and location of

certified saplings under ANNGO for better coordination and collaboration with other projects in the MAIL.

On the next day the delegation had meeting with the agriculture directorate of Hirat province that the director of agriculture welcomed the team and explained that ANNGO activities in the Hirat province have very tangible results and the both NGAs have very close coordination and cooperation with the directorate and related departments of DAIL Hirat. Horticulture extension director asked several questions about the ANNGO activities and achievements in the province that the DAIL director and horticulture department officer replied about the positive action and activities of ANNGO with DAIL and other projects in their province. They appreciate the project and the NGAs for their active staff and members for production and provision of the certified saplings that cover 90% of the demands of the farmers and projects.

As NGAs offices are out of directorates, so the issue raised by ANNGO general manager for providing rooms for NGAs inside of DAIL. The agriculture director promised to provide two rooms for the NGAs and the NGAs should renovate and repair the rooms for their use.

Later the delegation had meeting with officer of horticulture extension in his office. He was very happy from ANNGO NGAs working in Herat province and mentioned that they have very close cooperation and coordination with the DAIL and specially directly with Horticulture office. He allowed that for any events in the provincial levels, the DAIL is asking NGAs for provision of ornamental flowers and bushes as well as the fruit trees saplings and fruits.

The delegation also participate the grape exhibition of Landle Mill in the Urdo Khan farm where H.E MAIL minister and the MAIL directors were invited.

The NGA members and chairmen also were invited in the grape exhibition of PHDC of Urdo Khan and our NGA chairman of Hariva had also TV interview after the exhibition.



*Photo # 18. Visit of HE MAIL minister from Hirat Grape exhibition*

After the exhibition, the delegation had a visit to the MSNs, apple stool bed and nurseries which were ready for inspections. In addition the delegation also visit the ornamentals

and forest trees of pine in Muhali Dasht village, Gozara district which were belong to Nasir chairman of Hariva NGA. The team had several questions about the ANNGO support and assistance to them.

The head of regulatory services had a visit to the grape, apple, peach nurseries that were in good condition. Necessary advices given to them for improvement of their nurseries and production of good quality certified saplings.

### Activities in Baboor Garden:

ANNGO and ANHDO/HPS/SO1 working in Bagh Babur Garden to implement a pilot project on the ornamentals and nursery industry. Different flowers (indoor and outdoor) introduced to the Babur Garden farm and planted in an area together with the fruit saplings as per agreement of the Babur Garden technical staff. The nurseries of differene varieties of fruits and flowers are established inside the Bagh Babur and the project provide many technical assistance to the staff and the labor. The following activities done during reporting period:

- ✓ Preparing and transferring certified buds from Mazar and Kabul National Collections for budding of the fruit nurseries in Bagh Babur
- ✓ Budded 961 seedlings of apricot from 4 commercial varieties
- ✓ Bedded 861 seedlings of almond form 8 commercial varieties
- ✓ Budded 122 seedling of peach from 2 commercial varieties
- ✓ Advised to control weeds inside the nurseries of fruit and ornamental nurseries
- ✓ Establishment of plastic tunnel ( 2.5mX4mX10m ) for ornamental indoor plant



*Photo # 19. ANNGO nurseries in Historical Garden of Babur*

### Field inspections:

ANNGO inspectors inspect the MSNs and the CPNs in all provinces. The plan of inspections has been shared with the directorate of SPCD in order to involve their provincial team in the process of inspection. During the inspection of many provinces, the staff of SPCD were introduced to take part in the inspection of the ANNGO certification process. All the process explained to them, also practically they observed the procedures, annexes for different stages of inspection and other necessary information have been described to them. They also asked to take part in the filling of the forms and asking questions from the farmers if they have any. Beside the MAIL/SPCD team, ANNGO NGAs chairmen also take part in the mission in order to review the NGA management on the registration, production, documentation and other NGAs related issues.



Photo # 20. ANNGO senior inspector during the inspection of CPNs

Table # 4 Information about the inspections of nurseries

S.No	NGA Name	MSN owner Name	Total Nr of MTs	Total Nr of Root-stocks	Inspector Name	Result
1	Aybak	Haji Noor Ahmad	134	0	Nazif	Approved
2	Badakhshan	Abdul Jabar	125	316	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
3	Badakhshan	GulamRabani	0	0	Noorajan Sadat	reject
4	Badakhshan	Mohd. Nazir	40	307	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
5	Badakhshan	SayedKiratullah	0	336	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
6	Bagram	AnarGul	295	0	Nazif	Approved
7	Bagram	Haji Abdul Qayum	0	0	Nazif	Rejected
8	Bagram	Haji Murtaza	263	0	Nazif	Approved
9	Chonghar	H.MohedSarwar	73	0	Nazif	Approved
10	Chonghar	Mohd. Amin	169	255	Nazif	Approved
11	Kandahar	Abdul Qader	721	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
12	Kandahar	Mohammad Shafi	354	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
13	Hakim Sanay	Mohammad Ahsan	20	500	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
14	Helmand	Abdul Khaliq	269	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
15	Helmand	Haji Ahmad Shah	177	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
16	Helmand	Mohad. Umar	265	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved

