



Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

Quarterly Report

(April to June 2016)



H.E Mr.Assadullah Zamer, MAIL Minister appreciates ANNGO activities in the country & delivers certificate to ANNGO chairman during a workshop held in Badam Bagh, Kabul



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Nursery Industry Development Transition Project



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List of acronyms used in the report

- NGAs; Nursery Growers Associations
- MSNs; Mother Stock nurseries
- 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
- DAIL; Director Agriculture Irrigation & Livestock
- TA Technical assistance
- CPNs; Certified Production Nurseries
- HPS-RI; Horticulture Private Sector-Relief International
- TLO; A Swiss peace Pilot Project-Tribal Liaison office (Afghanistan)
- BoDs Board of Directors
- MoU Memorandum of understanding
- PHDCs Perennial Horticulture Development Centers
- NC National Collection
- CA Certification Authority
- BG Babur Garden
- ARIA Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan
- EU European Union
- NGOs; Non Governmental Organization
- MTs metric tones
- HVP Horticulture value chain project
- MoJ Ministry of Justice
- ANHDO; Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization
- PBTL; Plant Biotechnology Laboratory
- ICARDA International Centre for Agriculture Research In Dry Areas
- ARIA Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan
- SPCD Seed & Planting Material Certification Directorate
- NVDA Nangarhar Valley Development Authority
- ToR Term of Reference
- UN United Nations
- DCDs Development Committee Directorates
- IPM Integrated Pest Management
- USAID United State Agency for International Development

1. Description

- 1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract: **Afghanistan National Nursery Grower Organization**
- 1.2. Name and title of the Contact person: **Zainulabudin Noor, General Manager**
- 1.3. Name of partners in the Action: **N/A**
- 1.4. Title of the Action: **Nursery Industry Development Transition Project**
- 1.5. Contract number: **DCI-ASIE/2012/295-861**
- 1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting: **April 1st to 30th June 2016**
- 1.7. Target country: **Afghanistan**
- 1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups: **Nursery Growers / Orchard and vineyard growers (about 600,000 persons and family units)**
- 1.9. Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7): **Afghanistan.**

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Executive summary of the Action

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.

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 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 during the 3 month 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. ANNGO staff revised the business plan and answered the questions in the Business plan.

Official inspections of MSNs are started during the month of May & senior inspectors inspected most of the MSNs in the country up to the end of June. 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 attached table 1. The inspection of MSNs is in progress.

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 & Bamyan 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 MAIL/ Minister, Deputy Minister, Senior Adviser 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. During the month of June ANNGO staff & 2 NGA members (Shakardara & Paghman) from Kabul province 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 that the 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. Agenda of the workshop supported by USAID is as ANNEX 2.

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. Attached find list of distributed calendars and pruning tools as ANNEX 3.

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 days training programme for Field Managers in farm-i-jadid of Nengarhar province. Attached find the agenda and list of trainees of the training conducted as ANNEX 4.

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 the according to the needs of ANNGO, Horticulture Extension Directorate & SPCD directorate. According to 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 5.

During the reporting period elections are held in Takhar & Umulbilath NGAs and a field day was arranged by Helmand NGA. As a result of elections in Takhar province, Mr. Rahimullah, one of the active member is selected as Chairman and in Umulilath NGA, Mr. Haji Akram is reselected as chairman.

Results and Activities

Outcome1: 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 conducted its 8th 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. The new MoU with MAIL is signed.

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

- ANNGO & HPS staff has conducted training to FM's of all the NGAs in Farm-i-jadid, Nangarhar PHDC.
- 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.

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

- ANNGO & 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 provided regular TA to Babour Garden staff & HPS staff related ornamentals.
- ANNGO staff has published more information about ornamentals in the new catalogue.

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

- ANNGO Head of Regularity Services revised the nurseries registration forms of NGAs.
- FM's inspected seedlings in the newly established nurseries. The field Managers also monitored the bud take percentage in the one year old nurseries.
- ANNGO inspectors developed inspection plan for 69 MSNs.
- 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.

