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GENERAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS		
Date / location	Description of activities	Remarks
1/3/2014. Kabul	Managing ANNGO staff work plan for the month of March 2014.	
2/3/2014 Kabul	Coordination meeting with Ms. Enrica ANHDO/RI Nursery Industry Project Manager and all ANNGO technical staff got information from IR/ANHDO Programmes	
3/3/2014 Kabul MAIL Training Hall	Participated in National Horticulture Policy workshop and some comments point out from ANNGO side during the workshop	
4-5/3/2014 ANNGO office Kabul	ANNGO executive Board meeting, the main issues as follow: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANHDO/RI SO1 programme for ANNGO explained by Ms.Enrica Project Manager 2. ANNGO distribution planting materials for NGAs in 2014 3. ANNGO third edition Catalogue 4. Coordination Meetings with NHLP and other relatives NGOs 5. ANNGO visibilities (Billboards in 4 entrance Doors of Kabul) 6. ANNGO Mini Grants to NGAs 7. Plan for Study Tour to India 8. Resignation of Ms.Sozaan accountant, book keeper and supporting Administrative 	
7-10/3/2014 Kabul	Work on revision of ANNGO budget	
12/ 3/2014 Kabul Serina	Participated in Horticulture workshop which provide by GIZ	

Hotel	in Serina Hotel, From ANNGO side G.M discussed about almond sapling production and production of ornamental through NGAs.	
15/3/2014 Kabu MAIL Training Hall	Participated in submission of first Registered National list of fruits to MAIL and I present form ANNGO side about regulatory system, achievements and future plan of ANNGO for participators	
16/3/2014 Kabul	Final Meeting with Ms.Enrica regarding field managers' recruitment for NGAs.	
17/3/2014 Kabul	Participated in water sheet Management workshop which provide by Forestry Department of MAIL, Concern, AfghanAid and AKF. ANNGO G.M briefly explained ANNGO activities to attendees as well as ANNGO third edition catalogue distributed to participants.	Venue: Inter Continental Hotel
19/3/2014 Kabul	Meeting and discussions regarding recruitments of Field Managers for NGAs. Participant: Ms Enrica ANHDO/RI Project Manager ANNGO chairman and ANNGO Staff. During the meeting some issues adding For example term of references of NGAs Field Managers.	
23 /3/2014 Kabul	Planning to take samples from MSNs of NGAs for the purpose of virus, bacteria and fungus testing by Bio technology Lab.	
24 – 25/3/2014 Kabul	Work on EC Audit Report of ANNGO	
26/3/2014 Kabul	Coordination Meeting with Mr.V.Hamid form Concern NGO regarding linking and collaboration of between ANNGO and Concern NGO and connection of Kunduz, Takhar and Badakhshan NGAs and providing Information regarding certified fruit saplings and forestry saplings	
29/3/2014 Kabul	Internal staff meeting 1. Field Manager recruitments for NGAs and training 2. ANNGO Mini Grant to NGAs and eligibility criteria for given grants to them 3. MADERA contribution for ANNGO visibilities and advertising. 4. Finalizing problems almond saplings which NGAs received form Kunduz and Mazar Centres	Taken results of infected Almond saplings by Nematodes from Bio technology Lab
REGULATORY SERVICES , INSPECTION, LABEL DISTRIBUTION		
Date / location	Description of activities	Remarks
1/3/2014 Kabul	Kandahar travel report preparation	Noorajan Sadat Senior Field Inspector
2-5/3/2014 Kabul	Lifting and packaging Badam Bagh PHDC saplings for the purpose of MSNs for NGAs	
8-12/3/2014 Kabul	NGAs report filing and management, given by field officers	
15-17 Kandahar	Travel to Kandahar, Participation in the funeral ceremony procedure of Ghaus Muhammad Kandahar PHDC	