17	Herat	Abdul Nasir	168	498	Nazif	Approved
18	Herat	Abdul Rahman	525	0	Nazif	Approved
19	Herat	Haji Naim	575	663	Nazif	Approved
20	Herat	Wahid Ahmad	44	0	Nazif	Approved
21	Imam Qutiba	Shah M.Mohaqiq	550	800	Nazif	Approved
22	Khulum	Fazal Ahmad	54	0	Nazif	Approved
23	Khulum	MalimQurban	111	0	Nazif	Approved
24	Kunar ha	Haqiqullah	53	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
25	Kunar ha	Rohullah	447	293	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
26	Kunduz	Bashir	192	1271	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
27	Kunduz	Noor Hazart	411	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
28	Laghman	Abdul Masood	728	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
29	Laghman	Wali Mohammad	124	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
30	Logar	Abdul Monib	131	0	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
31	Logar	Mohammad Jan	95	60	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
32	Logar	Naqibullah	123	0	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
33	Maidan	MohdTaus	187	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
34	Maidan	Saifullah	0	260	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
35	Nangarhar	Farid Ahmad	70	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
36	Nangarhar	Himed Agha	340	0	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
37	Paghman	Farid	0	0	Nazif, Khabir	Rejected
38	Paghman	Haji Ibrahim	0	300	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
39	Paghman	Haji Sattar	168	1864	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
40	Paghman	Mohammalshaq	116	0	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
41	Paghman	Nazirshah	0	200	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
42	Paktia	Masoom	376	4551	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
43	Said khil	Abdul Manan	343	0	Noorajan, Khabir	Approved
44	Said khil	Jabarudin	127		Noorajan, Khabir	
45	Said khil	Abdul Saboor	68	64	Noorajan, Khabir	Approved
46	Shakardara	Ab. Wakil	0	99	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
47	Shakardara	Hamidullah	137	738	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
48	Shakardara	ZiaratGul	204	0	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
49	Takhar	Rahimullah	470	170	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
50	Um-ul-bilad	Abdul Sadeq	43	0	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
51	Um-ul-bilad	Haji Akram	429	0	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
52	Um-ul-bilad	Haji Ghani	538	0	Nazif Khabir	Approved
53	Kapisa	AnarGul	418		Nazif	Approved
54	Kapisa	Mohammad gul	140		Nazif	Approved
55	Sarubi	Haji Gulam Ali	17		Noorajan Sadat	Approved
56	Hakim Sanai	Mahmood	83	200	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
57	Hakim Sanai	Haji Salih		870	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
58	Maidan	Tawos khan	127	232	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
59	Maidan	Habib Jan	63		Noorajan Sadat	Approved
60	Maidan	Saifullah		1025	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
61	Maidan	Amanudin		50	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
62	Maidan	Ziaratgul		557	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
63	Maidan	Rahimullah		157	Noorajan Sadat	Approved

### **CPG Meeting decisions:**

The Citrus promotion Group meeting held in Jalalabad with the participation of several stakeholders including the DAIL of Nangarhar and NVDA.

The main focus for discussion in this meeting was about market update and market demands for the citrus certified saplings in the region.

The total Afghanistan local citrus market is estimated at 200 000 tons. Fresh consumption comprises approximately 192 000 tons and processed juices, concentrates, jams and jellies comprised 8 000 tons.

In this meeting main focus was on the increase on the production of the citrus certified saplings that cover the demand of the markets in the eastern zone. The total demand for the citrus certified saplings are around 400,000 annually but the production are 90,000 to 100,000 per annum that can't cover the demand of the orchard growers and the projects. Final suggestion of the CPG participants were from ANNGO to increase the production and focus more in the area that is suitable for the production of citrus saplings.

### **Nursery update & monitoring of citrus certified nurseries;**

A joint nursery inspection program (NHLP, ANNGO, Nangarhar DAIL and ANHDO/HPS/SO4) conduct in mid September 2016 to monitor the current situation of citrus saplings in order to find out what the problems are and how to resolve them. The delegation were as follow;

- Muzafar from ANNGO (coordinator)
- Aziz from SO4/ANHDO
- Rahmat Gul from NHLP
- Latif from NGR DAIL
- Jamil from PBTL (collect samples)

The delegation confirm the forecast of citrus saplings for year 2017-18 based on the forecast attached as Annexure A.

The process of MSN amendments (including enough best varieties in the MSN) is very slow. ANNGO stated that the citrus budwood production is very low compared to the demand. To resolve this issue ANNGO signed MoU with MAIL that hereinafter ANNGO will produced the mother trees themselves in the selected PHDCs.

The delegation will assess the Eureka orchards in September. If the orchards are found in good condition then ANNGO will allow the nursery growers to take budwoods and produce certified saplings as per NC procedure 5.1.5

There is a great market for eureka lemon fruit and the growers are happy with the income from eureka orchards. Many farmers are trying to grow eureka lemon but there is no eureka certified saplings because eureka is recently introduced as a recommended variety and it will take some years, so it was decided to take bud wood from some eureka orchards until the MSN produce enough buds.

The delegation was not assigned to criticize any nursery grower but it was assigned to find out the problems in the nurseries as whole and find out ways and make their suggestions to the nursery growers to improve the quality of the saplings they are producing.

### **Annual Elections & General Assembly in Umulblad NGA;**

On 4th of June the Um-ul-Bilad NGA of Mazar province was arranged the general assembly of the NGA. This general assembly was organized in the NHLP meeting hall of Balkh province which chaired by Mr. Katib Shams (Mazar agriculture director and Haji Mohammad Akram chairman of Mazar NGA).

The participants for this General assembly were the below people:

- ANNGO Chairman
- ANNGO General Manager
- ANNGO head of regulatory services
- NHLP North Zone project Coordinator
- 18 members of Um-e-Bilad NGA

Meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran, then Mr. Haji Akram Hashimi Chairman of Um-ul-belad NGA welcomed the guest and the participants of the general assembly. He explained the progress of the NGA since last one year and emphasized on the better quality production of certified saplings, management of NGAs, management of MSNs/CPNs and the marketing of NGAs production.

