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A. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACBAR	Agency Coordination Body for Afghan Relief and Development
ACCI	Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries
AFD	Agence Francaise de Developpment
ANHDO	Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization
ANNGO	Afghanistan National Nursery Growers Organization
ARIA	Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan
BoD	Board of Directors
CPG	Citrus Promotion Group
CPN	Certified Nursery Production
CTV	Citrus Tristeza Virus
DAIL	Director of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
EU	European Union
FCOMAIL	French Cooperation Office for MAIL
FM	Field Manager (SO-1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
GM	General Manager
HPS	Horticulture Private Sector Development Project
HVP	Horticulture Value Chain Project
MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSN	Mother Stock Nursery
NGA	Nursery Growers Association
NHLP	National Horticulture & Livestock Project
NOL	Non Objection Letter
NVDA	Nangarhar Valley Development Association
OD	Organizational Development
PBTL	Plant Bio-Technology Laboratory
PC	Project Coordinator
PHDP	Perennial Horticulture Development Project
PHDC	Perennial Horticulture Development Centre
PPPs	Public Private Partnerships
PSDD	Private Sector Development Directorate
SC	Steering Committee
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely
SMT	Senior Management Team
SO	Sub Objective
TA	Technical Assistance
TL	Team Leader
ToR	Terms of Reference
VCM	Value Chain Manager

B. LIST OF ANNEXES

Annex – A	In-Depth study of storage facilities
Annex – B	Citrus Value Chain Expert’s Report
Annex – C	Gender Expert’s Reports

4. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As anticipated that considerable achievements will be made during the 2nd quarter of 2016, so a 12.26% achievement has been made during this quarter. Sub – Objective 3 & 4 had significant progress of 18% followed by Sub-Objective 1 & 2 with 12% and 13% progress.

HVP logical framework and budget realignment was successfully endorsed by AFD and Steering Committee was informed about this endorsement. At this point Steering Committee and donors clarified to ANHDO that “ANHDO BoDs cannot change projects’ budget without a prior formal consent by the SC and donor’s NOL.

The Project Coordinator of HVP informed Steering Committee that ANHDO wants to conduct the Mid-Term evaluation of the project in the coming months, and according to the grand contract terms with AFD; an endorsement is required by the Steering Committee. After clarifications, the SC endorsed the request and instructed ANHDO to discuss and agree the actual timing and ToR with AFD.

Regular monthly meetings held in both NGAs, during these meetings NGA members agreed to pay the 25% cost share of inputs that ANHDO-HVP provides to them. A formal request was also made by both Kapisa and Sorobi NGAs suggesting to support them with nursery tools. Their request was shared with ANNGO for their opinion.

During this year’s spring season Kapisa NGA members sold 14082 certified samplings of Apple, Peach, Apricot and Almond from its five Certified Production Nurseries. HVP Field Manager coordinated with National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLG) to sell Kapisa NGA certified saplings through NHLP.

An international consultant was mobilized in the capacity of Post-Harvest Specialist by ANHDO-HVP from 16th March to 14th April to support Sub-Objective 2 teams and pomology lab staff and to provide them with the technical expertise and inputs required. The consultant also supported pomegranate value chain team in analyzing and report writing of pomegranate value chain.

In order to expand the project coverage area, several surveys conducted in close coordination with Kabul, Panjsher and Ghazni DAILs to identify and select suitable apricot production area and new beneficiaries, but due to spring frost this year most of the apricot production were damage, therefore, SO3 team decided to focus only on apricot traders this year and will plan to expand the project next year. Four fresh fruit traders were supported with improved packaging materials, pre-cooling sets, reefer containers and transportation costs to export fresh apricot to regional and international markets.

Base on the in-depth study of storage facilities, reefer container and underground cellar (storage) were identified suitable for apricot and pomegranate; therefore, an engineer will be recruited as intern to carry out the construction works of two underground cellars in Sorobi District.

A research agreement has been signed between ANHDO and University of Bologna in Italy to carry out CTV research on specific parts that Florence University cannot carry that out in their laboratory. Base on the request of research partner universities, ANHDO SO4 team started to re-graft (top-grafting) the old sour orange trees with lemon and sweet orange and few of them with the CTV infected. After that ANHDO technical team will monitor and will update research partners in Italy.

Two consultants were recruited to finalize ANHDO membership policy and conduct gender assessment. So ANHDO membership policy is translated in to national language and shared with board members for their comments and gender expert conducted a desk study on role of women in horticulture in Afghanistan. An Anti-Harassment policy was also developed for ANHDO and two days training was also organized for ANHDO staff.

