



Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

Monthly Report



ANNGO has conducted the first training to Seed & Planting material Certification Directorate, MAIL.

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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
- MAIL; Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock
- CPNs; Certified Production Nurseries
- NHLP National Horticulture and livestock project
- 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
- PHDP2 Perennial Horticulture Development Project2
- BG Babur Garden
- ARIA Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan

1. Description

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| 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: | February 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

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

ANNGO has also worked on allocation of MTs to MSN owners of NGAs. List of available species are sorted for quality. The available species list is also shared with ANNGO member NGAs. Over 6,000 saplings/rootstocks are listed of distribution to NGAs as mother trees.

Regular meetings held with partner organizations for better coordination in the field. Meeting held with RI staff for ornamental nursery establishment in Babour Garden. ANNGO staff had also meeting with NHLP technical staff, MAIL Horticulture director, Kabul Governor, with deputy technical minister of MAIL, SPCD director. During the meetings held, ANNGO has focused to increase linkages with government institutions and requested government organization to support ANNGO for their sales of certified saplings.

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

The label printings for inspected certified nurseries are in progress and ANNGO database section has printed over 1.5 millions of labels for certified saplings. The final report of the label printed data will be provided by ANNGO database in the month of March 2016.

Catalogue developed and translated into Pashto and Dari languages. The final copies are revised by ANNGO technical staff for corrections. ANNGO is working to include all the available species of MSNs in the catalogue for the coming years.

ANNGO staff, Chairman, Kabul DAIL director & Shakardara NGA Chairman and Field Manager had meeting with Kabul Governor during the reporting month. The main purpose of the meeting was to introduce ANNGO and its activities around Kabul. The Governor, Mr. HE Hamid Akram made a visit Shakardara NGAs. The Governor was impressed of the ANNGO activities and the established NGAs working around Kabul province. ANNGO staff also participated in Development Committee of Kabul Province.

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

ANNGO technical team also had a meeting with Natural Resource Management Directorate of MAIL for supporting new project of MAIL (Green belt) on provision of saplings and forest trees in Kabul. They promised ANNGO to had meeting in the near future to discuss with ANNGO regarding the production of the certified saplings and forest trees in the country. ANNGO technical team explained all the project activities in different provinces for production of the certified saplings. MAIL NRM directorate appreciate the ANNGO project activities in the provinces and wanted to support ANNGO in the near future for increasing of the certified saplings and forest trees for their future projects.

Results and Activities

Outcome: ANNGO is developed as an independent and self-sustainable organization for the development & improvement of Afghan Fruits, nuts and ornamentals nursery sectors.

- ANNGO staff had meeting with Kabul Governor in the Governor House and introduced ANNGO and its activities in Kabul provinces. The governor promised to introduced ANNGO to H.E president Asharaf Ghani and will arrange video conference of ANNGO with the H.E president of Afghanistan.
- The Kabul Governor Mr. Hamid visited ANNGO activities in Shakardara district of Kabul province and was briefed by field staff about NGAs activities.
- ANNGO staff had meeting with H.E Technical Deputy Minister, Mr Amanuddin Haidari for improved version of MoU between ANNGO & MAIL.
- ANNGO staff participated in the technical Development Committee of Kabul for the greenery of industrial parks around Kabul.

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

- ANNGO staff participated in the technical group meeting of apricot and cherry. All the participants were informed of the available MTs and certified saplings produced by NGAs.
- ANNGO staff regularly provided TA to Babour Garden staff and technical labours.
- ANNGO continuously providing TA to newly established NGAs in Kapisa and Sorobi district of Kabul.
- Regular technical assistance is provided to partner organizations like TLO working under ANNGO in Khost province.

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

- ANNGO staff busy with layout and planting of ornamentals in Babour Garden.
- Technical assistance was provided to HPS staff working in Babour Garden nursery.

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

- Inspection of certified production nurseries were in progress. ANNGO senior inspectors inspected Helmand NGA nurseries.
- Label printing for certified saplings were in progress and over 1.6 millions of certified labels are printed for certified saplings after final inspection of the project technical team.
- Allocations of Mother Trees are completed and ANNGO staff started distribution of Mother Trees to NGAs.

3-Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings:

1-Meeting with HPS/ SO1 staff;

On the first day of February, ANNGO technical staff had meeting with SO1 Project Manager, Mr. Samar Gul Ahmadzai and other technical staff of HPS SO1 Mr. Karim Kashmiri and Hafiz Naeemi regarding revision of Babur Garden budget lines. ANNGO had to improve the budget as follows:

- Removing exhibition , brushes and pointing from Babur Garden budget
- Putting pots different sizes and different colors in the budget.

- Determine the focal points from ANNGO side for different activities of Field Managers like time sheets, appendixes, reports, work plan, technical issues and other tasks.