ANNGO Chairman discussed regarding improvement of members production and production of high quality and marketable varieties as per request of the NHLP and other clients. He also insisted to monitor the members nurseries and those who have low production of certified saplings of their nurseries (less than 7000 certified saplings) should be out from the system.

ANNGO General Manager argued regarding general situation of all NGAs of ANNGO, production of certified saplings and making business plan for sustainability of NGA as well as ANNGO.

Mr. Kateb Shams Balkh DAIL explained the Horticulture plan of Balkh agriculture directorate and allowed that ANNGO and Um-ul-Bilad has very well coordination with DAIL since the establishment of the NGA in Mazar province. He gave examples of office for NGA in the Balkh DAIL and in the other districts of Balkh province.

Head of regulatory services mentioned about the Um-ul-belad NGA activities, volume of production in North Zone, implementation of certification scheme of ANNGO and high quality production of saplings for customers. He requested the members to take care of production of high value crops in the zone in order to fulfill the market demand of certified saplings.

Later on the NHLP coordinator appreciated the support of ANNGO for production of the certified sapling and insisted for improving the quality for the future and increase the volume of the production based on the demand of NHLP. He mentioned that the NHLP has long mission in the country and will be good for ANNGO to increase the production of the certified saplings in the country specially in the north zone.

After all discussion and answering to the questions of the participant by ANNGO team, the election process of the NGA started.

The election happened in the very peaceful environment and there were few candidate for each position that after voting for each, they elect the right person for each positions in transparent voting system.

The following members elected after counting the vote by the temporary chairman, ANNGO team, DAIL, NHLP and other observers.

1. NGA chairman: Had 2 candidates (Mr. Haji Akram and Mr. Ahmad Sanan), the Haji Akram vote were 12 and the Ahmad Sanan vote were 6, so Haji Akram selected as new chairman of Um-ul-belad NGA
2. Deputy chairman position had one candidate Mr. Abdul Malek, all members voted him
3. Clerk position had one candidate Mr. Haji Ahmad Shah , all members voted him
4. Cashier position had one candidate Mr. Haji Kawa, all members voted him



*Photo # 21 ANNGO Um-ul-Bilad NGA in Balkh during the general assembly before election*

After election Mr. Haji Muhammad Akram Hashimi thanked the participants and promised that he will use all of his power for improvement of the production of the certified saplings and NGA management for better linkages with the stakeholders in order to obtain more attract of the attention of the stakeholders for marketing and sales of certified saplings. He asked all the members to follow the rules, regulations and by-laws of the project and the mentioned every NGA members and BoD members should consider the certification scheme steps and criteria for better performance of the activities. At the end, the NGA members and the DAIL director appreciate the transparent election and commitments of the ANNGO team for production of certified saplings and promised that he will be one of the supporter of the project in the region. All the NGA members thanked the delegation who came from Kabul for solving their problems in the area. After meeting the team visit NGAs activities, MSNs and also had meeting with NHLP technical team on the issue of their fall campaign requirements.



## National Seed Conference and planning workshop; (April 16-18)

### Participants:

- HE MAIL/ Minister,
- HE Deputy MAIL Minister,
- Senior Adviser of MAIL,
- Sectorial Directorates of MAIL,
- National and International NGOs representatives,
- Representatives of Seed Companies,
- ANNGO BoD Chairman
- Deputy Chairman,
- Shakardara NGA FM
- ANNGO technical team and others ( around 250 persons)

**Purposes:** The improved seeds productions situations and improved seed plan for distribution in coming season.

Mr. Mirdad Painshiri opened the conference and explained the past 35 years of the Afghanistan Agriculture situation that were in very good situations compare to current time. He said that we have 125 seed companies' producers and farmers can't find enough improved seeds. He also mentioned about the history of previous Agriculture Development Bank of Afghanistan that was established to support the farmers on provision of inputs and credits but unfortunately the bank is not exist anymore.



*Photo # 22. National seed board conference*

He appreciate the EU delegation investments for supporting of more than USD 10.5 million for development of seed industry/certification scheme in Afghanistan. During his discussions he pointed out the EU financial support for funding of PHDPI, II and establishment of the national collections, support of research stations and support of ANNGO for development of nursery industry in the country.



*Photo # 23. ANNGO staff in Seed conference in Kabul*

During the discussion, HE MAIL minister advised the participant to follow the same rule and regulation that ANNGO is following for the planting material and certified sapling. HE also asked all the participant to cooperate with ANNGO during the sale and marketing of certified sapling in all of the provinces.

Then Mr. Mahbubullah Nang Seed and Planting Material Director discussed the following issues:

- Value of improved seed in development of Agriculture and economy of Afghanistan
- In Balkh, Nangarhar, Kunduz and other Provinces seed laboratory working actively
- Seed regulation soon will be finalized, but still the vegetables regulation is not exist and it is a big problems
- ANNGO certification regulation will revise by SPCD and ANNGO in near future. ANNGO can implement and follow the regulations after finalization by the committee.

At the closing of the workshop, HE Assadullah Zamir Minister of MAIL stated the below points:

- Our target are farmers, Afghanistan farmers have lots of problems in the field of Agriculture, if MAIL can't solve the problems of farmer, then there is no need for presence of the MAIL,
- Price of agri-input is high then production of agriculture
- For increase of yield we need for best agricultural practices, better machinery and high quality inputs, etc.