5. PROJECT PROGRESS / ACHIEVEMENTS

HVP achieved a considerable progress of 12.26% during this reporting period as it was anticipated in the previous reports. The proper planning based on the revised logical framework help HVP technical team to have such achievements.

1.1 STEERING COMMITTEE

Following to the prayers, Mr. Edris Raouf (Chairman) welcomed the participants and presented the agenda points to which all participants agreed and the discussion on the agenda started as follow:

As it was decided in the last steering committee to invite project beneficiaries, provincial DAILs and other stakeholders, therefore, DAIL representatives from Paghman and Sorobi, HVP and HPS beneficiaries, EU/MAIL transition project Team Leader and Curator of the National Collection were formally invited to the 5th Steering Committee.

As per donor's request in the previous Steering Committee; ANHDO developed jointly a ToR for the organizational and financial audit. However, the received bids were referring (mainly focusing) on the financial audit while practically neglecting the organizational one. ANHDO is currently working in cooperation with AFD to split the audit into two parts aiming to address the lack of suitable constancy firms offering both organizational and financial audit expertize. In the absence of suitable consulting firm to conduct the Organizational Audit; AFD instructed ANHDO to conduct an in-depth financial audit, while the SC Chairman recommended utilizing an Int'l Consultant to conduct the Organizational Audit instead of a consultancy firm. ANHDO is expected to conduct the audits within the next 3 months but in any case no later than the next SC meeting.

The Steering Committee was also informed that the Log frame Revision and Budget Realignment for both HVP and HPS projects were successfully endorsed by the Donors. At his point the SC (and the Donors) clarified to ANHDO that "ANHDO BoDs cannot change projects' budgets without a prior formal consent by the SC and Donors NOL" as this is also clearly stipulated in the Grant Contract terms and conditions.

The HVP Project Coordinator informed the SC that ANHDO wants to conduct the HVP Mid-Term evaluation in the coming months, but according to the grand contract terms with AFD; an endorsement is required by the SC. After clarifications, the SC endorsed the request and instructed ANHDO to discuss and agree the actual timing and ToR with AFD.

1.2 STAFF RECRUITMENT

After resigning of Value Chain Manager (SO3) in March 2016, a new VCM was recruited and start working for ANHDO-HVP from 16th April 2016. Meanwhile, a value chain officer was also appointed based on ANHDO recruitment procedures.

During the reporting period we continued with mobilization of fresh graduates under Sub-Objective 2, and 4 as interns to support PHDCs and our technical teams during surveys, research activities and orchard establishment in one hand, and to give them practical and hands on experience to enhance their capabilities on the other.

An international consultant was recruited from 21st April to early June 2016 in the capacity of gender expert to conduct a literature study on role of gender on horticulture value chains and integration of women in ANHDO programs. Developing an anti-harassment policy was also one of the deliverables during this mission.

Marina Charpentier started her 5th mission on 29th June 2016 to support ANHDO in organizational and governance part under sub-objective 5 of the project.

1.3 COORDINATION

Several coordination meetings have been carried out with AFD representatives to discuss the Organizational and Financial Audit of ANHDO as well as to update AFD about the project progress and to address the implementation issues of Horticulture Value Chain Development Project (HVP).

During the mission of International Gender Expert numerous coordination meetings took place within ANHDO with project managers, female staff and senior management team and with project stakeholders who are involved in horticulture sector particularly supporting women engagement in the horticulture chain.

Regular coordination meetings held with Nangarhar DAIL and NVDA to discuss establishment and supervision of citrus orchards in DAIL and NVDA related farms, therefore, SO4 team regularly carried out supervisory field visits to these farms and instructed skilled labors in these farms.

6. QUARTERLY NARRATIVE PROGRESS MATRIX

As anticipated that the achievement progress will be considerable during the 6th quarter of the project, so a 12.26% achievement has been made during the 2nd quarter of 2016.