- Over 80% of MSNs are inspected. The details are found in table 1.
- The infected mother trees are removed from MSNs or the MSNs with infected MTs are rejected.
- According to the new MoU with MAIL ANNGO will be able to produce MTs in the PHDCs.
- ANNGO database has updated the MSNs data in the database

3. Workshops, Fieldday, Field trip, Exhibitions, trainings and coordination meetings:

ANNGO General Assembly:

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- 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 # 2. ANNGO Presentation to the honorable Governor of Kabul and participants

Meeting with HPS Consultants;

ANNGO staff had meeting with ANHDO/HPS consultants, Mr.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

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 total participants of the meeting were 6 persons.

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. On 6th of April had meeting with Mr. Nawaz Khan, 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.

ANNGO & ANHDO meeting:

ANNGO staff Participated in group meeting with ANHDO/HPS/SO1 staff (Mr.Sumar Gul, M.Karim and Hafiz Naimi), the main issues are the following:

- Determine the subjects of Field Managers needs for the quarterly training
- Prepared training agenda
- Selection subjects by ANNGO and HPS/SO1 staffs
- Determine duration, date and time for training

ANNGO & UNEP Meeting:

ANNGO staff had their first meeting with 4 staff from UNEP regarding following issues:

- Briefly information of ANNGO and NGAs activities
- UNEP staff explained their horticulture programs in Daikundi, Balkh, Takhar and Badakhshan
- They mentioned to have coordination work with Nursery Growers Associations which are members of ANNGO and also in some place not available NGAs they want to establish with collaboration of ANNGO.

Field Managers Training Programme:

From 24th to 26th of April ANNGO technical staff participates in Field Managers training in Jalalabad province. In these three days training, trainers trained 28 Field Managers of 29 NGAs, theoretically and practically regarding 18 different subjects. In general this training program was useful for Field Managers and during three days training they had good discussions. The main issues in discussions were as follow:

- unavailable certified planting materials in the MSNs of NGAs for production of enough certified saplings it mean not enough(certified mother trees, rootstocks, cuttings, seeds)
- In 2009 varieties fruit national collections established and parallel national collections establishment MSNs also were established, so there were not enough information regarding commercial varieties, so lot of varieties which distributed as mother trees in 2009 were not from commercial varieties
- PHDCs coordination with ANNGO
- PHDCs don't produce through the list of ANNGO request for establishing MSNs.

- Field Manager of Kandahar NGA uprooted 143 poor qualities of mother trees from MSNs as per instruction of PBTL, but up to now didn't receive any other certified mother trees instead of these uprooted mother trees.
- Most of FMs had complain regarding poor quality of certified planting materials from PHD Centres (weak growth, infect by pest and diseases).
- Field Manager of Pakta NGA also had complain regarding unawareness of fruit exhibitions or Ag Fairs which conducted by PHDCs, and requested to consider the participation and information of the FMs and NGA members in the future programs. Their participation in the fruit exhibitions will have positive impact and will be a good opportunity for improvement, developments and managements of MSNs.
- The technical team of ANNGO also 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.

National Seed Conference and planning workshop;

Duration: From 16 – 18 April, 2016

Venue: First day" Pamir Training Hall in MAIL" and the other two other days" Seed Secretariat Building in Badam Bagh.

Participants: HE MAIL/ Minister, HE Deputy Minister, Senior Adviser 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 persons)

Purposes: The improved seed 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, also he mentioned about the previous Agriculture Development Bank of Afghanistan for facilitation of farmers and mentioned now unfortunately we didn't have this Bank.



Photo # 3. National seed board conference

He was happy from EU regarding supporting more than 10.5 million \$ for supporting development of seed industry in Afghanistan. Also he mentioned about establishing National Collections varieties fruit of Afghanistan by financially supporting of EU. Also he appreciate the support of EU for establishing of ANNGO that is working for the certification scheme for the first time in the region.

Later on HE Mir Amanuddin Haidary discussed regarding value of improved seed in development of Seed Industry and the NGOs which are working in seed sectors. He mentioned the Research Directorate of MAIL introduced 29 varieties of wheat and out of these varieties 6 varieties are the top.

