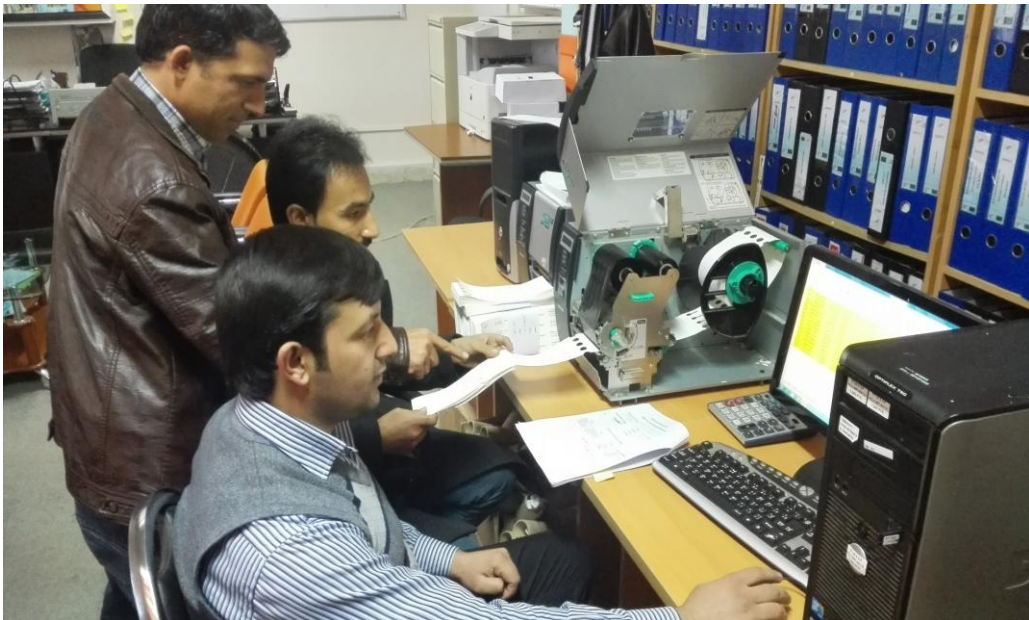




## Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

### Monthly Report



ANNGO Certified sapling label printing procedure

January 2015





# Nursery Industry Development Transition Project



## Table of contents

List of acronyms used in the report

- 1- Description
- 2- Assessment of implementation of action activities
  - 2.1-Executive summary of the Action
  - 2.2-Results and Activities
- 3-Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings

## 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; *missing*
- 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: **January 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 last 2 and 1/2 years of EU project ANNGO has made improvements in most of their activities. More MSNs are requested and new NGAs establishments are in progress. The sale of budwood and certified saplings have become double in the country.

The MoU between ANNGO and MAIL is developed in English and translated into Dari, which is currently under process for approval in DHD/MAIL. According to the new MoU, ANNGO will be able to work with 6 PHDCs based on the NGAs need and conduct trainings and Field days in coordination with other projects. This will help the nursery growers select their required MTs from PHDCs and improve their MSNs based on the needs of orchard growers.

The certification manual was revised for correction in English, Dari and Pashto languages. The soft and copies are send to transition project adviser and MAIL staff involved in the seed and planting certification. After review of the manual by ANNGO will present again the whole certification processes to MAIL and their projects related to ANNGO projects.

The annexes are also translated into local languages and attached with the certification manual. The annexes are also uploaded in the website of ANNGO.

Proof reading of Pashto and Dari languages of ANNGO catalogue is completed and catalogue is ready for printing.

The allocation of MTs are in progress and will be completed in the mid of Feb. All the NGAs are willing to have MTs of most of the species in the country. The list of allocated MTs will be provided in the coming month report. Attached will find list of species and varieties available for distribution to NGAs as MTs shown in table 1.

The label-printing programme is completed. The details of the total labels printed are given the table 2. The spring planting season will start in the first week of Feb. ANNGO will monitor the labelling and sale of certified saplings in the country.

Meetings held with TLO, PBTL, NHLP, MAIL, HPS/SO1 and transition project for better coordination and cooperation in different fields of activities. TLO project will request ANNGO for MSN in Khost province and requested ANNGO to conduct training to nursery growers in Khost province.

PBTL conducted test for viral diseases in grapes national collections where some import clones are found infected with viruses. ANNGO as stopped allocation of grapes MTs

Meetings held with MAIL officials for supporting ANNGO in their activities and better coordination between MAIL and ANNGO.

### **Results and Activities**

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

ANNGO is a non-profit organization. Its main objective is development of nursery industry in the country. ANNGO represents 26 NGAs from 22 provinces of Afghanistan. Over 800 members are individual members registered with ANNGO.

According to new by-law, which is ready for approval to ANNGO General Assembly, is open for membership to individuals and companies.

ANNGO staff also worked for translation of MoU between MAIL and ANNGO to Dari language. For implementation of certification scheme for production of certified saplings, the MoU is important to run the certification scheme. ANNGO some activities belongs to MAIL / Certification Authority, so for having better MoU between MAIL and ANNGO we added some necessary issues which are belongs to MAIL Authority and revised the previous MoU.

