Handover Note of the 6 Perennial Horticulture Development Centers (PHDCs)

- The 6 Perennial Horticuture Development Centers (PHDCs), established in Mail farms with EU funding, are the focal points for perennial horticulture development in the main agro-ecological zone of Afghanistan and are named and located as follows:

PHDC	REGION	LOCATION
Kabul	Kabul	MoAIL farm Badam bagh
Mazar	Balkh	DAIL Dedadi farm
Kunduz	Kunduz	DAIL Direct. Agriculture farm
Herat	Herat	DAIL Urdu Khan farm
Kandahar	Kandahar	DAIL Koharon farm
Jalalabad	Nangarhar	DAIL farm-e- Jahid

- The 6 PHDCs include the main facilities for provision of public services to the horticulture private sector. These services, which are currently under transition to MoAIL direct management, include:
  - ✓ Management and development of the National Collection of Afghan fruit and nuts.
  - ✓ Monitoring of viruses in the National Collection through the Plant Biotechnology Laboratory (PBTL)
  - ✓ Source of mother trees for the private nursery Mother Stocks (ANNGO)
  - ✓ Adaptive research including pollination trials, Almond and Apricot breeding.
  - ✓ Pomology laboratories for testing fruit characters and post harvest trials.
  - ✓ Demonstration Orchards
  - ✓ Training halls and training activities.

- On 28 Aug 2012 ANHDO was awarded a Grant Contract (DCI-ASIE/2012/295-864) by the European Commission Kabul, Afghanistan, which included support to MAIL for the management of the PHDCs, the National Collection and Adaptive Research.
- At the end of 2012, the PHDPII exhausted the financial resources for maintaining the six PHDCs in Kabul.

- At the end of 2012 (MAIL) the EU transition process had not started and MoAIL was not ready to take over the 6 PHDCs.

- An MOU was agreed between MoAIL-ANHDO and PHDPII in November 2012 and finalized in February 2013, which endorsed the ANHDO taking over of the 6 PHDCs (AnnexIII). A revision and extension of the said MOU was agreed and signed between MoAIL and ANHDO in December 2014 and will be valid up to September 2018 (Annex IV).

- In November 2012 ANHDO took over the responsibilities of running all the 6 PHDCs including personnel, equipment, laboratories, Demo-Orchards, model nurseries, training centres and the management of the National Collection, until such time as the MAIL was ready to take over such activities.

- The horticultural development activities of PHDPII at the six PHD Centres continued without a break, and all the information and data collected at PHDPII is now available in ANHDO and being shared with MAIL.

- The procedures for the management of the National Collection in force since 2009 and adopted by PHDP, ANHDO and MoAIL staff involved, were codified in a stakeholders workshop in November 4, 2013, published in three languages (Dari, Pushto and English) and submitted to MoAIL and all stakeholders with a PHDPII letter dated 18 Febrary 2014. These procedures are an essential component of the asset that has been handed over to MoAIL.

- The Plant Biotechnology Laboratory of Badam Bagh, funded by the EU and supported by PHDP I & II, was managed financially and administratively by the Agha Khan Foundation until October 2013, than taken over temporary under the PHDPII financial and administrative management, and on March 2014, was taken over by MoAIL under the Seed and Planting Material Directorate, with financial support of the EU Transition Project and continuing technical support PHDPII.

- As per agreed plan in June 2014 ANHDO handed over the 6 PHDCs to the EU/MoAIL transition project , including personnel, equipment, laboratories, Demo-Orchards, model nurseries, training centres, the management of the National Collection and the Adaptive Research (breeding lines of Almond and Apricot).

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Annexe I. List of Six PHDCs NCs & IDOs
Annexe II. Inventory list of equipment and tools
Annex III. MOU MoAIL-ANHDO 2013
Annex IV. MOU MoAIL-ANHDO 2014