ANNGO staff had second meeting with HPS staff namely (Ahmadzai, Kashmiri and Naeemi) regarding preparing ToR for the position of Governance Organization Development position and finishing catalogue of ANNGO for editions.

2-Meeting with HE Hamid Kabul Governor;

The meeting was held on 7th February. The Participants of the meeting were HE Hamid Akram Kabul Governor, Mr. Hashmatullah Enayat Kabul Agriculture Director, Mr. Walizadah Kabul Economy Director, Mr. Sattar Mubarez ANNGO Board Chairman, Mr. Zainulabdin Noor ANNGO General Manager, Mr. Muzaffar Athar ANNGO Technical Manager, Mr. Arif Shakardara NGA FM, Chairman of Shakardara NGA and Sharaf ANNGO Regulatory Services Manager. The meeting was held in Kabul Governor House.



Photo # 1. ANNGO team meeting with H.E Hamed Akram Governor of Kabul

The main Purpose of meeting was to briefly introduce ANNGO and his activities regarding Development of Nursery Industry in Afghanistan specially Nursery Industry in Kabul Province and Kabul NGAs activities.

The main issues which were discussed as below:

1. ANNGO GM introduced the organization, explained the capacity of fruit saplings production and demand of certified saplings in Afghanistan. The GM also briefed the governor about establishing of ANNGO as an organ which is work in Nursery industry throughout the country, Certification scheme of ANNGO , annual edition of ANNGO catalogue as tool for improvement of orchard industry in Afghanistan, NGAs activities in most of Provinces of Afghanistan, total production of

fruit tree saplings and Certified saplings, ornamental program of ANNGO, Baboor Garden pilot project.

From the provided information HE Hamid Kabul Governor and other participants were happy and he also added the suitability of Afghanistan climate for production of best quality of fruits and nuts, example of famous of grape, pomegranate, almond and other fruits in foreign countries. Also he encouraged ANNGO staffs for more work to develop nursery industry and establishing modern orchards in Afghanistan and promised to support ANNGO in video conference with HE Ashraf Ghani Afghanistan President of Islamic Republic during the conference with Governors of Provinces of Afghanistan, ANNGO will have briefing of the project for 5 minutes, and he told ANNGO activities will be broadcasted by Kabul Government website. The Kabul governor request ANNGO to facilitate a field trip to visit ANNGO activities. The plan was Thursday 12 Feb 2016 for visiting of Shakardara NGA.

2. Meetings with Kabul Municipality regarding coordination work on industrial parks of Kabul province and green belt.

According to plan of Kabul governor, ANNGO Head of Regularity Services accompanied Mr. Hamid Akram Kabul Governor and his team (Mr. Hashmat Enayat Kabul Agriculture Director, Walizada Kabul Economy Director, Shakardara District Governor, Shakardara Agriculture Extension Officer, Chairman and most of Shakardara NGA members). The mission starts from Shakardara NGA office, then they visit the MSNs and CPNs belonging to the this NGA. He meet all the farmers and producers of certified saplings and appreciated ANNGO activities for improvement of the nursery industry and orchard development program for income generation and support of the farmers family from production of high value fruits in the markets. The team had discussion with the individuals and groups of farmers and asked them about the problems in the area to be considered by DAIL and governor of Kabul.



Photo # 2. Shakardara NGA Field Manager briefing Kabul Governor about apple MSN.



Photo # 3. Kabul Governor visited ANNGO activities in Shakardara district of Kabul

In this visit Kabul Governor and team visited apple MSNs, apple rootstocks stool beds of Shakar Dara district of Kabul province. During the visit, Shakardara Field Manager explained all certified planting materials and implementation of ANNGO certification scheme for production of certified saplings.

ANNGO staff also explained the NGAs planting materials which are available with all NGAs members. The main focus of ANNGO is the Afghanistan National Fruit trees certification, number of planting materials, number of rootstocks and production of certified saplings situation.

The Kabul Governor with his team was very happy and promised to support nursery growers and nursery industry in Afghanistan in the future.

Governor of Kabul, Agriculture director, ANNGO Chairman and head of technical services of ANNGO had a meeting with USAID project in order to avoid the import of saplings from outside of the country. USAID was imported fruit saplings from outside of the country that Kabul governor and DAIL complained that while ANNGO is exist then why the organizations are importing saplings from other countries with high prices and no adaptations. During the meeting ANNGO team with support of DAIL director and Kabul governor, explained all the process of the certification scheme and availabilities of more than 1.6 million of certified saplings under ANNGO project. The USAID project impressed from the achievement of ANNGO as a private sector and promised to keep relations good with ANNGO in the future and will also inform all the technical team to negotiate for purchasing of the mother trees and certified trees for their beneficiaries from ANNGO.