- HE discussed about the poor quality of seed, fertilizers and other Agri-inputs in the country
- HE also insist for creating a good policy for marketing to compete in the International Market

HE mentioned during these three days of conference MAIL & Seed Companies (Agriculture Public and private sectors) should prepare their plans and submit to the MAIL.

The participants divided in 4 groups under the following subjects:

- First group ( decreasing cost for production of seeds and market)
- Second group (expectations of private sectors from Government to support seed sectors in the country)
- Third group ( expectations of MAIL from seed companies)
- Fourth group ( expectations of private sectors in production, propagation and certification of vegetable seed and other plants)

ANNGO staff were the member of fourth group and explained the expectations of planting materials and implementations of ANNGO certification scheme as follow:

- Increasing high value varieties of fruits species in fruits National Collections of Afghanistan
- Increasing commercial varieties of different species as mother trees in the MSNs
- Establishment of tissue culture laboratory for ANNGO with enough capacity production of rootstocks as per demand of market certified saplings
- Finalizing the manual of the Afghanistan national fruit trees certification scheme which voluntary implemented by ANNGO in the field
- Producing enough certified saplings as per demand of market
- Producing certified saplings on rootstocks

### Meeting with NHLP/WB/MAIL:

ANNGO BoD members and project management members also had meeting with NHLP director for better coordination and following of the procedure of procurement of NHLP/WB/MAIL. The main issue of the discussion was the fall campaign tree plantation of NHLP and the procedure of the procurement under the policy of MAIL and World Bank. As ANNGO is a certification body, so ANNGO will not be involve in the process of fixing the price. It was agreed that the price should be fixed based on the quality and variety of the saplings. NHLP will consider the ANNGO labels and the certified saplings (See picture # 5)



*Photo # 24 ANNGO BoD and management team meeting with NHLP director and team*

### Ag Fairs

Annually ANNGO team are organizing two International Ag Fair in Badam bagh with supporting of MAIL. ANNGO team participated in these Ag-Fair with opening two booths to exhibit different fruits, certified saplings, flowers, ornamental trees and publications. The booth were designed very well by different project photos, banners and poster which in all banners and publication, the logo of EU delegation were clearly visible.

HE MAIL minister and the honourable Kabul governor and other MAIL directors visited the ANNGO booths and the technical team and board of directors members explained the project activities to the visitors and distributed the catalogues, calendars and other publications to the visitors.



*Photo # 25 Visit of HE MAIL minister from ANNGO Booth*

During three days groups of people were visiting ANNGO booth and ANNGO technical staff has given technical information such as nurseries, certified sapling, NGAs, Marketable varieties, rootstocks, ornamentals....etc to the visitors.



*Photo # 26 Visit of HE MAIL minister and Kabul governor from ANNGO Booth*

### **Business and Marketing Management Capacity Building Training;**

ANNGO and RI/HPS aims to conduct Business and Marketing Management capacity building training to 25 NGAs board members in order to improve their Business and Marketing skills which will help them to improve their business and sales volumes in markets and also support them to build market linkages with sapling customers. ANNGO and ANHDO/HPS marketing incharges jointly planned the training to improve the

marketing of products of NGAs in proper ways. The program was negotiated with the board members in the past and they were agree to participate in the training.

This training was conducted in 4 zones shows as following:

1. Eastern
2. Southern
3. Northern
4. North- Eastern

Overall objectives of the trainings were to build the skills and capacities of the NGA members in the Business and Marketing which will support their businesses in markets for sales of certified saplings produced in each NGA.

The trainings have the below sub- objectives:

1. To teach how to develop a Business and strategic Plan for their NGAs.
2. To teach them how to be a comprehensive salesman.
3. To support them how to develop an effective Production plan.
4. To support them in Sapling standard packaging process.
5. To support them how to make their own brand in the market.

Trainees were NGAs board members from 13 NGAs of below locations:

Table # 5. Schedule of training program for the Eastern zone NGAs

No	NGAs	Training Dates/ 2016
1	Jalalabad	9 to 13 January
2	Kunar	
3	Laghman	
4	Herat	16to 19 January
5	Aybak	24to 27 January
6	Chonghar	
7	Andarab	
8	Khulm	
9	Imam Qutaiba	
10	Umul Belad	31 January to 2 February
11	Kunduz	
12	Takhar	
13	Badakhshan	

### Training topics

Please find the following Training Topics:

1. Business and strategic Plan
2. Production Plan development
3. How to be effective salesman
4. NGA Packaging
5. NGA Branding
6. NGA Market linkage
7. How to conduct Business or coordination Meetings

The first four training were conducted in Jalalabad, Herat, Mazar and Kunduz PHDC centers. In these Business and Marketing Management capacity building training hundreds of NGA board members and sapling producers have been participated.

The training participant's feedback was very good and they have requested to conduct such trainings in future as well, as it was done effectively.

### **SPCD Training;**

In the month of February 3 days trainings organized by ANNGO technical team for seed and planting material certification directorate. This training was planned based on the request of the SPCD directorates in Kabul that all provincial technical staff of the SPCD were invited to the trainings. The training program opened by Mr. Mahboobullah Nang SPCD Director and he briefly explained the newly established Seed and Planting Materials Certification Directorate for following of the certification process for Seed and Planting materials, Seed Low, Afghanistan National Fruit Certification Scheme.