	Horticulturist and Return to Kabul	
18 Kabul	Office work	
18-19 Kabul	Internal Technical Staff meeting with Enrical Project Manager of Nursery Industry and ANNGO board team leader	Participant: ANNGO technical staff, ANNGO Board chairman and Project Manager of Nursery Industry
25-30/3/2014 Kabul	Bud sold data entry	
31/3/2014 Kabul	Lifting Apple root stock in PHDC at badam Bagh, Kabul	
1/3/2014Mazar	Distribution of Saplings as a MSNs from Mazar PHDC to Chonghar,Takhar,Kunduz and Imam e Qutiba NGAs	Nazifullah Huseini Senior Field Inspector
2-8/3/2014Kabul	Lifting and packing of saplings in Kabul PHDC for the purpose of MSNs also the saplings will be used for the propagation of certified planting material. Saplings packing in Kabul PHDC for the MSN owners and has been tagged labels on the bags. According to the list all packed saplings have been distributed to the NGAs.	
9/3/2014 Kabul	Translated Questionnaires for Field manager examination or test	
10/3/2014Kabul	Worked on the budwood sell data and kept hard copy in files.	
12/3/2014 Kabul	Participated field officers' evaluation test and checked their test papers.	
13/3/2014 Kabul	Set up of banners, pictures and catalogues in the MAIL for presentation of National collection.	
14-16/3/2014 Kabul	Takhar, Kunduz, Imami Qutiba, Chonghar,Khulm,Umulbilad and Laghman NGAs' bud sold and certification forms checked and kept in files	
17/3/2014 Kabul	Participated watershed management workshop which held by Concern.	
18/3/2014 Kabul	Worked on those labels and fruit pictures which will be used in Farmer day or (Nowroz).	
19/3/2014 Kabul	Participated in the meeting with Enrica project manager of nursery industry ANHDO/RI.	
23/3/2014 Kabul	Maidan NGA's bud sold data enter has been done.	
24/3/2014 Kabul	Visited ANNGO Visibility big posters fixed in Billboard in Four entrance door of Kabul and took Pictures of them.	
25-27/3/2014 Kabul	Iami Qutiba, Laghman Chonghar,Khulm,Umulbilad , Badakhshan Umulbilad and Bagram NGAs' bud sold data entered to the computer.	
31/3/2014 Kabul	Lifting of rootstocks from Kabul PHDC for distribution purpose to NGAs as a stoolbed.	
TECHNICAL SERVICES, NC, TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS, MOTHER PLANTS, MSNs,		
Date / location	Description of activities	Remarks
1/3/2014Kabul	Monthly Report and time sheets	
2/3/2014Sorobi district of Kabul	Meeting with Relief International for the sample collection from MSNs from species like citrus, stone fruit and pome	

	fruits. The Bio tech lab will also collect samples for fungal and bacterial diseases. The same day went to sorobi to follow up the activities for park. Weeds had started growing and nursery of cuttings was established.	
3/3/2014 Kabul	Rearranging the allocation of rootstocks	
4-5/3/2014 Kabul	ANNGO board meeting day 1 & 2, ANNGO board decided that ANHDO should provide grantee letter of the mother trees distributed by to NGAs. The grantee letter should tell us that the mother trees are true-to-type and free of diseases. The board also requested TA staff for purchase of pruning tools for NGAs and arrange a study tour to India as soon as possible.	
9-10/03/2014 Kabul	Updating the distribution of saplings. Attached will find the detailed list.	
12/03/2014 Kabul	Workshop- EU support to capacitate MAIL in transition for sustainable public services delivery.PHDP2 team leader presented ANNGO and ANHDO more details	
15/03/2014 Kabul	Follow up planting and updates of new MSNs with NGAs. ANNGO is missing the field staff while the MSNs planting programme was in progress	
16/03/2014 Kabul	Meeting for Field Officers recruitment	
17-18/3/2014 Jalalabad	<p>Citrus Promotion Group Meeting. The details are as follows; Venue: PHDC-JAL Participants: NVDA director started the meeting with expressing the importance of the citrus promotion group meetings. And he added that he had a meeting with the minister after the presentation of the NC register workshop, the minister was really happy and impressed by the activities of PHDP, ANHDO and ANNGO.</p> <p>1. CTV campaign planning</p> <p>Since the past few years we are conducting the CTV campaign and have the results that CTV is there. And for 2014 there is a plan to do the CTV campaign once gain but this time there are some doubts about the seriousness of the CTV because previously positive trees are still alive and they are looking healthy. We need to investigate and find out the strain of the CTV which exist in Afghanistan. As Dr. Shams explained that in some cases the mild strain of the CTV is useful for cross protection which means the mild strains can stop the sever strains and gives the trees strength.</p> <p>It has been decided that we collect samples from the CTV positive trees and test them again in Badam bagh PBTB then the CTV positive sample should be send abroad for further description of the CTV strains. Meanwhile we will continue the investigation in the area and this might include</p>	On 18 March returned to Kabul

