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ANNGO Saplings to NHLP project for new orchards in Eastern Zone





## Nursery Industry Development Transition Project



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#### List of acronyms used in the report

- ANNGO; *Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization*
- NGAs; *Nursery Growers Associations*
- MSNs; *Mother Stock nurseries*
- DAIL; *Director Agriculture Irrigation & Livestock*
- TLO;
- RI SO1; *Relief International Sub-objective 1*
- TA; *Technical assistance*
- MAIL; *Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock*
- NHLP *National Horticulture and livestock project*
- CA *Certification Authority*
- MTs *Mother Trees*
- BG *Babur Garden*
- PHDCs *Perennial Horticulture Development Centers*
- FMs *Field Managers*
- DHD *Directorate of Horticulture Development*
- EU *European Union*
- MoU *memorandum of understanding*
- PBTL *Plant bio technology*
- HPS *Horticulture private sector support*
- DM *Deputy Minister*

### 1. Description

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

## **2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities**

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### **2.1. Executive summary of the Action**

The 7th Annual General Assembly was conducted by 26 NGAs from 22 provinces of the country representing around 1000 members. MAIL, PHDP TA, ANHDO, RI, Director Cooperatives, Kabul DAIL director and different departments of MAIL participated in the meeting.

The annual general assembly objective is to invite 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. The member of NGAs also explaining their next year plan and electing new board of director member by transparent voting. To achieve the above mentioned objectives, ANNGO arranged the general assembly in Kabul and invite all the chairmen from the 26 NGAs all around Afghanistan. ANNGO by law is revised by the board of directors and presented in general assembly for further approval by 26 ANNGO members. The final copy was signed by all the NGAs present in the general assembly. Compared to old version by law, the new version is more improved divided into chapters and articles. The new by law has 7 chapters and 39 articles. (see annex. 1)

The programme was started from the speech of Haji Abdul Satar Mubariz ANNGO chairman, welcomed the participants and appreciate MAIL authorities for their strong support for improvement of the certification system implementation and thanks EC delegation for the financial support that now ANNGO reached to a step and is very well known with their name and their mission for production of certified fruit trees sapling. H.E Deputy Minister of MAIL Mr. Mir Amanuddi Haidiri had speech and appreciated ANNGO activities and services in the country for orchard growers and *fruit sector*. ***(The report of General Assembly is shared on 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2015)***

ANNGO has finalized the list of allocated mother trees and rootstocks and send to transition project (MAIL ARIA NC) responsible for further approvals. The allocated MTs are for new MSNs or improvement of MSNs or expansion of MSNs.

The allocated MTs will improve the MSNs and quality of saplings productions in all NGAs. ANNGO is working with EU-MAIL transition project to provide clonal rootstocks to requested NGAs.

ANNGO staff is working to develop video programme of ANNGO activities and release them as FMs and NGAs.

The label printing program is in progress and the season in most of the country is expanded for cultivation of orchards because of changes in weather in most of the provinces. Before mid March 2015 the label printing process will be completed.

ANNGO GM and Head of technical services attended the 15th Citrus Promotion group meeting. During the meeting urgent issues related citrus industry was discussed among participants.

Meetings held with TLO, NHLP, Transition project, NGAs of Laghman and Bagram for coordination and cooperation among partners and member NGAs.

Some NGAs had requested ANNGO for sale of certified saplings to orchard growers through NHLP. NHLP has promised ANNGO that each year all the available certified saplings will be purchased by NHLP.

## **Results and Activities**

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

ANNGO being an independent organization has managed 7th General Assembly in the first week of February. ANNGO staff managing and preparing inventions cards for relatives' organs to ANNGO General Assembly. The programme was opened by H.E Deputy Minister Mr. Mir Amanuddin Haidiri

ANNGO staff gave some ideas regarding selection of right persons as ANNGO board members to work better in nursery industry in Afghanistan. Some information regarding identification responsibilities of Field Managers NGA members including of NGA chairman's was also shared. Ideas for finding reasonable way to support ANNGO financially, like paying fees, percentage payment form saplings after selling.

Correction was made of final ANNGO By-law which was revised and approved in ANNGO General Assembly. The legal advisor had the responsibility to revise the by law. After revision, the by law was approved by member NGAs.

ANNGO needs attention of EU to work on continuation of EU project support. ANNGO had drafted a concept where more support can be provided to NGAs and expand its activities to more provinces of the country.

During the general assembly Deputy Minister distributed certificates to NGA members. The certificates were given to best nursery growers of each NGA.