This training was for three days which all the certification scheme have been explained to the participant during the trainings. [\(Annex C. Training agenda for SPCD provincial staff\)](#)



*Photo # 27 Technical training of SPCD team by ANNGO staff*

### **ANNGO Technical Staff Trip to Province;**

During the reporting period, technical team of the project visited different provinces under the coverage of ANNGO. The objective for the trip was the following issues:

- Meeting with FM and Chairmen of each NGA
- Visit MSNs and nurseries
- Technical monitoring of the nurseries and the MSNs
- Review of the NGAs documents and other process
- Checking the financial balance of each NGAs

During the meeting with NGAs chairmen, field manager and other members, the following topics have been discussed:

- ANNGO implementation of certification scheme in MSNs and CPNs,
- Administration improvement of NGAs ( follow-up the ANNGO and NGA by law and other administration documents)
- Sustainability of NGAs (Proper payment of fees of NGA member to NGA, annual work plan, business plan etc)
- Coordination with other stakeholders and projects

ANNGO staff also went to different district and visited the nurseries of each members and the MSNs of the NGA chairmen. ANNGO team shared their comments, advices and technical assistance to the field managers, nursery growers and the NGA chairmen. In general, the nurseries and MSNs conditions were good and the result of the nurseries were satisfactory then previous year.

#### **Meeting with ANHDO/HPS/SO1 staff;**

Participants:

Najib Enayet	ANHDO/General Manager
Pablo Deg'Innocenti	ANHDO/HPS/Team Leader
Samar Gul Ahmadzai	ANHDO/HPS/SO1 Project manager
Hafiz Naeemi	ANHDO/HPS/SO1 Ornamental Nursery specialist
Karim Kashmiri	ANHDO/HPS/SO1 IPM Expert
Aziz Saeedi	ANHDO/HPS/SO4 Project Manager
Akbar Bayani	ANHDO/HVP/SO1 Project Coordinator
ANNGO TEAM	

During reporting period, ANNGO technical staff had regular coordination meetings with ANHDO/HPS/SO1 Project Manager, ornamental nursery expert and IPM specialist, HPS/RI team leader and general manager. Several issues such as Bagh Babur activities, field managers reporting and supervision, MoU of ANHDO and ANNGO, budget revision of field managers, trainings, field visits and inspections, NGAs support, business plan and marketing trainings to NGAs members, catalogues, international experts, brochures etc.

During the meetings the following points briefly discussed:

- Providing planting materials and chemicals which are allocated for Baboor Garden
- Discussions about white grubs and the controlling mechanism of the insect which is more serious for the seedling production. The ANHDO/HPS IPM experts explained the systemic chemicals for control of the insect to the technical staff and labors of Bagh Babur and also promised to provide the chemicals soon.
- Providing of bulbs and seed of flowers are the main aspects of the Bagh Babur demonstration plot that agreed to select and provide the best varieties of bulbs and flowers seeds for the plantation.
- During the meeting also checked some certification documents which received from Field Managers
- Determine the subjects of Field Managers needs for the quarterly training



- Kapisa and Srobi NGAs registration process
- Provision of planting material (MTs) for the mentioned NGAs (Kapisa and Sorobi) By ANNGO, for establishing MSNs
- Request of NGA members from HVP for horticultural tools and equipment
- Proper management MSNs and CPNs etc.
- ANNGO catalogue printing and distribution plan
- Field Manager training program on quarterly basis
- ANNGO GM emphasized that HVP project coordinator has poor coordination with ANNGO and gape is produced because of poor linkages between ANNGO and HVP project.
- HPS project has no responsibility to inspect the MSNs of NGAs. ANNGO inspectors are the responsible bodies to inspect the MSNs.
- ANNGO has close coordination with SPCD for monitoring missions and inspections of MSNs & CPNs. According to the meeting held with SPCD director, ANNGO should provide the inspection plans to SPCD director so that SPCD staff also joins ANNGO inspectors during inspections.
- Baboor Garden activities have been completed and the signage have been fixed for the ornamental plants as per row. The signage contain Botanic Name, Local Name, English Name and Family Name of the ornamental plants. The fruit nursery saplings are grafted in the summer and one plot of the root stock remained for demonstration to display visitors how to propagate and transplant.

#### **Field Managers Training Programme:**

During the reporting period, ANNGO technical staff conduct the Field Managers training in different province. In these three days training, trainers trained 28 Field Managers of 29 NGAs, theoretically and practically regarding 18 different subjects. In general these trainings program were useful for Field Managers and were arranged based on the request of field manager after training evaluation of field manager in each training session. The technical team of ANNGO provide different presentation for the Field Managers that the most important and useful topic for them were the presentation regarding Soil Management and Nutrition of crops. At the end the FMs asked ANNGO to provide some tools or kits for determination of Soil pH, Temperature, Humidity etc. for the NGAs in the future if possible.

The below topics were trained to the FMs:

- Pollination in fruit trees
- Fertilizer & its uses at a proper time
- MSNs inspection overview
- Technical reporting by FMs
- Marketable varieties
- NGAs revenue
- Nursery establishment & management
- Tissue culture
- IPM

## Meeting with HPS Consultants;

ANNGO staff had meeting with ANHDO/HPS consultants, Dr. Yama Turabi Organization Development and Mr. Gerard Business Consultant. The team met Paghman and Shakardara chairmen of NGAs regarding following issues:

- Situations of nursery growers association
- How to develop the organizations
- How to improve the NGAs
- How to make sustainable the nursery growers associations
- Finding reasonable way to make financial strong nursery growers associations
- Preparing good business plan for ANNGO and also NGAs

Mr. Yama Torabi had several meeting with the technical and management team in order to know the internal management policies and practices. During his assignments, he checked the project all policies, roles, regulations, by-laws, manuals etc. He also review the procurement and asset management (stock and registration of assets) during the meetings. In addition he also checked the data collection process and its verification, label printing and inspection of the MSNs and CPNs.

