



Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

Monthly Report



ANNGO has expanded its activities to newly targeted provinces & has conducted the first training to TLO extension staff & nursery growers of Khost province.

April 2015





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
- DAIL; Director Agriculture Irrigation & Livestock
- 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
- TLO; A Swiss peace Pilot Project-Tribal Liaison office (Afghanistan)
- MTs Mother Trees
- PBTL; Plant Biotechnology Laboratory
- BoD Board of Directors
- NHLP National Horticulture and livestock project
- MTs Mother Trees
- PHDCs Perennial Horticulture Development Centers
- DHD Directorate of Horticulture Development
- FMs Field Managers
- TA Technical assistance
- ADA Afghanistan Development Association
- PHDP2 Perennial Horticulture Development Project
- UNODC United Nations organization for Drug control
- NVDA Nangarhar Valley Development Authority
- ARIA Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan
- USAID United State Agency for International Development
- NGOs Non governmental organizations
- CHA Coordination of Humanitarian assistance

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: **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: **April 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

2.1. Executive summary of the Action

During the reporting month first quarterly meeting of ANNGO BoDs is held in Badam Bagh. The BoD members had two days meeting to discuss internal issues of ANNGO and common problems related with the programme. The BoD members also had meeting with MAIL new minister and congratulate the new minister for his new position. The minister promised to have detailed meeting with ANNGO staff and BoD members regarding their activities and needs.

ANNGO is working with in close coordination and cooperation with other projects in the country. ANNGO is supporting other projects in their nursery business in different locations of the country. These projects are being supported by, UNODC, USAID projects, MC, ADA, TLO and CHA in different locations.

ANNGO is providing TA to ANHDO-HVP, HPS-SO1 projects in different locations where new NGAs are going to be established.

After distribution of certified planting material for NGA members, for better management inspection of certified planting materials and registration of these materials ANNGO staff prepared some issues for field managers and send to them to preparing the documents for inspection which will be done by ANNGO senior inspector in coming month.

ANNGO with the support of HPS project has continued to broadcast the sale & importance of certified saplings.

ANNGO staff conducted trainings to FMs and third parties in Balkh and Paktia provinces. About 10 FMs are provided training in Balk PHDC. According ANNGO capacity building program and TLO officials request we organized training for TLO's officials and Khost province nursery growers the mentioned training participated by 17 participants and presented bellow topics for them.

ANNGO staff regularly visit and monitor NGAs activiteis in different location and provide TA to FMs of NGAs in different locations.

ANNGO staff visited Nangarhar NGA's citrus mother stock nursery in which about 100 mother trees replaced so those varieties which were not marketable replaced by marketable varieties.

The same day visited NVDA's citrus mother stock nursery, citrus seed mother trees and citrus grafted rootstocks, in next years NVDA will self-sufficient about citrus certified bud woods and citrus seed.

ANNGO and HPS SO1 staff had field visit of Bagram and Sayed Khail NGAs

Results and Activities

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

Being an independent organization, during the reporting month first board meeting held to discuss issues and problems related with NGAs and ANNGO external issues. The last day BoD members met new MAIL minister H.E.Mr.Asad Zamir in his office in MAIL and congratulate him for his position.

Being an independent organization, ANNGO is supporting other projects in their nursery business in different locations of the country. These projects are being supported by, UNODC, USAID projects, MC, ADA, TLO and CHA in the country.

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 has got responsibility to provide all technical support to new NGAs which will be established in Sorobi district of Kabul and Kapisa province. All the financial support will be provided by ANHDO-HVP project to the above mentioned NGAs and ANNGO staff to support them.

Similarly ANNGO is providing TA to TLO project in Khost province to establish new NGA and the nursery growers of Khost province has send a requested letter to ANNGO to establish NGA in Khost province.

The above new NGAs will produce certified true to type saplings for orchard growers in their targeted provinces.

ANNGO with the support of HPS project has continued to broadcast the sale & importance of certified saplings to orchard growers in the country. It was broadcasted through Araina Radio station from 14 Apr till 23 Apr 2015 as following time.

- Between 7:30 am to 8:00 am
- Between 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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

The inspection of Mother Trees is one of the key point of certification scheme of ANNGO, so after distribution of certified planting material for NGA members, for better management inspection of certified planting materials and registration of these materials ANNGO staff prepared some issues for field managers and send to them to preparing the documents for inspection which will be done by ANNGO senior inspector. ANNGO inspectors have developed detailed plan for inspection of MSNs which is attached in **ANNEX 1** with the report.

ANNGO staff revised the poor developed procedure for nursery establishment. The procedure needs to be improved based on ANNGO fruit trees certification scheme. The procedure has Four Chapters and twenty articles with poor knowledge about quality saplings production.

3-Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings:

I. Meetings:

ANNGO staff has regular weekly staff meetings each Saturday to plan the activities of each week.

