



Nursery Industry Development Transition Project



MONTHLY REPORT

Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)

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1. Description:

- 1.1 **Implementing agency:** Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization (ANNGO)
- 1.2 **Contract:** DCI-ASIE/2012/295-861
- 1.3 **Europe Aid ID:** AF-2012-AWA-1004650537
- 1.4 **Reporting Month:** June 2014
- 1.5 **Name and title of the Contact person:** Zainulabudin Noor, General Manager
- 1.6 **Final beneficiaries &/or target groups:** Growers / Orchard and vineyard growers (about 600,000 person and family units)
- 1.7 **PROJECT OBJECTIVES:** ANNGO as a private sector nursery industry is profitably providing sufficient healthy true to type planting materials for increased orchard and vineyard

List of acronyms used in the report

- ANNGO; Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization
- NGAs; Nursery Growers Associations
- RI SO1; Relief International Sub-objective 1
- TA; Technical assistance
- MAIL; Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock
- TLO; A Swiss peace Pilot Project-Tribal Liaison office (Afghanistan)
- MSNs; Mother Stock nurseries
- DAIL; Director of Agriculture Irrigation & Livestock
- CPNs; Certified Production Nurseries
- ANHDO; Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization
- MoU; Memorandum of understanding
- PBTL; Plant Bio Technology Laboratory

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

1.1. Executive summary of the Action

During the reporting period ANNGO strongly managed and build the relationship between MAIL Horticulture directorate and other stakeholders. Meetings conduct in order to obtain main support of the MAIL for successfully implementation of the projects and its impact on the horticulture sectors. Head of Horticulture and Extension directorate Miss Adela Bakhtiary promised for permanent support of the organization as well to inform all the organizations to use only certified saplings of ANNGO for establishment of new orchards in the future and she insist on regular horticulture coordination meeting among all the stakeholders of Horticulture.

Official letter is send to provincial NHLP regional offices and ANNGO main office for regular meetings to coordinate the horticulture development activities in the country. Another letter send by MAIL requested ANNGO for support to the ornamentals flower growers association. Positive steps were taken for both the requested made by the MAIL.

ANNGO by-law was revised and improved based on the Afghanistan national NGOs law. The by-law was improved by PHDP2 TA and Legal Advisor. ANNGO TA staff was also directly involved for the changes and improvements made in the by-law.

Inspections of MSNs are in progress and will be completed before budding programme starts in the country. All the MSNs in the north and north east Afghanistan are inspected. The MSNs of central Afghanistan are in progress. Based on the inspection reports, most of the inspected MSNs are eligible to sale budwood for the summer budding season 2014. ANNGO board members are also involved to monitor NGAs activates and they had meetings with NGA members during the inspection programme arranged by ANNGO staff. The NGA members were encouraged buy budwood from MSNs and follow ANNGO standards to produce certified saplings.

Regular meetings held with PHDP2 TA, ANHDO and RI SO1 projects. The purposes of the meetings were to better coordinate the joint venture activities and improved the support to nursery business in the country. Field information, reports and data were shared by the mentioned partners. ANHDO will provide the fruit species data for catalogue 2014-15. RI SO1 project experts shared certification documents filled by Field Managers and field visits made by Nursery Expert.

During the trip to Kunar province a meeting was held with Kunar DAIL Director to improve the existing NGA activates in the province. During 2 days trip all possible technical support was provided to the NGA.

Similarly relations were developed with new Swiss project of TLO (Swiss NGO). With the supports from the TLO project, ANNGO will be able to increase its activities in the Paktia province and will bring under coverage Khost province. Nurseries and orchards will be established in the targeted areas. Before starting all these activities ANNGO will sign a MoU with TLO project.

ANNGO database, website and Facebook is under construction and more improvements are made during the reporting.

ANNGO staff attended Horticulture workshop, field day in Badam Bagh and met ROM, Mr. Massimo Canasosa. The ANNGO staff Presented presentations during the mentioned programmes.

3. Results and Activities

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

ANNGO by-law revised by technical team and TA of PHDP in order to enrich it more based on the national laws of NGOs of Afghanistan to cover all the missed point that were not mentioned in the previous one. This by-law will be verified and translated by legal advisor of ANNGO and will be discussed among the board members in the General assembly to take their ideas before approval.

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 head of technical services and deputy of board of directorate visited Kunar province in order to attend the election of NGA and solve the minor issues created in the Kunar NGA.

TA team to pay attention to conduct survey of Kunar NGA members and they conducted elections as per request of DAIL director and NGA members.