### **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 finalized the list of allocated mother trees and rootstocks. The list was shared with EU-MAIL transition project for further processing. The allocated MTs are for following purposes;

- New MSNs
- Improvement of MSNs
- Expansion of MSNs

The allocated MTs will improve the MSNs and quality of saplings productions in all NGAs. ANNGO staff is working to develop video programme of ANNGO activities and release them as FMs and NGAs.

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

The label-printing programme is in progress and the season in most of the country is expanded because of changes in weather in most of the provinces. Before mid March 2015 the label printing process will be completed.

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

Regular staff meeting was held on each Saturdays where different issues and problems were discussed. At the end of each week every ANNGO staff had to report on a tracker developed by GM.

ANNGO technical team had a meeting with EU MAIL transition project Head of Horticulturists to solve the problems on the distribution of the mother trees from PHDCs based on the National collection Manual of procedures, as well on provision of rootstocks to the NGAs for current and next years.

Meeting with HE deputy minister of MAIL and horticulture director on the coordination of activities with MAIL and other projects on regular basis.

Marketing of certified saplings of ANNGO also discussed to be purchased by the NHLP and the HE deputy minister promised to consider this issue during the discussion with NHLP.

MoU of project should be sign by the MAIL that it was already submitted to them in the past months and after negotiations and make amendment submitted to deputy minister for review and signing.

Coordination meeting with HPS that SO1 project manager presents the progress of work and their support to ANNGO. Survey of the companies completed by them and will soon analyze and share with ANNGO for further action.

Meeting with EU-MAIL transition project advisor on the Manual of procedures of ANNGO in order to compare with seed law and enrich the manual to in the same page with the MAIL Laws.

Meeting with NHLP technical team on the availability of certified saplings of ANNGO in each province. List of the saplings shared with them that will enable them to easily access to our NGAs for best saplings produced by ANNGO in each province.

General Manager and Head of technical services Participated in 15th citrus promotion group (CPG) meeting in presence of DAIR director, NVDA head, HPS team, ANHDO, MC, Samsorban, IDEA NEW, NHLP, ANNGO, SPCD and others in Jalalabad province that some important issues discussed there as below:

- Introduction of the highly recommended varieties of citrus to the nursery growers, so they can go ahead to propagate these varieties.
- Improving the citrus MSNs
- Introduction of the new techniques for raising container grown citrus saplings, and the importance of container grown citrus compare to field grown
- Certified citrus saplings market and availability in 2015
- Updates on NVDA as a government company, their citrus strategy, land lease for citrus orchards
- MC/SAGAL citrus value chain activities and training to NGAs in the eastern zone

Meeting has been held with Laghman NGA's members, in mentioned meeting discussed their problems which they had in the field and guided them how to solve problems themselves.

Meeting with Bagram NGA's chairman and field managers and discussed about rejected nurseries, those nurseries which have been rejected in last inspection program, after long discussion convinced and motivated them to follow up ANNGO standards otherwise ANNGO will not register your nurseries and will not accept your complains.

Meeting with Laghman NGA chairman and Field Manager. After meeting, visited their MSNs, nurseries, office and saplings distribution process for NHLP. The saplings were sold to NHLP based on the contracts and presence of both organization technical teams. The saplings were sold to NHLP after study of the nurseries that finally ANNGO certified saplings recommended by DAIL and the quality of the saplings were accepted by the team of NHLP/ANNGO/DAIL/MAIL.

Head of regulatory services participate in the annual election of Shakardara NGA. In this meeting all the NGA members along with the DAIL team, villagers and some other organization were participated. The following points discussed before election:

- Shakardara NGA activates & implementation ANNGO certification scheme in the field by FM
- Open discussions by all participants
- Selection process of the Board of Directorates

At the end the voting process take place and these members elected for these positions:

1. Hameedullah NGA Chairman
2. Sayed Nabi NGA Deputy Chairman
3. Mohammad Qasim NGA cashier

Training conducted for the field managers of Maidan and Dr. Wakil NGAs by ANNGO technical staff. They obtained the training on the following topics:

- Explained Appendix1,3,4,5 forms.
- Explained bud request forms.
- Explained label request forms.
- Discussed which form which time and how should be filed

**Pictures;**



ANNGO General Assembly held in Badam Bagh, Kabul early Feb, 2015



Submission of the ANNGO award to HE. deputy minister by ANNGO chairman



Voting process during general assembly



Visit of Laghman MSN during the trip to eastern zone

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Signature:

Location: [Badam Bagh, Kabul, Afghanistan](#)

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