ANNGO and ANHDO/HVP staffs had meeting with Mr. Muhibullah Sidiqi Director Extension and other staff of Kapisa Agriculture Directorate on 11 of April. ANNGO staff explained the responsibilities of ANNGO and to organize the nursery growers, provide them certified planting materials, assist capacity building and advice them to provide true to type, healthy

and vigorous saplings from commercial varieties of fruit species for orchard growers of Afghanistan.

ANNGO staff also explained the criteria of establishing nursery growers association, take membership and certification scheme of ANNGO for Kapisa Agriculture Directorate Staff and they appreciate from ANNGO certification scheme production of saplings and they take decision to organize nursery growers and establish NGA in Kapisa.

ANNGO (Afghanistan National Nursery Growers organization) in coordination with Sorbi DAIL (Department of Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock) and ANHDO (Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization) had initial meeting to establishment a NGA (Nursery Growers Association) in Sorbi.

ANNGO/ANHDO technical team will establish the NGA according the predetermined criteria, standards & procedures in coordination with MoAIL & DAIL with financial support of ANHDO to produce Certified true to type and healthy saplings.

It will be good opportunity to thanks from AFD and EU for providing funds for improving Horticulture activities in Afghanistan.

On 14 April we (ANNGO General Manager and Head Regularity Services) had meeting Mr.Abdul Qudus Bayan EU Agriculture Project Manager regarding following issues:

- a) Managing no cost extension project from previous budget of EU
- b) Improvements some of ANNGO and ANHDO duplicated.
- c) PHDP support to ANNGO financially from ANHDO budget
- d) Budget Contribution of ANNGO, the ANNGO General Manager mentioned the price of NGAs office places can account for the contribution of ANNGO budget, but as Mr.Bayn explained it must take information from EU finance manager.
- e) Increasing inspectors for the coming ANNGO project, because the planting materials for NGA members expand year by year it need more staff for inspection
- f) HVP project and facilitation establishing NGAs in Kapisa and Soorobi by this project and related activates of ANNGO with the NGAs
- g) Next project for ANNGO and contribution of ANNGO in this project.
- h) Review general condition of ANNGO and improvements in weak points.

ANNGO and HPS-SO1 staff had meeting for following issues;

- FMs Appraisal forms
- Capacity building training for weak FMs.
- Mini grant for the eastern NGAs.
- Bina Pilot project.
- Babor garden pilot project.
- Certified sapling productions in 2014.

II. Trainings:

ANNGO training and marketing manager developed training plan for Field Managers for the year 2015 which was shared with HPS SO1 project. The main purpose of the plan is better coordination and cooperation of ANNGO and HPS project for the trainings.

From 4th to 08th April provided theoretical and practical training for 10 Field Managers of North east NGAs. The training was conducted according to the Attached agenda as an **ANNEX 2**

The end of training we distributed the evaluation forms for all field managers and they evaluated the training in this sheets and also they mentioned the topics of training for better managing of training for the future sessions.

ANNGO technical staff conducted two days training to nursery growers of Paktia and Khost provinces with the financial support from TLO. For more details Attached will find Agenda of the training as an **ANNEX 3**.

III. Workshops;

On 13 April ANNGO staff participated in workshop of gap analysis on transition of EU supported Agricultural public services from EU- projects to MAIL.

The workshop has three parts:

- a) Horticulture(ARIA, PHDCs and ANHDO)
- b) PHDC, PBTB and ANNGO
- c) SPCD and Seed

For each component explained the problems based on log frame indicators, proposed solution, technical advices input requirements, provider and assumptions.

Every three group explained their ideas and had discussion regarding the important gaps.

ANNGO staff was in group Seed and Planting Materials Certificate Directorate.

First the group had comments regarding issues which are were in the format and improved the format after then mentioned the requirement for development of nursery industry through to ANNGO.

On the second day (20 April) again the workshop with speech of HE.Haidary.

The representatives of all these three groups include of animal health project presented their presentation which they provided for completing the projects during remained time.

For each EU project HE Haidary and Mr. Nasurullah Bakhtani Director of Seed and Planting Material Certification Authority had their comments, improvements and all the groups had good discussions for better management of gaps these projects.

IV. Field Visit;

ANNGO head of technical services, Senior Inspector and NNGA Field Manager visited Nangarhar NGA's citrus mother stock nursery in which about 100 mother trees replaced so those varieties which were not marketable replaced by marketable varieties.

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- a) Sale of certified saplings early this year
- b) Membership related issues
- c) Label payment to ANNGO
- d) New MSNs visit and common problems in the MSNs
- e) General problems of FMs.

ANNGO staff visited saplings sale points in Kabul city in the sale points have been seen certified labeled saplings which came from neighbor nursery growers associations but those saplings were so less than non certified saplings. Most of the certified saplings are sold in the field to NHLP.

V. Photos:



Field visit of ANNGO, ANHDO/HPS staff to Bagram NGA office



A group photo after FMs training in Dehdadi PHDC



Training of TLO staff and Khost Nursery Growers in Paktia province

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