3- Meeting with MAIL technical Deputy Minister;

Group meeting was held with (H.E Mir Amanuddin Haidari MAIL Deputy, Mr. Mahbob Nang SPCD Director, Agri. Extension Director Advisor, Plan and Policy Director, Mr. Ghafar Majed from DHD with ANNGO/GM and technical staff) regarding MoU between MAIL and ANNGO. During the meeting, the following points have been discussed:

- The first comment of MAIL staff was regarding the registration of ANNGO, mentioned the ANNGO must be an association not NGO, we had discussions why ANNGO is NGO not union,

because in this stage ANNGO need financially support from some donors or big organizations to pay salary of professional specialist technical team and some necessary expenditures

- The participants had discussions regarding sustainability and changing the name and registration of ANNGO in the future.
- Also the participants mentioned, in the MoU responsibility of each relative Directorate must be clearly
- The text of MoU must be in 3 languages Dari , Pashto and English

4-Meeting with Development Committee of Kabul Province;

The meeting was held on 23rd of February 2016 in Kabul Governor office. The participants of the meeting were director of Kabul Provincial Committee, Sectorial Directorates of Kabul Province, 14 Districts Governors of Kabul Province, Directors of Development Committees of Kabul Province, UN organizations and Representatives of NGOs.(Around 60 participants)

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss about establishment of Kabul industrial parks in Kabul zone and establishment of 20 jeribs of land for industrial agencies in each 14 districts of Kabul province by helping of AISA office.

At the beginning, H.E Hamid Akram Kabul Governor as a President of Development Committee of Kabul started his discussion regarding peace process in Afghanistan.

He mentioned the Agriculture of Afghanistan is very weak and he compared the current agriculture situation with past 40 years. Also he mentioned it is the Districts Governors responsibility to coordinate public and private sectors with traders in order to developed the agriculture sector at districts levels. He allowed that the high value of Afghanistan fruit in the country and region and gives examples the grape Shundukhani variety, commercial varieties of pomegranate and almonds of Afghanistan.

Later the Deputy of AISA mentioned the starting of work on Industrials Parks of Puli charkhi and Juma Muhammad Muahammadi industrial park, also he mentioned regarding selection of 2000 Jeribs of land in Gusfand Dara and 1400 jreb of land in Mirbachcot District of Kabul for industrial parks, but Mr. Paikar Land Management Director mentioned regarding the passive activities of AISA on Industrial Parks.

Later on the Kalakan District Governor announced that he is ready to provide lands for industrial park in Kalakan District which appreciated by the Kabul Governor and the other officials. Mir Bacha kot district governor explained the plantation of 3000 pine in High Way of Mirbachcut District and suggested to Agriculture Director to provide more forest trees for plantation.

Mr. Zamani Director of Environmental Protection explained the value of keeping green environmental by planting of ornamental and fruit saplings in Kabul Provinces.

ANNGO staff explained briefly the ANNGO activities which is working in nursery industry throughout the country, certified sapling production and noncertified saplings production and all process of certification scheme of ANNGO. ANNGO has three NGAs in Kabul province in Paghman, Shakardara and Sorobi districts. One copy of ANNGO activities in these three district also submitted to Kabul Governor.

In addition, ANNGO staff explained the saplings production in all NGAs in the country and in Kabul. Kabul NGAs produced more than 300,000 fruit trees sapling, forest trees and ornamentals and the certified fruit trees amounts are 55,000 that can be increased in the next years. All these certified fruit tree saplings are the commercial varieties of almond, apple, grape, cherry, plum, apricot and peaches in Shakardara and Paghman NGAs and are ready for sale and distribution

Representative of women social organization reported the women activities and their role in the development of community. She explained all their activities in the Kabul province and request all to spread the message to decrease the asperity on women.

At the end of meeting again Mr. Haimd Akram Kabul Governor asked all 14 District Governors to coordinate public and privet sectors activities and link it with agriculture sectors of each Districts for Development of Agriculture in rural areas and provide facilities for improvement of farmers livelihood in the districts, province and whole country.

5-SPCD Training;

On 28 February training of seed and planting material certification directorate staff was arranged by SPCD that ANNGO should train the provincial team of SPCD in the certification of planting material. All the technical staff of SPCD from the provinces participated in the training program. The training program opened by Mr. Mahboobullah Nang SPCD Caretaker and he briefly explained the new established Seed and Planting Materials Certification Directorate and following the certification process for Seed and Planting materials, Seed Low, Afghanistan National Fruit Certification Scheme.

The training program was for 3 days that all the certification scheme and EU strong support for running of the very important scheme to the country. Whole chain of the certification scheme from national collection to nurseryman and certified saplings were trained to the staff of SPCD.



Picture # 4. ANNGO staff training for SPCD staff in Badam Bagh

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