Table below summarizes the achieved progress of project overall and specific objectives during the 6th quarter

Progress indicators	Progress achieved in 6th quarter	Progress achieved by 30 June 16
Overall Objective: Contribute to the uplifting of horticulture (yields, quality standards, market value) and enhancement of capabilities of the private sector, through specific pilot actions in target areas.	12.26%	42.43%
Specific Objective One: The Afghan private sector nursery industry and its associated organizations and institutions meet the demand, nation-wide, of Afghan farmers for certified perennial planting material for increased planting of modern orchards.	6.94%	43.22%
Specific Objective Two: Adaptive research and technical development programmes are successfully providing the technical solutions to increase orchard productivity and value to the consumer at household, and national level	13.01%	58.66%
Specific Objective three: Pilot demonstration of enhanced harvest & post-harvest management systems and market driven value chain development for pomegranate and apricot crops within target areas and target groups	18.42%	38.65%
Specific Objective Four: A soundly based and profitable citrus industry in eastern Afghanistan is developed	4.68%	22.06%
Specific Objective Five: Increased awareness and management capability of ANHDO and its partners lead to enhanced ownership, self-confidence, governance and sustainability.	18.26%	49.54%

7. REPORT ON EACH SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

SO1: Afghan Private Sector Nursery Industry Development

A coordination meeting was organized between Kapisa DAIL director and NGA members regarding ANHDO-HVP activities in Kapisa. During this meeting Kapisa NGA members and Field Manager (FM) updated DAIL director about progress and achievements of ANHDO in Kapisa which was much appreciated by the director.

Regular monthly meetings held in both NGAs and the following main points were discussed and approved:

- NGA members are agree to pay the cost share of 25% of inputs that ANHDO provides to them
- Inputs that ANNGO supported to these NGAs was discussed and agree to use it collectively, but the tools were divided into groups in order to make sure that all members have access
- A formal request has been sent to ANHDO from both NGAs to support them with nursery tools



During the field visits that both NGA field managers carried out during this period from certified production nurseries (CPNs) and mother stock nurseries (MSNs) it was realized that the overall condition of the nurseries are acceptable, but there were also some cases of disease, therefore, field managers advised nursery owners to use pesticides and insecticides accordingly.



During the last reporting period it was reported that Kapisa NGA field manager coordinated and facilitated with NHLP to sell the certified saplings available in certified nurseries of Kapisa NGA, therefore, a survey has been conducted to collect related data from all certified production nurseries regarding their income from selling of certified nurseries during this year's spring season.

NO	Name	F/name	species	variety	clone	Sales	price of per sapling	Total Price	Non sale
1	Miragh	abdulzaher	apple	valsper	106	700	70	49000	
			apple	Blushing golden	102	1000	70	70000	
			apple	Gala	7209	3000	70	210000	
			apple	Fuji	7237	500	70	35000	
			peach	Maycrest	259	350	65	22750	
			Apricot	Amiri	1012	900	65	58500	
			Apricot	Amiri	278	2000	65	130000	
2	Moh faiq	ghosudin	Almond	starbayi guldar	2006	500	70	35000	
			apple	Fuji	7237	394	65	25610	
			apple	Gala	7209	303	70	21210	
			apple	valsper	106	305	65	19825	
			Apricot	charmaghzi	248	900	65	58500	
3	Haji abdulatif	Moh sharif	peach	awalras	6217	900	60	54000	
			pear	mirzai	2069	180	70	12600	
			pear	baghl sorkh	4065	450	70	31500	300
4	Azizagh	mirbach	apple	Fuji	7237	250	60	15000	250
5	Mohanwer	agha jan	peach	flavour crest	6301	650	70	45500	
			peach	awalras	6217(6A)	800	70	56000	
Sub Total						14082		949995	550

Summary of Issues

- No issue encountered during this reporting period

SO2: Adaptive Research and Technical Development

ANHDO/HVP mobilized a Post-Harvest Specialists from 16th March to 14th April in order to mentor the SO2, SO3 teams and pomology lab staff and to provide them with the technical expertise and inputs required. He also supported SO3 team with the pomegranate value chain study which was already in progress. The following achievements were delivered by consultant as it was indicated in the scope of work.

- Concluded the list of commercial varieties of citrus, apricots and pomegranates suitable to be characterized in the Pomology laboratory.
- Supported the HVP SO3 team in analyzing and developing pomegranate value chain report.
- Reviewed last year's pomology lab work (2015) and report its progress:
- Reviewed the existing repeatable protocols and procedures for citrus, apricots and pomegranates;
- A post-harvest study to identify potential intervention in storage facilities was conducted by value chain officer and it was reviewed by the consultant
- Set minimum quality standards (parameters) for citrus, apricots and pomegranates. These documents were prepared by post-harvest expert of SO4 team and reviewed by the consultant.
- Pomegranate brochure has been developed by the consultant.