Mr. Gerard H. Th. Bruijl consultant for Business Development had several meeting with the ANNGO staff in order to review the below points:

1. Update on the current overall situation of ANNGO and NGA's
2. Questions received concerning business plan, and how to proceed further
3. Income and expense accounts for the different periods
4. Current active and non-active membership status (new members gained, and members lost)

After completion of the above mentioned points, Mr. Gerard proposed 3 workshops for the staff of ANNGO and ANHDO/HPS for the month of October as below:

1) Workshop – date: 11th October; start: 9.00am to 3.00pm; venue: ANHDO/HPS Office, Street 9, Kabul.

Subject: Make Your Competition Less Relevant by Using a Blue Ocean Strategy. The substance of this workshop is to learn how businesses can create value innovation by adding more value to their customers, and to lower their cost.

2) Workshop – date: 18th October; start: 9.00am to 3.00pm; venue: ANHDO/HPS Office, Street 9, Kabul.

Subject: Pricing ≠ Costing. The substance of this workshop is to learn about business and overhead expenses, direct and indirect labour costs, overhead percentage, income statement, and payroll (bring your calculator).

3) Workshop – date: 25th and 26th October; start: 9.00am to 3.00pm; venue: ANHDO/HPS Office, Street 9, Kabul.

Subject: Strategic Planning. The substance of this workshop is to learn what is involved in a strategic plan, and how to construct one. This is a hands-on workshop where participant will assist two local business owner in the construction of a business plan..

#### **Cherry Technical Group Meeting:**

ANNGO staff participated in cherry technical group meeting. The participants of the meeting were ANHDO/HPS/ (SO2, SO3 staff), Mr. Shir Shah from PHDCs and PBT staff . The main issues discussed were as follow:

- Cherry National Collection and completion of register of cherry collections also rootstocks of cherry ( Colt and Gazila 5 ) in the PHD Centres
- Preparing high recommended varieties like Bing, Santana, Burlat and others
- From SO3 give information about market and trading of cherry and varieties which the demand of market are high
- Request of nursery growers for cherry from high recommended varieties and production certified saplings on rootstocks.

#### **Coordination Meeting with TLO;**

TLO is a Swiss organization supporting Horticulture sector in Khost and Paktia provinces currently. ANNGO is providing TA and other services to the organization. During the reporting period, ANNGO technical team had regular coordination meetings with Mr. Nawaz Khan and the below main issues were discussed:

- Registration of Khost NGA in Ministry of Justice
- Khost NGA must take membership of ANNGO
- Khost MSN inspection and production of certified saplings
- Facilitation for Khost NGA like other NGAs from TLO project
- Hiring Field Manager for Khost NGA.

#### **Meeting with Curator of National Collection;**

During the reporting period ANNGO technical team had several meetings with National Collections Curator and other team regarding following issues:

1. Budding program in PHDCs for ANNGO / MSNs
2. Result of evaluations varieties must be share with ANNGO
3. Good quality fruits pictures must be shared with ANNGO.

The detailed points of the meeting are given below;

- Seedlings availability in PHDCs
- Budded MTs in PHDCs
- ANNGO staff visit of PHDCs
- Fruit data provision for catalogue 2017-18
  1. Flowering time (past 2 years data)
  2. Ripening time (past 2 years data)
  3. Yield per tree (past 2 years data)

4. Fruit size
  5. Fruit shape
  6. Fruit market
  7. Growers feedbacks if available
  8. Sweetness/acidity
  9. Fruit juiciness
  10. Flesh colour
  11. Pulp colour
  12. Information about Kernel, if any
  13. Others
- Fruit pictures (fruit on the tree)
  - Budwood from PHDCs
  - Field days – In PHDCs
  - Participation of NGAs in the PHDCs field days
  - Updated National List for ANNGO
  - Recommended varieties by PHDCs
  - Register of varieties-updates
  - Research/Trial data 2014,15 & 16
  - Other issues

#### **PBTL training in Kandahar & Balkh:**

According to the annual plan of PBTL, trainings are conducted related with plants diseases and sample collections from plants for fungal, bacterial & viral diseases in Balkh & Kandahar PHDCs. ANNGO field managers were also invited for the training. The trainings were conducted in PHDCs by PBTL experts.

#### **Meetings with SPCD Director:**

Meetings are held with SPCD director at different intervals related with, inspections, MoU, monitoring of MSNs, field visits & PBTL involvement in the programme. It has been decided to involve the field staff of this directorate to the field inspections in order to be aware of the certification scheme all procedures and learn the steps of the certification for the certified saplings.

In addition, ANNGO had a meeting with SPDC, LML, ARIA and PBTL regarding production of mother trees in the PHDCs. The issue of producing the mother trees in the PHDCs discussed in several meetings that ANNGO should be responsible to produce the mother trees for establishment of the MSNs under direct involvement and supervision of the technical team as per request of the NGAs. In the past the mother trees were produced by PHDCs but the amount and the types of varieties were not according to the need of the NGAs and ANNGO. Curator of PHDCs also was agree with the concept and request of ANNGO. Representative of ARIA (Head of horticulture department) announce the support of ARIA for provision of land inside the PHDCs and also they will technically support ANNGO for production of the mother trees according to the need of the certification scheme and request of NGAs. The issue of land provision for production of mother trees for ANNGO is clearly stated in article # 10 of signed MoU between SPCD/MAIL and ANNGO that based on this article, ANNGO can produce the mother inside the PHDCs.