Then Mr. Mohammad Akbar Waziri MAIL/Cereal Director explained the three main point of this conference that are: (production, certification and distribution) of seeds, he mentioned the Cereal Directorate Established in framework of MAIL 7 year ago but now has some achievements such as follow:

- Approve the seed law in 2009
- Seed regulation will be approved
- Good coordination with donors
- Distributing Seed, DAP and Urea for 2.3 million formers
- 60000 farmers registered in MAIL database
- By supporting of JICA have 880 demonstration Plats of rice
- 1200 demonstration plats of saffron
- To send around 27 staff of MAIL for Agriculture Educations to Iran



Photo # 4. 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 had speech regarding 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 in coming soon will be finalize, but regarding vegetable regulation yet we have problems
- ANNGO certification regulation must be evaluate by SPCD and ANNGO must run their regulation officially

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

- Our target are farmers, Afghanistan farmers have lots of problems in the field of Agricultures, 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
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- Regarding establishing Agriculture Development Banks of Afghanistan, HE promised to re-establish the bank but it should be consider to have a good mechanism on the implementation of the bank.
- 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 conference MAIL & Seed Companies (Agriculture Public and privet sectors) must prepare their plans and submit to the MAIL.

After speech of HE Minister, Agriculture Directors from Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Kandahar and Khost Provinces presented their main activities and future plans regarding seeds.

After then all participants divided in 4 groups under the following subjects:

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

ANNGO staff was 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

ANNGO Technical team & Chairman Trip to North & North-east (4th to 8th April)

The targeted locations were Kunduz, Baghlan, Samangan & Balkh provinces which consists of 6 NGAs in the both zone.

Participants of the trip: ANNGO chairman, and ANNGO Head of technical services

Main Purpose of the trip:

The main purpose of the trip was to monitor the NGAs activities and the effect of bad security of the area on the sales of certified saplings.

Summary of activities;

ANNGO chairman and Head of technical services traveled to north and north east to monitor the activities of NGAs and overview the sales in Kunduz, Baghlan , Samangan and Balkh provinces. The 1st day was trip to Kunduz where ANNGO chairman & Field Manager discussed on the below issues;

- Cooperation of Kunduz DAIL with NGA & ANNGO for new project
- Mother trees status and budwood sales
- Sales of certified saplings by NGA and common field problem because of off type
- The MSN owner and his MSN improvement
- Pear Mother Trees payment to NGA Chairman
- Label improvement & suggestion of possible changes by NGA members
- Grapes Nursery status and plan for planting the rooted cuttings in the coming spring.

ANNGO chairman and Head of Technical Services visited Imam Qutiba NGA office and had meeting with Field Manager about the nurseries which most of the saplings were not sold because of security situation during the planting season. The Field Manager explained ANNGO chairman for low sales during autumn and lower prices of saplings in Baghlan market.

ANNGO chairman and Head of Technical Services also visited the newly constructed office of Imam Qutiba NGA in Baghlan province. They had meeting with all the members of the NGAs and also the office documents checked by the head of technical services. Necessary information and guidance given to the field manager on office documentation and on the field activities.

ANNGO chairman and Head of Technical Services visited Aybak NGA office and had meeting with NGA member and Field Manager for their daily activities and sales of certified saplings during the spring season. The Field Manager requested ANNGO to help NGA establish boundary wall of NGA office & electricity for office. The sales of certified saplings were also good in Samangan province. ANNGO promised to help NGA paint its office during summer season.

ANNGO chairman visited Umulbilad NGA MSN and certified nurseries. The mission members also visited an orchard of pear varieties imported from Turkey. Many orchard growers in the north & north east are importing dwarfing varieties of pears, apples & cherries from Turkey. ANNGO has to focus the production of saplings on dwarfing varieties in the NGAs.

ANNGO chairman also visited Khulm NGA office and NHLP activities in the field. The chairman visited orchards established by different project and had meeting with growers

Awards to ANNGO:

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 Gabriella 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 differnt 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 general discussion 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 was provided by Honorable Mr. Hamid Akram the Kabul Governor after evaluation of all project working in Kabul province for their activities and impact on the development of the agriculture sector. ANNGO evaluated the first active organization and two awards given to ANNGO chairman and ANNGO general manager.