ANNGO has developed MoU to work with a historic Babur Garden. The MoU is under process with Kabul Municipality Mayor. The garden is a legal body registered with ministry of economy as an NGO. An experimental nursery will be established where student from Faculty of Agriculture of Kabul university will also be involved. The nursery will generate income to Babur Garden.

## **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 made corrections of translation of the fruit catalogue fourth addition into Pashto and Dari languages. For printing of the catalogue ANNGO is in touch with HPS project to collect quotations from printing companies.

ANNGO has worked on the allocation of MTs to NGAs in more than 24 provinces. These MTs will be distributed to NGAs at the mid of Feb to all NGAs. The details of the distributed MTs are given in the table 1.

Label printing is in progress for spring planting season. It will be completed before February. The updates of the label print are given in the table number 2.

ANNGO arranged regular coordination meeting with NHLP the biggest World Bank funded project of MAIL for provision of certified saplings for the next years. NHLP is requested ANNGO to prepare a MoU for the future join activities and improvement of the purchasing and distribution of ANNGO certified saplings. NHLP had plan to import the rootstocks from other countries but it was informed them ANNGO has enough rootstocks and will provide as per their request. NHLP also request ANNGO to provide the certified saplings budded on the dwarf rootstocks. ANNGO will consider their request and will focus more on production of certified saplings on rootstocks.

NHLP also requested ANNGO to consider the focus crop on each zones in order to have the early to medium mature saplings in each province. In this meeting the new marketing officer of HPS introduced to NHLP in order to have communication with him regarding the certified and non-certified saplings. In this meeting the demand of

NHLP requested to be shared with ANNGO to make plan for future production and list of certified sapling of all provinces for 2015 shared with them to make plan for purchasing the saplings based on availabilities of our saplings in each NGA. As ANNGO certified saplings has good market so it have been decided to make the

price of the certified saplings (Afs. 5 - 10) higher than non-certified. In the previous meetings it was decided to include ANNGO field managers in the process of selection and purchasing of the nurseries from each NGAs.

During the discussion NHLP also ask ANNGO for provision of marketable grape cuttings for northern provinces. ANNGO will provide them the available grape cuttings based on their demands.

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

The certification manual was shared with the CA director for review and comments while he had some comments on it. His comment shared with TA PHDP and inserted their comments. The final version of the manual submit with seed certification authority, advisor of CA, and other related component of MAIL

The important point of ANNGO certification Scheme is filling ANNGO certification forms for MSNs and CPNs by Field Managers of NGAs. ANNGO staff worked on translation of new appendixes of annual fruit trees certification scheme from English to Dari:

1. Appendix 1( Registration of Nursery )
2. Appendix 2 / A ( Certificate MSN Registration )
3. Appendix 2 / B ( Certificate of nursery Registration)
4. Appendix 3 / A (Application to Enter Plants into the Certification Scheme, MSN format )
5. Appendix 3 / B (Application to Enter Plants into the Certification Scheme Plant material, Nursery format)
6. Appendix 4 (Mother Tree Inspection Form Year.....)
7. Appendix 5 (Sapling Inspection Form Year .....
8. Appendix 6 / A (Mother Stock Nursery Plant Certificate)
9. Appendix 6 / B (Nursery Plant Certificate)

This shows that the certification system is gradually improving and the production of NGAs are according to ANNGO standards and rules.

**Table No.1 List of saplings ready for distribution to NGAs as Mother trees**

S. No.	Species	Total No. of varieties	Total No. of Saplings
1	Almond	13	1067
2	Apricot	2	37
3	Apples	6	335
4	Cherry	4	300
5	Peach	28	1184
6	Plum	8	176
7	Grapes	30	3481
8	Pomegranate	1	24
9	Figs	9	384
10	Citrus	15	1091
	<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>8079</b>

**Table No.2 Label printing updates of all NGAs January 2015**

No.	Province	NGA Name	No. of Species	Labels Printed
1	Hirat	Hirat NGA	10	164,394
2	Kunar	Kunar ha NGA	8	42,367
3	Nangarhar	Nangarhar NGA	8	46,096
4	Laghman	Laghman NGA	8	33,229
5	Kandahar	Kandahar NGA	5	62,666
6	Zabul	Zabul NGA	0	0
7	Helmand	Helmand NGA	5	22,250
8	Baghlan	Imam Qutiba NGA	9	78,791
9	Badakhshan	Badakhshan NGA	4	19,532
10	Balkh	Umulbilad NGA	4	16,900
11	Takhar	Takhar NGA	8	106,500
12	Samangan	Aybak NGA	3	13,529
13	Kunduz	Kunduz NGA	7	150,961
14	Baghlan	Chon Ghar NGA	6	31,903
15	Baghlan	Andarab NGA	0	0
16	Balkh	Khulm NGA	1	8,940
17	Paktia	Paktia NGA	5	25,777
18	Parwan	Sayed Khail NGA	0	99,844
19	Parwan	Bagram NGA	4	15,300
20	Kabul	Shakardara NGA	6	30,731
21	Kabul	Paghman NGA	6	21,926
22	Maidan Wardak	Maidan NGA	5	18,039
23	Maidan Wardak	Dr. Wakil NGA	5	24,100
24	Ghazni	Hakim Sanai NGA	3	13,632
25	Logar	Logar NGA	4	82,148
26	Bamyan	Bamyan NGA	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,129,555</b>		