Based on the mentioned article, Director of SPCD stated to coordinate with ARIA in order to not miss the season and immediately start the production of the mother trees in PHDCs.

#### **ANNGO New Catalogue 2016-17:**

ANNGO annually publishing new catalogues of fruits and ornamental that new data for the ornamentals and fruit trees collecting from ANHDO and Landle Mill after their research on different characters of the fruits. Technical team members are busy with the collection the data and the revising the information in the catalogue. The catalogue is printing with financial support of ANHDO/HPS/SO1, year and after printing distributing to different stakeholders, farmers, universities, MAIL/DAIL and projects. The new catalogue revision and data collection is under process and will soon the first draft will finalize for review of the management team.

#### **Agro-Fest:**

After the Ag-Fair, another show was organized by Agha Khan Foundation (AKF) in Serina Hotel on 22 October. In this exhibition, different fruits produced in Afghanistan by projects and national/international organization with support of MAIL were collected for show. In the beginning the AKF country director welcomed the participants thanked the MAIL and HE MAIL minister for arranging this exhibition, later HE MAIL minister explained the objectives of the show and introduced fruits of Afghanistan from different regions of Afghanistan. The exhibition was planned from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. ANNGO team also present the catalogues of ANNGO with different fruits that were collected from provinces.



*Photo # 28 Speech of HE MAIL minister during Agro-Fest in Serina Hotel*

Table # 5. Summary of other Important Events during the past 3 Months:

No.	Event	Date	Location	Total No. of participants
1	Meeting with NGAs	4th to 8th April	Kunduz, baghlan, Samangan & Balkh	35
2	ANNG General Assembly & BoDs meeting	10th to 13 April	Kabul	65
3	Meeting with UNEPA	19th April	ANNGO office	6
4	Meetings with HPS	18th April	ANNGO office	6
5	Meeting with HPS consultants	different	ANNGO & HPS office	7 each
6	National Seed Conference and workshop	16th to 18th April	SPCD building	280
7	Field Managers training	24th to 26th April	Farm-i-jadid	28
8	Meeting with Mercy Corps (MC) for new project.	7th May	MC office	4
9	Meeting with AAIDO	8th May	AAIDO office	3
10	Meeting with NHLP	9th May	NHLP office	6
11	Meeting with MC for concept notes	15th May	MC office	4
12	Meeting with Tissue Culture Consultant	22nd May	USAID main office	4
13	Plant Health System Stakeholders Analysis Workshop	23rd May	Intercontinental Hotel	16
14	Workshop on Tissue Culture	24th May	USAID main office	9
15	Meeting with tissue culture consultant & NHLP staff	25th May	NHLP/MAIL	11
16	Meeting with HPS	28th May	ANNGO office	6
17	PHDC stockholders Coordination Workshop	29th May	ARIA main office	50

18	Meeting with HVP field managers	31st May	ANNGO office	3
19	Meeting with HPS & PHDC Responsible	8 <sup>th</sup> June	ANNGO office	6
20	Apricot technical meeting	12 June	Soil Laboratory hall	9
21	Meeting on training manuals with HPS	13 June	ANNGO office	6
22	Meeting with HPS & PBTL for removal infected MTs from MSNs	15 <sup>th</sup> June	ANNGO office	7
23	Plum technical visit of NCs in Kabul PHDC	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Kabul PHDC	6
24	Meeting with Shir Shah of data provision	21 June	ARIA office	4
25	Trip to Paghman with Audit	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Paghman NGA	5
26	Meeting with SPCD director	27 <sup>th</sup> June	SPCD main office	6
27	Trip to Laghman with SPCD staff for Monitoring of MSNs	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Laghman	4
28	Meeting with HPS /SO1 staff	29 <sup>th</sup> June	ANNGO office	6
29	Staff meeting	Each Saturday	ANNGO main office	10
30	Meeting with SPCD director	Different	SPCD main office	6

#### **Horticulture Strategy workshop:**

ANNGO Technical team and NGA chairmen participated in the horticulture strategy workshop in MAIL. HE MAIL minister, FAO representatives, MAIL Directors and different national and international NGOs were participated in this workshop.

The ANNGO general manager, chairman, NGA chairman of Mazar had interviews with different TV that during the discussion, clearly it was mentioned the project is supporting by EC in Afghanistan and it is the unique project in the Asia that providing the certified sapling for the first time. (See photo # 29)

The ANNGO Chairman, general manager, Chairman of Maidan and Mazar NGAs and Miss Adela Bakhtiari had one hour interview with Radio BBC that the support of EU delegation for the improvement of horticulture and nursery industry raised there.



*Photo # 29 The interview of ANNGO team with different media*

### **Mother stock nurseries improvement**

Mother stock nurseries which originated from national collection which are main source of certified planting material so it need to be improved each year so the next pruning season will issue all metallic labels for all mother stock nurseries in the provinces.

All 28 NGAs 6388 metallic labels have been requested sooner will issue these mentioned metallic labels for them.

### **Manual**

It has been worked on draft of manual of the Afghanistan National fruit certification scheme prepared by ANNGO staffs and PHDP/II technical advisor before establishment of Directorate of Certification Authority in MAIL on 2010 and submitted to MAIL, but in 2014 Seed and Planting Material Certification Directorate (SPCD) established in framework of MAIL and several time ANNGO General Manager with his technical staff had meeting and discussions with Mr. Mahboobullah Nang Director of SPC regarding ANNGO certification scheme and implementation of this manual by ANNGO for production of certified saplings, also SPCD staff monitored the inspection of MSNs and CPNs which is writing in this manual, but SPC Director has reviewed this manual and suggested to ANNGO for making comprehensive and complete manual, ANNGO has to review and check all chapters of manual. After review all stakeholders together should have meeting and discussion for 3 or 4 days to completion of the manual. Once manual approved the committee, it will submit for approval of seed board and after approving the manual by seed board, they will include it to the seed law.