Photo # 5. ANNGO awarded by HE MAIL minister and honourable governor of Kabul



Photo # 6. Award to ANNGO general manager



Photo # 7. Award for ANNGO Chairman

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 # 8. Visit of honourable governor of Kabul from Kabul PHDC

Meeting with Curator of National Collection;

On 8th June in the afternoon, had more detailed meeting with Mr. Shir Shah, National Collections Curator 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;

Location: ARIA office

Points of the meeting:

- 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 day – In Dehdadi
- 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

PHDCs to allowed ANNGO inspectors to visit and monitor saplings which are produced for ANNGO in the Centres.

ANNGO and HPS Coordination meeting:

Participants: ANHDO/HPS 4 component staff, HVP staff, LML representative, include ANHDO General Manager, HPS/ TL, Pablo, 2 ANHDO Consultants and ANNGO representative, (around 15 persons)

Venue: HPS office

Main purposes: Two week activates and workplan of 4 components of HPS and HVP.

The issues which related to ANNGO and nursery industry were the following issues:

1. HVP/ Mr. Bayani reported the two following issues:

- Kapisa and Srobi NGAs registration process
- By supporting ANNGO, these two NGAs received planting materials for establishing MSNs
- Arranging visit of Kapisa & Sroubi to other NGAs
- Also he mentioned about request of NGA members from HVP horticulture tools and other inputs

After his presentation for better development of NGAs, added the following points:

- Providing commercial varieties of fruit saplings with consecration of market and climate condition for these two NGA areas
- ANNGO support capacity building of Field Managers and FMs must build the capacities of NGA members
- Traceability production of certified saplings and implementation of ANNGO certification scheme with NGA members
- Proper management MSNs and CPNs etc.

2. SO1/Nursery Industry / Mr. Samar Gul Ahmadzai reported the following issues:

- The payment of ANNGO booth in the Ag Fair
- ANNGO catalogue will be ready for printing
- Leaflets and handbook regarding pest and disease are ready for distribution
- Field Manager training program will conduct in coming week
- Request of Field Managers for purchasing and repairing of motorbike
- HPS Team Leader has comments regarding purchasing motorbike (didn't have budget for purchasing motorbike) for FMs
- He had comments for late printing ANNGO catalogue
- varieties in the catalogue also they mentioned, if the most of issues the same as previous issues in the catalogue it is not necessary to print every year.

- Regarding late printing catalogue I told them the reasons(postpone of ANNGO General Assembly regarding some issues of ANNGO Board Members and several time corrections)

ANNGO & HPS coordination meetings:

The meeting held on 8th of June at ANNGO main office.

Participants:

- ANNGO General Manager
- ANNGO Head of Technical services Manager
- ANNGO Head of Regularity Services Manger
- ANHDO HPS/SO1 Manager
- ANNGO inspector
- ANHDO Ornamental Expert
- ANHDO IPM Expert

Important points of the meeting;

1. The meeting was the follow up of last meeting issues held in May in ANNGO main office
2. 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.
3. HPS project has no responsibility to inspect the MSNs of NGAs. ANNGO inspectors are the responsible bodies to inspect the MSNs.
4. 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.
5. ANNGO GM has pointed out the performance of 2 FMs in Bagram and Kunduz provinces. The participants agreed to evaluate the situation of NGAs & the performances of FMs and will take decision base on proofs. Soon ANNGO inspectors will inspect the MSNs and check all the documents and performances of NGAs. Bagram NGAs retired chairman, Mr. Haji Mahfooz is reselected as new chairman which will have negative the job of Abdul Momin (Bagram FM). According to the information provided by ANNGO inspector, Mr.Nazif, the condition of MSN of Bagram NGA was very poor last year. The same problem is observed by HPS/SO1 mangers this year.
6. ANNGO is not happy with the performance of printing press and the delay for printing has created problems for ANNGO. There were also correction problems by printing press. For the future printing ANNGO needs to select new printing press.
7. ANNGO staff has checked the leaflets developed on Roses and Geranium and has suggested improve some of the points in the leaflets.
8. ANNGO and HPS will work to develop contents of MSN training manuals. HPS will convert the old version MSN manual from PDF version to world and will share it with ANNGO.
9. ANNGO and HPS staff will visit Babour Garden on coming Sunday. The payment for planting material is done by HPS.
10. Head of regulatory services briefed the participants about result of election conducted by Umulbilath NGA.