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

#### **Meetings:**

- ANNGO staff had meeting regarding (managing ANNGO general Assembly, finalizing ANNGO revised By-law, coordination meetings with, Bagh-e-Babur, TLO, NHLP, Concern, final revision of ANNGO By-law, also drafting MoU between ANNGO and these mentioned organs).
- Meeting with Mahbubullah Nang regarding Manual Afghanistan National Fruit Trees Certification Scheme and relationship with MAIL / Certification Authority.
- Meeting with NHLP staff regarding providing certified saplings, commercial varieties saplings, target provinces NHLP working in horticulture, low chill varieties of peaches, also visited the WB representatives after discussion about ANNGO activities he advised to NHLP for have good coordination work and support ANNGO through NHLP horticulture programs.

- Meeting with TLO staff regarding coordination work in Loy Paktia Province (Paktia, Khost and Paktika Provinces) managing nursery growers under NGAs, providing MSNs for them providing training program for them for capacity building of nursery growers in these Provinces, work on specific fruit species which are suitable in these areas. TLO have horticulture program for Mirzka, Jaji, Ariyub, Dondo Patan, Tani, Gubuz and Jaji Maidan Districts.
- Meeting with Bakhtani, Mirshafiuddin and Mahbubullah Nang regarding finalizing the Afghanistan National Fruit Certification Scheme Manual, which prepared by ANNGO staffs.
- Meeting held with PBTL, Transition project and PHDP2 staff for distribution of saplings and common problems and inspection of MTs in PHDCs.
- ANNGO staff had meeting with Nasima from MAIL/ Research Department and 2 students from Kabul University Agriculture Faculty regarding ANNGO activities, certification process, production of certified saplings etc of ANNGO.
- ANNGO head of regulatory services participate in Kabul Agriculture Sectorial meeting which the main points were as follows:
  - ✓ Appreciation from National and International NGOs activities on Agriculture Sectors in 14 Districts of Kabul Provinces
  - ✓ lack of coordination between government organizations and NGOs
  - ✓ No reporting from implementing partners to MAIL/DAIL
  - ✓ Brief Reporting by representative NGOs

Mr. Hashmat Enayat Kabul DAIL director briefly explained about effectiveness and efficiency of the agriculture projects which implementing by national and International NGOs for improvements, increasing of yield and quality of agriculture production, betterment of livelihood of Kabul farmers and increasing economy of Kabul farmers.

Mr.Lal Muhammad Walizada Director of Kabul Economy appreciate the activities of National and International NGOs. He also mentioned that some NGOs such as Care, ICARDA not following the NGOs law for coordination and cooperation with the MAIL/DAIL specially in their activities as well reporting to be shared to the directorate of economy of MAIL.

After then representative of each NGOs briefly reported their activities and implementation of projects.

ANNGO staff briefly explained the ANNGO history and activities as follow:

- ✓ ANNGO as private sector registered with Ministry Economy in 2008
- ✓ ANNGO as private sector is running the development of nursery industry in Afghanistan
- ✓ Most of nursery growers are organized under umbrella of ANNGO
- ✓ ANNGO running the certification fruit trees of Afghanistan
- ✓ NGAs of ANNGO have marketable certified planting materials for propagation certified saplings
- ✓ ANNGO has good reputations in the country

- ✓ Suggested from Government and NGOs to support ANNGO in this stage through it needs

After this brief reporting all Government and Non Governments representatives appreciated the ANNGO achievements and future plan for development of Afghanistan horticulture industry. Most of the NGOs working in horticulture sectors promised to have good coordination with ANNGO in the future.

- On 24 January had meeting with HE acting minister of MAIL Mr. Salim Khan Kunduzi on introduction of ANNGO and its achievements during the past year for development of horticulture industry in the country and provision of certified sapling for projects of MAIL. He was very impressed from achievements of ANNGO and strongly promised to support ANNGO as legal entity for production of healthy, true to type and vigorous fruit sapling in the country.
- On 28 Jan we had meeting with UNODC staff meeting Sadruddin, Muhammad Fida and other key staff. The UNODC had program in floriculture. Through to this preprogram they wanted to create jobs for women (flowers production, packing, marketing etc). In the meeting we explained briefly activities, certification scheme process, Standards of Certified Sapling Production, MSNs of ANNGO. They interested to joint their programs with ANNGO.

Name of the contact person for the Action: *Zainulabudin Noor*

Signature: 

Location: *MAIL Coopertive Building, Badam Bagh Kabul Afghanistan*

Date report due: *January 2015*

Date report sent: *February 2015*