That was an opportunity for orchard and nursery owners to visit ANNGO booth in mentioned Ag fair.



## Visibility:

### Selling points:

ANNGO with financial support of ANHDO/HPS/SO1 project established a selling point during the peak season of sapling sale in Kabul province. This selling point was located among the other trees market in order to encourage many of the farmers and customers to purchase the certified saplings from the markets or from their villages.

The objective for establishing of the ANNGO selling point was to give awareness to the farmers about the certified fruit saplings and the method of plantation with its management. Inside the selling point, a movie of introduction of certified saplings and orchard plantation was broadcast every day many time due to request and interest of the farmers. Catalogues, movies, handouts and technical assistance provide to the farmers during the visit of the selling point.



Photo # 5 ANNGO selling point

### Ag-Fair:

Based on the MAIL annual plan for conducting of AG-FAIRS, this year the exhibition planned to be 4 days in order to host many of farmers from different location of Afghanistan.

During the current Ag-Fair, ANNGO presented all their product of the certified saplings, brochures, activities, catalogues, calendars, flowers and lots of other project related activities to the participants and visitors. In these Ag-fairs, representatives from different provinces of Afghanistan were participated and introducing the project activities to the customers and observers. Most of the government officials ( president, ministers, deputy ministers, directors and officers), donor agencies, national and international organization members, farmers, public and private sectors representative are visiting the ANN

### Calendars:

ANNGO published 500 wall and 500 desk calendar of current year. The calendar is one of the marketing tools of the project that shows the EU delegation support to the different projects in Agriculture field and project that distributed to HE MAIL minister, HE MAIL deputy minister, directors of different MAIL departments, farmers, projects, donors, provincial authorities and other stakeholders. In the calendar, all the activities of the project from national collections to the market of fruit saplings are elaborated.



Photo # 6 ANNGO wall and desk calendar

## Diary 2016:

ANNGO also published diary of 2016 that shows ANNGO/EU activities in the country. In this diary, the project activities are reflected by fixing the pictures with brief explanation. These diaries also distributed to the HE MAIL minister, HE MAIL deputy minister, directors of different departments of MAIL, projects, donors, HE governor and other stakeholders in the center and provinces level.



Photo # 7 ANNGO diary 2016

## Hats and pens:

ANNGO also prepared pen and cups with Logo of EU and distributed to many of stakeholders, MAIL, provincial DAIL directorates, donors, projects and farmers (see photo # 8)



1. NGAs had the annual general assembly that they were invited the provincial level NGOs, DAIL officials, religious leaders and farmers. During this event, the banners were printed for the general assembly which clearly the logo of EU delegation and ANNGO with posters were fixed in the wall and entrances. During the general assembly the catalogues of the ANNGO were distributed to the guest that Logo of EU were printed in different pages of the Catalogues. During the general assembly the presentation given to the participants that the Logo of EU were in each slide that shows the support for the industry sector in Afghanistan.

2. The project published the banners during the general assembly that Logos of EU were printed in these labels. Lots of project photos were fixed around the hall with the logo of EU.
3. Diaries, Calendars, pens, cups printed with the logo of EU which distributed to the different organizations, MAIL minister, Deputy minister, MAIL directorates, Kabul Mayor, Kabul governor, different projects, farmers, NGA members, students at universities, DAIL of different provinces, donors, MAIL projects etc
4. ANNGO officially invited the MAIL authorities, EU delegation team, legal advisors, MAIL Projects, governor, Kabul Mayor, DAIL directors, MAIL Directors in the general assembly by an invitation cards that was designed with logo of EU delegation. (see photo # 6)
5. ANNGO invite all the field managers for the workshop with agenda of the training which the logo of EU was printed in the agenda. Project provides all invitations to workshops and seminars in the standard project format as above.
6. The Project will continue previous practice of PHDP, where PHDP stands at fairs included a banner with the EU flag.
7. The ANNGO general manager attend the meeting of sectoral and annual reporting of the organizations in the governor house. During the meeting, ANNGO General Manager distributed the calendars, pens, cups and diaries (which logo of EU was printed at all of the mentioned items) to the participant of the meeting that were the Kabul governor, Deputy of Kabul Governor, district governors of Kabul, UN agencies, donors, ministries, projects and members of provincial /district councils and parliament member. The EU delegation support to ANNGO and ANNGO project activities explained to them that luckily the ANNGO general manager obtained the award of best farmers supporter organization among the other project
8. The Project will be using the distinctive logo for the Afghan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO) in conjunction with the blue EU flag on all stationery, including business cards and letterheads, as new stationery is prepared for the new project. This theme will be carried consistently through all publications and printed materials of the project, excluding labels used for certification of saplings. .
9. The Project provides all invitations to workshops and seminars in the standard project format as above.
10. The Project will continue previous practice of PHDP, where PHDP stands at fairs included a banner with the EU flag.
11. The Project will organise workshops, field days and other similar events under the name of ANNGO and will seek maximum press and media coverage. Following the precedent of similar activities under PHDP, the Project will clearly show the EC funding of the project activities.
12. The Project will prepare illustrated leaflets in English, Dari and Pashto languages for distribution at shows, and variety catalogues and similar marketing materials in the three languages. These leaflets and catalogues include the EU flag to denote the EC funding.

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