11. ANHDO/HPS/SO1 project manager discussed the situation of PHDCs and focused on the role of ANNGO in this regards.
12. ANNGO staff will have meeting on coming Monday for training manuals improvement.

ANNGO HPS coordination meeting

On 29th June, the coordination meeting held in ANNGO main office in Badam Bagh.

Participants:

- ANNGO General Manager (GM)
 - ANNGO Head of Regulatory Service (HRS)
 - ANNGO Head of Technical Service (HTS)
 - HPS/SO1 Project Manager (PM)
 - HPS/SO1 Plant Protection Specialist (PPT)
 - HPS/SO1 Nursery Expert (NE)
- Decision has been taken with ANNGO to organize a meeting in HPS office on Wednesday 13th July 2016 to review the ANNGO training manual. This meeting will identify the dissemination and division of the manual as per group being reviewed.
 - ANNGO & HPS/SO1 declared that Momin FM of Bagram NGA has no capability and capacity to remain as field manager and his performances have been observed so weak by ANNGO inspectors and HPS technical staff. Meanwhile his father reselected as NGA chairmen while ANNGO bylaw doesn't allow 2 persons availability in the same environment or same organization to work. Furthermore a rumor has been found out that Ab. Hakim FM of Kundoz NGA has contract with two different organizations (RADP-N and CARD-F), there upon the investigation will be followed up to obtain evidence. If the observation comes true, Then ANNGO& HPS/SO1 will make a reasonable decision.
 - ANNGO catalogue (Pashto Version) printed recently and the Dari version is under printing process. ANNGO is not satisfied with the current printing press as the catalogues have been printed with low quality and the printing take more time.
 - Baboor Garden activities have been completed 90% and soon small signage will be fixed for the ornamental plants as per row. The signage will contain Botanic Name, Local Name, English Name and Family Name of the ornamental plants. The fruit nursery saplings are going to be grafted soon and one plot of the root stock will be remaining for demonstration to display visitors how to propagate and transplant. The mentioned signage with plastic tunnel specification will be shared with Sheenzar Company for printing.
 - FM technical capacity building training is going to be organized on end of July or beginning August (3 days). This time the training may take place in Kabul PHDC. ANNGO Training and marketing manager will share the topics selected by FMs during the last training in Jalalabad to prepare the material for. Also HPS ornamental expert will send an Email to FMs in order to request more significant topics for the coming training.
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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

Date: 19 June 2016
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 # 9. ANNGO GM during the round table in Radio Zafar

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 # 10 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 # 11 Interview of Radio Bayan with ANNGO Chairman

Laghman trip Report:

Date of trip: 28.06.2016

Trip members:

- Sharafuddin Sharaf/ANNGO / HRS
- Muhammad Muzaffar Athar/ANNGO/
- HTS, Nazifullah Husaini / ANNGO senior inspector

Purpose of trip: Evaluation eligibility criteria of Mr. Hedaytullah vineyard for registration in ANNGO certification scheme as new MSN:

ANNGO technical staff observed following issues in vineyard of Mr.Hedyatullah Omarkhil:

1. This vineyard established 10 year ago, in Chahardeh District Near the Mehtarlam City of Laghman Province.
2. We asked FM of Laghman NGA the complete imported documents such as origin of the grapes, sanitary documents, numbers of varieties etc., in the field but unfortunately there was no documents of the MSN
3. In this vineyard the team found 46 vines, from more than 13 varieties in 16 rows
4. All these vines are not the same age, some of these vines may be 3 or 4 year
5. The team observed the immature fruits form only 3 varieties(Ruby Red, Ribier and Crimson seedless), the rest of the varieties were already harvested.
6. FMs observed and records fruits of all varieties. There was a map of all varieties with complete name and information of the fruits. Among the varieties, some of them are high quality and marketable ones. These best varieties has to be propagated.
7. The plots has no regular distance between rows and plants. The distances are differ but not for all the varieties.
8. There were two off types in Monoqa rows by the name of Thompson. It is mentionable that the Monoqa is not imported, it is local.