The second day ANNGO group along with NGA Field Manager and DAIL staff started sorting the nurseries. The ANNGO TA staff trained the DAIL and NGA field manager for the selection and registration of nurseries.

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

- Inspections of MSNs performed in 11 provinces have access to 22 MSNs, 9 stoolbeds and 64 Myrobalan trees. Regular inspections performed.
- Total 6 stone fruit MSNs, 4 Apple rootstocks stool bed and 61 Myrobalan mother trees in general had good conditions (had good growth, free of pest and disease, had signage, proper irrigation system, well pruned and all standards of ANNGO were implemented in these MSNs)



Field inspection by ANNGO inspector in Samangan province

After inspection, all related documents of these NGAs properly managed in ANNGO main office and inserted the data in the database.

4. Workshops, trainings and coordination meetings:

Started preliminary preparation on arranging study Tour to India for staff of ANNGO/ANHDO and board members in order visit nurseries, orchards and other horticultural activities

According to the official letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) in order to support the ornamentals flower growers association, we visited Gul Rizan ornamental Nursery of Mr. Mashoq and Mr. Bina with MAIL Horticulture Director Miss Adila Bakhtiary, MAIL advisor, Mr. Pakbeen, ANNGO General Manager, ANNGO head of technical services, and RI SO1 project Manager. During the meeting following issues were proposed from Miss Adila and Mr. Mashooq;

1. Association of ornamental plant producers should be established and registered with ANNGO in Kabul province.
2. An expert should be invited to Afghanistan to visit all ornamental nurseries and provide TA to them.
3. ANNGO should support NGAs for marketing of ornamental plants
4. A study tour should be arranged to nursery growers to Europe or other countries

The association has ability of exporting the best flowers to different countries and has a link with Iran. This association includes more than 1300 members all around the country and willing to have an independent association under the guidance and supervision of ANNGO. They have lots of costumers mainly all the ministries and private sectors to provide them fresh flowers during official events.



MAIL Director and ANNGO director during meeting with nursery owners

Regular meeting with the ANHDO, PHDP TA conducted during this month the results are tangible and both parties are in supporting ANNGO in case of any difficulties. Result of our best coordination convinced ANNGO management to prepare necessary manuals for organization. Admin and Finance Manual, Procurement Manual and Human Resource manual prepared in order to improve the management system of the organization and to have transparent documents and filling based on the manuals. It will be officially used in August after getting the comments of the PHDP TA and board of directorate members and chairman.

A meeting was arranged by RI for partnership of ANNGO with TLO project. TLO is a Swiss NGA working Paktia and Khost provinces. The project is willing to serve farmers through livelihood projects in the 2 mentioned provinces.

With the support from ANNGO the project will establish Demonstration orchards, nurseries and MSNs in the areas.

They propose to have an exposure visit to their area of work and will provide traveling facilities as well the accommodation for ANNGO team to visit their fields to give them necessary information as well to link them with the ANNGO MSN and nursery growers associations (NGA). ANNGO will sooner sign on MoU with TLO for activities in the targeted province.

Meeting with RI SO1 manager and nursery expert on 10th of June. During the meeting discussed the inspection documents. The meeting also focused to insert the inspection documents to ANNGO database and website. The RI nursery expert visited some MSNs and discussed the problems in the MSNs. The members of the NGAs had suggested RI nursery expert to improve the varieties in the MSNs.

During the meeting the problems of NGAs and field managers are discussed and it was decided to improve the knowledge of the field managers and where still don't have the field managers, should be immediately hired.

Some NGAs which have less amount of the certified saplings, should be merge with others or completely should be close.

Similarly a meeting was held with ANHDO Project Manager and database manager for provision of data for ANNGO catalogue 2014-2015. ANNGO provided a detailed list of all available species to ANHDO database manager.

ANNGO team conduct a meeting with Landal Mill advisor Mr. Idrees for transition to take over the functions of support to MAIL or some national NGOs but it was decided in case if the national collections are hand over to private sector or NGOs, it will destroy all the system of the ANNGO, it should be handed over to ANNGO instead to others.

Horticulture workshop was held from 21st to 24th of June. In the workshop Muzaffer Athar presented the activities of ANNGO (From the National Collections to the Certification System of planting materials, ANNGO/NGAs achievements etc that at the end Haji Abdul Satar Chairman of ANNGO board explained and procedure of certification and request all the DAIL directors to support ANNGO to provide certified saplings as per standard of organization to all the stakeholders and partners.

5. Other activities (Beneficiaries/affiliated entities, Synergies and other Cooperation)

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