



## Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

### Monthly Report



**ANNGO has conducted a training programme for Helmand NGA members, where the members visited MSN, certified production and ornamental nurseries.**

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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*
- *ANHDO;*              *Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization*
- *NGOs;*                *Non Governmental Organization*
- *MAIL;*                 *Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock*
- *NHLP*                 *National Horticulture and livestock project*
- *HPS-SO1;*             *Horticulture Private Sector-Sub objective one*
- *MTs*                    *Mother Trees*
- *PHDCs*                *Perennial Horticulture Development Centers*
- *DHD*                  *Directorate of Horticulture Development*
- *FMs*                    *Field Managers*
- *TA*                     *Technical assistance*
- *ARIA*                 *Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan*
- *NGOs*                *Non governmental organizations*

## 1. Description

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

## 2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

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### Executive summary of the Action

During the reporting period, ANNGO has continued to perform all the routine activities related to the implementation of the certification scheme. Moreover, ANNGO has expanded its activities and Babour garden has agreed to sign the MoU with ANNGO. This MoU will allow ANNGO to enlarge its activities to develop the ornamental sector and support other national organizations like Bagh-i-babour. Expanding this sector will also allow ANNGO to improve its self sustainability increasing its sources of income..

During the reporting period, ANNGO have also drafted an MoU with one of its customers and MAIL project, NHLP. This MoU bring both the projects closer to each other and fill the gaps between them.

Inspection of MSNs are started from eastern zone and ANNGO inspectors have been inspected eastern zone and central zone MSNs

The inspection of MSNs will be completed before budding season starts this summer in the country. All the results of the inspection are inserted in the database of ANNGO and MSN owner and NGAs are informed about the result of their MSNs.

ANNGO is keen to train MAIL staff for the basics of Fruit Trees Certification scheme. For this purpose ANNGO has translated ANNGO manual of certification into Dari and Pashto Languages where MAIL directorates will be able to use the manual.

A group of orchard growers and nursery growers had meeting with ANNGO staff for establishment of NGA in Faryab province. ANNGO will consider their request for the future possibilities.

ANNGO had meeting with Mr.Nikolaus and Mr.Ezatullah Khan from Action Faim regarding coordination in Horticulture in Daikundy Province specially establishment almond orchards from commercial varieties, also development nursery growers in this province.

ANNGO technical staff conducted training to Kapisa and Sorobi district of Kabul province nursery growers, HVP/ANHDO and the Directorate of Agriculture staff in their locations for establishing new NGAs under HVP project support. During the training all the basic information about ANNGO and Nurseries establishment under ANNGO programme was provided

ANNGO staff participated in ANHDO workshop where provided by Ms.Charpenter Marina (international expert on Organization institutional and capacity building) about "Vision, Mission and Long term Goals" of ANHDO.

The Technical team of ANNGO has participated in workshop of National Horticulture Research Coordination which ANNGO activities and certification programme presented that is being run in the country.

The Technical staff has conducted training to Field Managers of 11 NGAs with the support of HPS project in Laghman province. Detailed information was provided about NGAs organizational and technical developments of NGAs in the training programme.

ANNGO staff with three eastern zone NGAs members, ANNGO chairman and partner NGOs participated in the 17th CPGM in Farm-i-Jadid, Nangarhar province. A citrus consultant and Mr.Aziz, Citrus Manager SO4 provided presentations about citrus development programme in the country.

Discussions held about bitter orange orchards established during past 5 years and top grafting of these orchards in the eastern zone.

## Results and Activities

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

ANNGO has developed a MoU with NHLP/MAIL project which is review with NHLP project. According to this MoU, ANNGO and NHLP will work together for improvement of the certification system and production of high quality standard saplings for their project.

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

ANNGO staff reviewed the guideline of procedure for sapling production which prepared by MAIL / DHD. The developed procedure was very poor and ANNGO staff had to give comments for corrects and improvement. This manual of nursery production will use for the future of nursery production along with the system of ANNGO under direct supervision of us and our NGAs in the area.

Most of the NGA members trained during the field visit of our technical staff to the field and now the NGAs chairman and other members are very careful on the production of the certified saplings in their area. They were involved in the inspection and the monitoring of the nurseries and MSNs during the period of our field inspections.

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

ANNGO staff has reviewed all the chapters of Manual of the Afghanistan National Fruit Tree Certification Scheme for corrections. Its first draft is already shared with Certification Authority.

ANNGO Head of Regularity Services managing inspection program for all MSNs of NGAs, discussed with senior inspectors that they must control and check all issues which is mentioned in ANNGO certification scheme like, update map, pruning, isolation, metal label, irrigation, nutrition, control pest and disease, delivering documentations etc.

Inspection of MSNs are under process and ANNGO inspectors have inspected most of the MSNs for budwood sale summer 2015. All the MSNs will be inspected before budding programme starts in the country.

In addition the inspectors checking the newly established MSNs this year in order to update the data base and the number of the MSNs established by ANNGO. All records/reports are entering to the data base to keep it updated.