9. The plot was not managed properly since beginning. Irrigation channels were not in good condition, no proper pruning and training of vines. The vineyard also was not trellised and the rows and varieties had no signage

Conclusion:

- The issue must have share with relatives MAIL authorities such as SPCD, Fruit National Collection, ANHDO/SO2 & PBTL in order to take decision based on the result of technical aspects and discussions.
- The owner of the plot should provide and submit the traceability documents to ANNGO which are important evidence for registration of on new varieties for the process of certified planting materials from foreign countries
- PBTL should also collect samples and analyze them for healthy status of these vines
- The plot should observe and monitor next year too, because all characters of the fruits and leaves should be evaluate and record. (e.g time of maturity, color, yield etc.) by ANNGO and other related project with close collaboration and coordination of ARIA.

Statistic Training Course;

The training was from 21/05/2016 to 20/06/2016. Afghanistan national horticulture development organization (ANHDO) held statistic capacity building training course for ANHDO staff. ANNGO inspector, Mr. Khabir also participated in the course.

The lecturer of the training course was Najibullah Hasnazoy, one of teacher of Kabul University lecturer. The different topics covered in the training course, are as follows:

- Overview of basic concepts(Meaning & Definition of Statistics)
- Frequency Distribution(Discrete & Continuous Frequency Distribution)
- Measures of Central Tendency(Arithmetic Mean, Geometric mean, Median, Mode)
- Normal Distribution (Characteristics of Normal distribution Importance of Normal distribution)
- Binomial Distribution (Binomial Experiment &Definition of Binomial Distribution)
- Sampling and Sampling Distribution (Simple Random Sampling ,Sampling Distribution)
- Analysis of Variance (The F-distribution, Application of a Single Factor ANOVA)

At the end of that training course, certificates were distributed to the trainees.

Visit of Baboor Garden Nursery

Date of visit: 12 June 2016

Visitors: ANNGO General Manager
ANHDO / RI/SO1 Project Manager,
ANHDO/RI/SO1 IPM specialist
Head of Regulatory Services of ANNGO

Purpose of visit:

- Meeting with the technical and management staff of Bagh Babur
- Progress and follow up of the existing ANNGO and HPS activities
- Site selection for the plastic tunnels

- Discussion on the type, size and time of signage for the plots

Overall the general condition of the nursery was good (proper irrigation, proper weeding, no disease and good growth of nursery), but in fruit nursery white grub and dumping off affected the young seedlings at the beginning that now the damage rate is decreased. The HPS IPM expert advised for applying of some useful chemical for control of white grubs and other diseases. Since starting growth of the nursery to date, the status of the nursery are as follows:

1. Apple rootstocks have good growth and more than 90% were available in the nursery, but the iron deficiency observe in the leaves. Necessary advices were give for control of iron deficiency in the nurseries.
2. Apricot and almond seedlings have good growth and 80 to 90% of seedlings were saved from attack of pests.
3. Peach seedlings have good growth but unfortunately the germination rate of the peach seed was not satisfactory that around 30% of seed germinated. The ratio of less germination is
4. Myrobalan and grape cuttings have good growth and 80% rooted cuttings were survived in the nursery
5. Exception one plats all others ornamental plots situation was good.

After then we discussed regarding selection of place and specification of tunnel plastic, the Baboor Garden staff told us, the issue of plastic tunnel will share with Directors and will tell us the result of this issue.



Photo # 12. ANNGO established the fruit and ornamental nurseries with financial support of ANHDO/HPS/SO1

Development Committee of Kabul Province Meeting:

On 14th June 2016 ANNGO Head of regulatory services participate in the Kabul Development committee meeting in the Kabul governor house.