Communicated with International Confederation of Agriculture and Food (Turkey) to support ANHDO by facilitating the study tour for ANHDO research and value chain teams. After preliminary discussions a mutual agreement has been signed by both parties for future collaboration and coordinating. Based on the study tour plan ANHDO HVP will introduce 6 technical staff to this study tour which will take place in mid-July 2016.

Publication of pomegranate register has been translated in two local languages in the previous quarter. During this period ARIA / EU transition project prove read the document and worked on the final design of the register. All procurement procedures have been finalized and will be printed during the next reporting period.

SO3: Value Chain Development

Based on the project plan to expand the geographical area of the project, HVP team started coordinating; with relevant provincial MAIL authorities such as Kabul DAIL director to identify and select new target areas in order to support apricot producers, HVP team start to expanding the target beneficiaries and area from Pahman, but unfortunately we find out that during this spring on many area apricots trees followers have been damage by spring frost during the flowering stage, hence, we surveyed Khak e Jabar district of Kabul based on the recommendation of Kabul DAIL directorate, but we learned that the frost also damage apricot production in this area and the security restriction will now allow us to work there as well. So ANHDO senior management team and technical team of sub-objective 3 decided to survey Panjshir and Ghazni provinces to check if there are enough apricot production. The result of Panjsher province showed that there are not enough apricot orchards in Panjsher so the team continued their survey to Ghazni. After understanding that there aren't enough apricot production this year in Ghazni province due to frost damage (for export purpose) the team decided that HVP should focus only on supporting fresh fruit trader with improved packaging, pre-cooling set, reefer container and transportation on cost share bases.



An in-depth study of storage facilities for apricot and pomegranate has been carried out to find out technologies and ways that can help increase shelf life of pomegranate and apricot. All available literatures have been reviewed; several meetings have been arranged with relevant national and international organization to use their experience in the field and visited underground storage that RoP build in Maindan Wardak. Almost all organizations suggested to not support informal groups of producers or trader with underground seller, but to support individual farmer or trader, because shared ownership of underground cellar does not work. Based on the findings of the study it is decided to support fresh fruit traders who are actively engages in exporting fresh apricot to international markets with reefer container and underground cellar to local pomegranate traders in Sorobi. It is also decided that traders should be supported with pre-cooling set, packaging materials and transportation. (ANNEX A)



Several meetings were arranged with fresh fruit traders to discuss export of fresh apricot to regional and international markets with the support of ANHDO-HVP for at least 25MT in terms of pre-cooling (tent, solar, battery and cooler), improved packaging materials, transportation and reefer containers. As a result partner traders showed their readiness to export to the international markets with improved packaging and MoU has been signed with the three fresh fruit traders.

Upon signature of Memorandum of Understanding with partner traders pre-cooling sets, packaging materials and two reefer containers have been procured and distributed to partner traders in order to encourage them to export Afghan fresh fruit apricot with improved packaging materials to international markets.



SO4: Citrus Industry Promotion

The research agreement contract has been signed between ANHDO and University of Bologna to carry out CTV research on specific parts that Florence University cannot carry out in their laboratory. The contract was signed by ANHDO general manager and sent to Bologna university through DHL and was signed by the university and sent back to ANHDO.

Based on the recommendation of research partner university, HPS SO4 team started to re-graft (top working) the old sour orange trees in seven sour orange orchard with the lemon and sweet orange. After trees are grafted then ANHDO technical staff will monitor and will update the partner university.



Plant Bio-Technology Laboratory (PBTL) requested from ANHDO-HVP to purchase one unit QIAxcel Advanced System (QIAGEN) with required accessories for PBTL molecular biology unit. Both PBTL and ANHDO coordinate to obtain quotation for the mention PBTL lab equipment, but the price of a single unit was exceeding the budget allocated for such equipment, So PBTL is coordinating with two partner universities in Italy to identify lab equipment to support CTV research activities.

ANHDO-HVP mobilized the Citrus Value Chain expert from 29th March to 30th April 2016 to mentor the relevant stakeholders and provide them with the technical expertise and inputs required. Analysis of the citrus value chain was conducted and activities are recommended to increase certified production and bring it up to international standards. The public/private sector stakeholders will be updated with the progress reports and advised to support coordination and partnership within the citrus industry in the regular Citrus Promotion Group meetings.