ANNGO delivered the best dwarf rootstocks for propagation to the NGAs member in order to multiply and produce certified sapling on the rootstock for better income and for better market which has more demand and farmers are trying to establish orchards of such an improved saplings.

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

### **I. Meetings:**

ANNGO staff had meeting with Haji Naqibullah Chairman and Sayed Haji Deputy Chairman of Faryab Orchard Growers Association regarding history, NGAs, MSNs, CPNs and Certification Scheme of ANNGO. They were happy regarding the information provided and they explained the nursery production, nursery growers and suggested from ANNGO to help nursery growers in Faryab Province to organized nursery growers and establish NGA, MSNs produced certified saplings

ANNGO group meeting with HPS/RI staff regarding the below points:

- Preparing training for FMs seasonally as the need of nursery industry development and implementation of ANNGO certification scheme
- Find way for solving some problems of FMs
- Gradually needs for improvement and planting material for MSNs of NGAs completed
- Cooperate in the hiring of plant protection specialist consultant by HPS to be seconded to ANNGO
- To hire FM for newly established NGA of Hariva.
- Meeting for Ornamental pilot project of Gulrezan ornamental NGA

ANNGO staff had meeting with Mr. Ahmad Shah and Mr. Latif Manager and Director of Babur Bagh regarding:

- ANNGO background and its activities for the production of certified planting material in Afghanistan
- To finalize the MoU between ANNGO and Babur Bagh
- To identify the Responsibilities of ANNGO and Bagh Babur
- Explain the activities that can be implemented in Bagh-i-babour by ANNGO with support HPS in near future. ANNGO had meeting with Mr. Nikolaus and Mr. Ezatullah Khan from Action Faim (ACF) regarding coordination in Horticulture in Daikundy Province specially establishment almond orchards from commercial varieties, also development nursery growers in this province. They were ready to establish an NGA under direct supervision and guidance of ANNGO for production of certified trees that huge demand is exist there. They request ANNGO to support them if they get new funds for establishing new NGAs in these provinces.

## II. Trainings:

ANNGO technical staff conducted training to Kapisa nursery growers, HVP/ANHDO and the Directorate of Agriculture staff in Kapisa province. ANNGO Technical staff also participated in training and meeting of nursery growers and agriculture staff of Sroobi district.

The subjects of the both training were;

- Brief history and activities of ANNGO
- Criteria for become members of ANNGO
- Benefits of nursery growers association for members
- Benefits of nursery growers association for government
- Registration of nursery growers associations process in Ministry Justice

ANNGO staff with the support from HPS/SO1 staff conducted training for newly hired Field Managers in Laghman province.

## III. Workshops;

ANNGO staff participated in ANHDO workshop where provided by Ms. Charpenter Marina about "Vision, Mission and Long term Goals" of ANNGO.

Participated in workshop of National Horticulture Research Coordination and presented ANNGO activities and certification programme this is being run in the country.

#### **IV. Field Visit;**

##### **1) Inspection of MSNs of Nangarhar NGA;**

ANNGO head of technical services and Senior Inspector travelled from Kabul to Nangarhar for inspection of 4 MSNs of Nangarhar NGA. ANNGO staff had meeting with NGA chairman and vice chairman of NGA. The NGA chairman requested ANNGO staff to process the plastic bags purchase and to discuss the citrus seedlings produced in PHDC with Transition project and ANHDO.

- i) Inspection of Citrus MSN of Hamid Agha;
- ii) Inspection of pomegranate MSN;
- iii) Inspection of Citrus seed Mother Trees MSN;

##### **2) Field Managers Training:**

ANNGO and SO1 staff introduced the programme to FMs and Laghman NGA chairman. More detailed information was given to trainees about Laghman NGA activities. Mr. hafeez Naimi and ANNGO Muzaffar Athar provided information about weak points of each NGA and how to control and overcome these weaknesses. All the FMs provided more detailed information about their problems.

##### **3) Field Managers Training:**

On the second day of training more information was provided about;

- o MSNs Management,
- o Nurseries establishment and management
- o MSNs inspection,
- o Office file and record keeping
- o Field visit and more information about grafting method and saplings production.

##### **4) Field Managers Training**

The 3rd day of the training was again field visit of nurseries and final meeting was held to solve problems related to each NGA. All the FMs were advised to manage their NGAs according to the visited Laghman NGA.

##### **5) Inspection of Laghman NGA MSNs**

Inspections of Laghman MSNs were also one of the targets during the trip. ANNGO Head of Technical Services inspected 6 MSNs of Laghman NGA. The summarized result of MSN inspection is given below.

- i) Inspection of stonefruit MSN;
- ii) Inspection of citrus MSN;
- iii) Inspection of citrus seed MTs MSN;
- iv) Inspection of Pomegranate MSN
- v) Inspection of stoolbeds;

#### **V. Photos:**



A group of newly hired Field Managers trained in Laghman NGA




Laghman NGA chairman providing information about apple seedlings in his nursery.



Inspection of grapes MSN in Bagram NGA

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