	<p>some trips to neighbouring countries. Still it is not clear why the CTV positive trees are still in good condition. Either the CTV strain is mild or the rootstock (the sour orange) used in those trees is tolerant to CTV somehow. During the discussion Mr. Hedayat Omerkhel suggested that if we give priority to other defects of the rootstocks rather than CTV “most of the newly introduced rootstocks (i.e volkamer lemon) are cold sensitive while sour orange is cold hardy, recently in many nurseries they lost those saplings grafted on rough lemon and volkamer rootstocks”.</p> <p>During the discussion the members requested ANNGO and ANHDO to release the list of recommended varieties along with the rootstocks lists which will help nursery growers to produce enough citrus certified saplings. The reply was that this task is under research and we have trials of rootstocks and we are getting results from the national collection. The information and results of the national collection and the rootstock trial is shared between stakeholders time to time. And finally one day there will be a formal list of recommended commercial varieties and the rootstocks.</p> <p>Anyway the CTV research and investigation is ongoing thus the citrus rootstock strategy/rules will remain the same.</p> <p>2. Introduction to the new EU funded citrus industry development project/ANHDO/RI</p> <p>The project was briefly introduced by the project manager and the CPG members were happy hearing about this project. During the introduction it has been discovered that NHLP is establishing some demonstration orchards and the citrus project SO4 will support NHLP in this activity.</p> <p>3. How NGAs can supply the required amount of citrus certified saplings with reasonable prices?</p> <p>The organizations working for the development of citrus industry require more certified saplings than what is produced by NGAs and they need the prices to be reasonable otherwise the farmers won't be able to pay for certified saplings and they will start planting un-certified saplings. The NGAs says that they can provide the saplings in reasonable prices if the organizations/ projects provide them a list of varieties and order them at least one or two years before. However this is not an easy job for the</p>	
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	<p>projects and organizations to provide and guarantee such orders but still we all will work on that to make sure the NGAs produce the amount of saplings demanded each year.</p> <p>4. Updates of the citrus MSNs.</p> <p>ANNGO and ANHDO explained the past and current situation of the citrus planting materials. NGAs said that there are some clones in the MSNs which are not marketable varieties and the nursery growers are not taking/using bud wood of those trees.</p> <p>This year all citrus nurseries have been screened based on the marketable varieties. The non-commercial clones have been replaced with the highly recommended varieties based on the nursery growers and the field officers requests.</p> <p>Almost 450 plants of the best and NGAs select varieties have been planted in the citrus mother stock nurseries. ANHDO will continue the research on new varieties of citrus and will introduce the best marketable varieties to ANNGO and the MSNs will be updated accordingly. So finally the MSNs will have only the best commercial varieties.</p>	
19/03/2014-Kabul	Meeting with ANNGO staff and RI for Field Officers. The field officers will be provided new contracts by RI in the month of April 2014.	
23/03/2014-Kabul	Arranging MSNs list for BTL.	
24/03/2014-Kabul	Meeting with Card-F for purchase of ornamental saplings for planting in schools, RI and BTL for leaves sample collection from MSNs and orchards	
25/03/2014-Kabul	worked with Database for MSNs list improvement	
26/03/2014-Kabul	Meeting with Concern for partnership and joint activities in the north east of Afghanistan. Concern will soon provide the detailed list of their activities in the north east of Afghanistan.	
29/03/2014-Kabul	Staff meeting and meeting with Bio tech lab for MSNs selection	
30/03/2014-Kabul	Purchasing pruning tools for NGAs	
31/03/2014-Kabul	Meeting with NHLP	
DATA-BASE & DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT		
Date / location	Description of activities	Remarks
1-2/3/2014/Kabul	working with ANNGO visibility big Banners for four entrance door of Kabul	
03/3/2014/Kabul	Working in database and installation of Office assistance computer	
04/3/2014/Kabul	preparing report for Head of Regulatory Services and working in maps for MSN and NGAs	

05/3/2014/Kabul	Installation of New computers and working in database	
08-9/3/2014/Kabul	working in database and preparing the report for MAIL	
10-16/3/2014/Kabul	Working in budwood sell data and enter it in database	
17/3/2014/Kabul	Working in database and installation of software in new computers	
18-19/3/2014/Kabul	preparing report for Head of regulatory services and working in maps for MSN and NGAs	
23/3/2014/Kabul	working in database with Head of technical services and prospering report for Head of regulatory services	
24/3/2014/Kabul	working in database and buck up of computers	
25-26/3/2014/Kabul	Getting quotation for market for buying computers for Acting General Manager and Senior Field Inspector And Installation of computers	
29/3/2014/Kabul	Working in database and Internal staff meeting	
31/3/2014/Kabul	Installation of software's and hand over the computers to	
TRAINING, VISITS, STUDY TOURS, ETC.		
1/3/2014 Kabul	Designed big poster for ANNGO Visibility for four entrance door of Kabul and Updated ANNGO Dari and English by-law	
2/3/2014 Kabul	ANNGO Contact list English and Dari versions update	
3/3/2014 Kabul	Work on March monthly progressive report	
4-5/3/2014 Kabul	ANNGO Executive board meeting	According to ANNGO Board decision Kashmiri right now acting general
8/3/2014 Kabul	ANNGO Acting General Manager & Internal staff meeting	
9-10/3/2014 Kabul	Work on Duties and responsibilities' of General manager	
12/3/2014 Kabul	Field Managers taking written test	
15/3/2014 Kabul	Internal staff meeting	
16/3/2014 Kabul	Official Letter for MAIL	
17/3/2014 Kabul	Follow up Study tour to India procedure	
18-24/3/2014 Kabul	Candidates nominated persons C.Vs Screening for the position of Accountant/book keeper and administrative support and Short list of them	52 persons applied for the position of book keeper / accountant and administrative support among them 6 person short list after interviewed selected Mr.

		Atiqullah Besmil.
25/3/2014 Kabul	Writing official letter to NGA chairmen for confirmation Field Managers for the aim of recruitment of them	26 Field Manager directly will be recruitment by ANNGO to work with 26 NGAs in 22 provinces/
26/3/2014 Kabul	Meeting with concern NGO	
29/3/2014 Kabul	Internal staff meeting	
30/3/2014 Kabul	Writing official letter to Kabul bank for New cheque book	
31/3/2014 Kabul	Meeting with Madeara regarding ANNGO Visibility big posters fixed to billboard in four entrance door of Kabul	

ANNGO Visibility for Certified Saplings, true to type, Virus free and vigorous big Poster fixed On billboard in four entrance door of Kabul