The aim of this consultant's mission was to:

1. Review the citrus database focusing on sour orange and conducting SWOT analysis
2. Participate in CPG meetings and present the Sour Orange SWOT
3. Assess the current status of the existing processing facilities and support the team to conduct focus B2B meetings between sour orange growers and processors
4. Conduct capacity building workshops for the ANHDO CGG members

Up on completion of the mission the consultant submitted a comprehensive report which contains constructive recommendations for the citrus industry. (*ANNEX B*)

After establishing 14 jeribs of commercial citrus orchards for Nangarhar DAIL and Nangarhar Valley Development Authority (NVDA), ANHDO SO4 team supervised the established orchards and provided technical advices to the NVDA and DAIL technical staff and helps them with proper irrigation, fertilizer application and removing of extra branches of the plan. Following the previous ANHDO-HVP's support to NVDA, establishment of additional four hectares of citrus orchards in Sumarkhail farms was officially requested by NVDA from ANHDO-HVP after several coordination meetings. Since NVDA is producing their own certified saplings for the requested orchards, therefore, HVP agreed to amend the previous MoU and support them with the establishment of four more citrus orchards.



Public call for orchard establishment has been announced by ANHDO-HVP in ACBAR.org, local radio channels and Khateez Citrus page on Face Book. The aim was to collect as much application as possible for citrus commercial orchard establishment in targeted districts of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces. As a result 12 interested (fulfilling the criteria) audience has contact SO4 team yet and hopefully this number will increase in the coming month.

It was reported in the previous quarter that ANHDO-HVP supported Gift to Zest processing company with improved packaging materials to present diamante citrus marmalade and citron diamante and sour orange squash, as a result the company produced and distributed 7000 bottles of sour orange and citron diamante lemon squash and 6000 bottles of diamante marmalade in to Kabul and Nangarhar supermarkets. To increase and quality and volume of their produce the company requested new processing and peeling equipment from ANHDO-HVP which will be considered by ANHDO-HVP after an assessment.



SO5: Organizational Development

1. Governance and Management

a) ANHDO Annual Report

Following to the initial meetings in the previous months regarding first ANHDO annual report, SO5 department took the lead to collect relevant data from all departments, after several meetings with project managers about the providing relevant data for the report; first draft of the report was shared with Senior Management Team

(SMT) for their review and comments. Once the comments from SMT and technical experts were incorporated the first ANHDO annual report was uploaded in ANHDO website.

b) Membership Policy

ANHDO membership policy is finalized and submitted to ANHDO senior management team by the international consultant after collecting views during brainstorming session in the previous months. The membership policy has been translated in to Dari and is shared with ANHDO board members for their comments. SO5 department is also working on an application form for ANHDO membership applicants.

c) ACBAR Strategy Working Group and Meetings

ANHDO representative was selected as chairperson of the working group to lead the overall strategy working group on 24th Jan 2016. During several meetings and workshop organized by ACBAR, ANHDO representative presented the strategy working group's achievements for ACBAR steering committee and was much appreciated by the committee. In addition to what has been said, ANHDO representative also chaired several sessions on developing ACBAR's core values along with other technical experts.

d) Capacity Building

Several ANHDO staff was introduced in seven different capacity building trainings in the past, up on completion all participants had the commitment to provide the same training to other relevant ANHDO staff, therefore, a schedule has been developed and shared with ANHDO staff who participated in ASRA consulting firm's trainings.

ANHDO supported statistics trainings through its EU-HPS project for its technical staff and MAIL staff. This training course was organized with the direct support of ANHDO-HVP SO5 department. SO5 team coordinated with several institutions with good reputations in delivering such trainings such as American University of Afghanistan, Kardan University, Kabul University professors and Asra Consulting firm. Finally one of Kabul University professors was selected to deliver this training after collected quotations from all sources mentioned above. This training was then successfully delivered to 18 staff from ANHDO and MAIL.

e) Organization and Financial Audit

As it was reported in the previous quarter that KPMG which was selected based on the procurement procedures of ANHDO to carry out both financial and organizational audit, but during several meetings with ANHDO and AFD representatives it was realized that the company is not capable to do the organizational audit of ANHDO, therefore, a separate comprehensive Terms of Reference (ToR) was developed for financial audit based on the recommendation of AFD, but before further process of this ToR a new company contacted ANHDO by the name of Prime Globe and claimed that they have experience doing both financial and organizational audit and after a meeting with Prime Globe the ToR of financial and organizational audit was shared with them and they submitted their proposal based on the ToR. ANHDO contacted their reference on organizational audit and receive a positive response. The next step is to organize a meeting with AFD for their opinion non-objection.

f) ANHDO General Assembly

As it is planned to organized the second general assembly during the month of July 2016, therefore, the general assembly agenda has been developed, edited and shared with senior management team for comments as well as the invitation cards are designed and the texts has been written.