This meeting Chaired by Kabul Governor and the participants were the 14 district governors, representatives of national and international organizations, representatives of UN agencies, MAIL directorate and other ministries directorates in the Kabul governor house meeting hall.

All the participants present their activities progress in the Kabul province that ANNGO Head of regulatory services present the overall activities of ANNGO in the country and then the progress of the work in the 3 district of Kabul province. The Governor of Kabul and DAIL Director appreciate the work of ANNGO and promised to introduce ANNGO to different stakeholders and donors for further support in the field of nursery business.

Annual Elections & General Assembly in Umulblad NGA;

On 4th of June the MazarUm-ul-Bilad NGA of Mazar province was arrange 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 Coordiantor
- 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 briefed the participants with the information on the progress of the NGA since last one year and emphasized on the better quality production of certified saplings.

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 insist to monitor the members nurseries and those who has low production of certified saplings of their nurseries (less than 7000 certified saplings) should oust from the system.

ANNGO General Manager argued regarding general situation of all NGAs of ANNGO, productions 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 give 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 costumers. He request the members to take care of production of high value crops in the zone in order to fulfil the market demand of certified saplings.

Later on the NHLP coordinator appreciate the support of ANNGO for production of the certified sapling and insist for the 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 # 13 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.

Table # 1. Summary Sheet of ANNGO Inspection of MSNs 2016

S.No	NGA Name	MSN owner Name	Total Nr of MTs	Total Nr of Root-stocks	Date of Inspection	Inspector Name	Result
1	Aybak	Haji Noor Ahmad	134	0	4/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
2	Badakhshan	Abdul Jabar	125	316	2/06/2015	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
3	Badakhshan	GulamRabani	0	0	2/06/2015	Noorajan Sadat	reject
4	Badakhshan	Mohd. Nazir	40	307	2/06/2015	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
5	Badakhshan	SayedKiratullah	0	336	2/06/2015	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
6	Bagram	AnarGul	295	0	11/6/2016	Nazif	Approved
7	Bagram	Haji Abdul Qayum	0	0	11/6/2016	Nazif	Rejected
8	Bagram	Haji Murtaza	263	0	11/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
9	Chonghar	H.MohedSarwar	73	0	2/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
10	Chonghar	Mohd. Amin	169	255	2/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
11	Kandahar	Abdul Qader	721	0	25/05/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
12	Kandahar	Mohammad Shafi	354	0	25/05/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
13	Hakim Sanay	Mohammad Ahsan	20	500	29/06/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
14	Helmand	Abdul Khaliq	269	0	24/5/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
15	Helmand	Haji Ahmad Shah	177	0	24/5/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
16	Helmand	Mohad. Umar	265	0	24/5/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
17	Herat	Abdul Nasir	168	498	24/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
18	Herat	Abdul Rahman	525	0	23/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
19	Herat	Haji Naim	575	663	25/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
20	Herat	Wahid Ahmad	44	0	23/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
21	Imam Qutiba	Shah M.Mohaqqiq	550	800	1/06/2016	Nazif	Approved
22	Khulum	Fazal Ahmad	54	0	03/6/2015	Nazif	Approved
23	Khulum	MalimQurban	111	0		Nazif	Approved
24	Kunar ha	Haqiqullah	53	0	17/05/2015	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
25	Kunar ha	Rohullah	447	293	17/05/2015	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
26	Kunduz	Bashir	192	1271	4/06/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
27	Kunduz	Noor Hazart	411	0		Noorajan Sadat	Approved
28	Laghman	Abdul Masood	728	0	19/05/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
29	Laghman	Wali Mohammad	124	0	19/05/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
30	Logar	Abdul Monib	131	0	17/05/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
31	Logar	Mohammad Jan	95	60	17/05/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
32	Logar	Naqibullah	123	0	17/05/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
33	Maidan	MohdTaus	187	0	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved

34	Maidan	Saifullah	0	260	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
35	Nangarhar	Farid Ahmad	70	0	18/05/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
36	Nangarhar	Himed Agha	340	0	18/05/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
37	Paghman	Farid	0	0	13/6/2016	Nazif , Khabir	Rejected
38	Paghman	Haji Ibrahim	0	300	13/6/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
39	Paghman	Haji Sattar	168	1864	13/6/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
40	Paghman	Mohammalshaq	116	0	13/6/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
41	Paghman	Nazirshah	0	200	13/6/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
42	Paktia	Masoom	376	4551	16/5/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
43	Said khil	Abdul Manan	343	0	11/06/2016	Noorajan, Khabir	Approved
44	Said khil	Jabarudin	127			Noorajan, Khabir	
45	Said khil	Abdul Saboor	68	64	11/06/2016	Noorajan, Khabir	Approved
46	Shakardara	Ab. Wakil	0	99	13/06/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
47	Shakardara	Hamidullah	137	738	13/06/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
48	Shakardara	ZiaratGul	204	0	13/06/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
49	Takhar	Rahimullah	470	170	03/06/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
50	Um-ul-bilad	Abdul Sadeq	43	0	03/6/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
51	Um-ul-bilad	Haji Akram	429	0	03/6/2016	Nazif, Khabir	Approved
52	Um-ul-bilad	Haji Ghani	538	0	03/6/2016	Nazif Khabir	Approved
53	Kapisa	AnarGul	418		03/07/2016	Nazif	Approved
54	Kapisa	Mohammad gul	140		03/07/2016	Nazif	Approved
55	Sarubi	Haji Gulam Ali	17		03/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
56	Hakim Sanai	Mahmood	83	200	28/06/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
57	Hakim Sanai	Haji Salih		870	28/06/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
58	Maidan	Tawos khan	127	232	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
59	Maidan	Habib Jan	63		2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
60	Maidan	Saifullah		1025	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
61	Maidan	Amanudin		50	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
62	Maidan	Ziaratgul		557	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved
63	Maidan	Rahimullah		157	2/07/2016	Noorajan Sadat	Approved

Note: The inspections of MSNs are in progress and will be completed during mid July 2016

Table # 2. 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 th 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 th June	ANNGO office	7
23	Plum technical visit of NCs in Kabul PHDC	19 th June	Kabul PHDC	6
24	Meeting with Shir Shah of data provision	21 June	ARIA office	4
25	Trip to Paghman with Audit	22 nd June	Paghman NGA	5
26	Meeting with SPCD director	27 th June	SPCD main office	6
27	Trip to Laghman with SPCD staff for Monitoring of MSNs	28 th June	Laghman	4
28	Meeting with HPS /SO1 staff	29 th June	ANNGO office	6
29	Staff meeting	Each Saturday	ANNGO main office	10
30	Meeting with SPCD director	Different	SPCD main office	6

Members NGAs activities during the reporting month:

- Clonal rootstocks of apples are mounded with media and soil in all MSNs. The number of clonal rootstocks are increasing in all NGAs.
- The NGAs have close relations with DAILs & attended weekly meetings. The FMs also report during the meeting.
- All the Field Managers of NGAs attended the seasonal training programme in Nangarhar PHDC.
- The FMs filled the certification forms for nurseries registration and submitted them to ANNGO.
- The MSNs maps are updated by FMs of each NGA
- The FMs arranged NGAs internal BoDs meetings.
- Data of current years for certified nurseries are developed & updated
- MSNs & CPNs are monitored for pest & diseases
- Removed off types from CPNs
- Follow up meetings with NHLP and partner organizations
- Removed fruits from MSNs and improved the irrigation system
- Suggested MSN owners for urea application & canopy management of MSNs
- Checked ANNGO standards in the MSNs of NGAs.
- Supported ANNGO inspectors & other staff in inspection of MSNs
- Budwood production in the MSNs monitored by FMs of NGAs
- Registered new members in the NGAs & with ANNGO.
- Some of the NGAs attended fielddays in PHDCs of Kabul & Balkh.

4. Visibility

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?

In line with the visibility policy followed by PHDP and PHDP2, it is the intention of the project not to use EC logos on vehicles due to the increased danger of providing vehicle identification to terrorists.

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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