2. Gender study

The third sub-component of Sub-Objective five (SO5) is meant to lead to an "increased awareness of ANHDO staff about gender role in horticulture sector and development of a gender component in ANHDO's programs and organization", therefore, ANHDO-HVP recruited an international gender expert with the aim to:

- 1) Conduct a desk study about the role of women in horticulture in Afghanistan and identify in which specific parts of the horticultural value chain they are the most active, while highlighting the main regional differences;
- 2) Develop, propose and provide awareness rising and capacity building activities to ANHDO staff about: (i) general gender issues (ii) women's role in horticulture in Afghanistan and (iii) the development of a gender component into ANHDO's programs and activities.
- 3) Based on the main findings of the study report mentioned above, lead the participatory development of, and propose, a gender component to be included into ANHDO's programs and activities, as well as a monitoring tool and guide for project management team and staff to properly monitor the implementation of activities specifically designed for women.
- 4) Develop a gender and anti-harassment policy for the whole organization to be included into ANHDO's internal rules and regulations.
- 5) Develop a training module about ANHDO gender and anti-harassment policy.

During the consultant's mission, several meetings were organized between the consultant and ANHDO project managers, female staff and external stakeholders to find out the role of women in horticulture value chains and inclusion of women in ANHDO existing programs.

Meanwhile, a two days training was organized by international gender expert on 29th 30th of May, the first day the training focused on Gender Equity within Horticulture Value Chain and based on the literature review, the consultant chose the project management cycle process as the basis of developing Gender Disaggregated data for building the Gender Component of ANHDO. Staffs were trained on Gender Awareness within the agricultural value chains, the different tools for conducting gender analysis and then specific training on the tools for collecting this data in a participatory manner with partners and beneficiaries in the field.

During the second day the topic under discussion was ANHDO Anti-Harassment Policy, participants were organized in groups and hand outs of the recommendations were provided to all groups. Group's leaders were selected in advance and provided information on the process and expected outcomes of the exercises. Groups met, discussed and made a presentation of their group results at the end of the working time. Results of those discussions are provided in the annexes.



Up on completion of her mission (20th April to 4th June 2016) she came up with the following deliverables: (ANNEX C)

- 1) Gender In Horticulture Literature Review
- 2) ANHDO Anti-harassment Policy
- 3) Implementing Gender into existing ANHDO Programs
- 4) Training Staff on ANHDO Anti-harassment Policy
- 5) Training Staff on ANHDO Gender component of existing programs

8. ACHIVEMENTS / SUCCESSESS, OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

The considerable achievements during this reporting period came from the well maintained coordination between both HVP and HPS teams during the project implementation; HVP had the following achievements during the second quarter of 2016:

- Fifth Steering Committee conducted during this reporting period
- HVP logical frame work and budget amendment were endorsed by Donors and SC
- HVP Mid-Term Evaluation ToR was endorsed by Steering Committee and Donor
- Pomegranate register data has been translated in to Dari and Pashto languages and is currently under printing
- Value chain manager has been replaced and a new value chain officer has been recruited
- HVP SO4 team successfully started the establishment of commercial citrus orchard for Nangarhar DAIL and NVDA, these forms will be used as demonstration orchard to encourage private sector for establishment of new certified citrus orchards.
- International Gender Expert recruited and carried out gender study

During this quarter, the following new opportunities arise:

- During the coordination meeting between ANHDO and AAEP II COP it was agreed that close collaborations is feasible between both organizations
- Introducing CoolBot cooling system is an opportunity for ANHDO, initial discussions has been made by ex-AAEP COP to bring this technology to Afghanistan

9. CONCLUSION

The overall achievements of the project till date (42%) are acceptable with the delays the project had during the early implementation stages and revision of the project logical framework. The achievements of sixth quarter (12.26%) is above the anticipate average we planned; this considerable achievements we had are because of the proper implementation plan based on the revised project logical framework. It is anticipated that in next quarters of 2016 HVP will have further achievements. Though SO5 had significant progress, but if board of directors (BoD) and General Assembly (GA) approves the membership policy and by laws, we will have a good progress under SO5.