



Private sector horticultural development transition project



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Summary:

During this quarter the following activities done by ANHDO team:

- EU RAM (Results Assessment Mission) of the current project conducted from 28/06 to 02/07 and the mission recommendations are implemented.
- ANHDO board meetings are conducted on monthly base.
- ANHDO general manager and Head of horticulture had a meeting with H.E minister on AFD new project issues and 4 different meetings with H.E deputy minister Haidari, director of research on project problem and EU procurement French embassy project for ANHDO, New MoU and others .
- In the month of July ANHDO handover the PHDCs to Landell Mills with all technical staff and all PHDCs activities going on time without any problem its following up on monthly basis,
- Most of the project time during the reporting period focused on smooth transition, of PHDCS, the newly recruited Finance officer of LML trained to record the accounting of PHDCs, transferring funds to PHDCs, etc. & Meeting with Jan Morrenh of and Giuliano Masini on problem of remained staff for the project to be hire for horticulture transition project. Meanwhile follow up and training of the new recruited finance officer work is continue in all fields,
- EU delegation members, Andrea Ferrari Brava and Abdul Qudus Bayan visited Kabul PHDC, Pomology lab, bio-technology lab and ANHDO and ANNGO offices.
- Head of horticulture and Kabul PHDC staff visited GARAS underground storage and solar system.
- The database section continue working on UPOV data, continued working on keeping the website and database updated and trouble shootings of local networks at the offices and computers of all colleagues
- ANHDO G.M. traveled to Herat for meeting DAIL, IAO in Herat, visiting post-harvest market of Herat.
- Follow up NOL of HVP (Horticulture Value Chain Development Project)
- ANHDO G.M presented a comprehensive presentation for H.E MAIL Minister and TIT meeting members.
- The first Volume of the National Collection of Varieties of Fruits and Nuts of Afghanistan books distributed.
- Recruitment of office assistant, Date base Manager and Head of business service
- Meeting with Kabul directorate of ministry of Economy
- Finalizing submitting of ANHDO balance sheet to ministry of Finance
- Drafting of new MoU with MAIL
- ANHDO G.M. met AFD beekeeping project for future possible coordination
- ANHDO G.M. & Head of the Board traveled to Farza district of Kabul for visiting farmers and fruit producers.
- Participation in Ag-Fair in BadamBagh for three days.
- Coordination and finalizing agreement with IAO project in Herat

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Implementation of the planned activities:

No	Activity	Achievements, Facts and Figures
1	Management Activities	<p>During the reporting period ANHDO management team the following activities done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU RAM (Results Assessment Mission) of the current project conducted From 28/06 To 02/07 and the mission recommendations are implemented. <p>KEY OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: To the Project.</p> <p>(1) Give priority to institutional development. Key activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The definition of an inclusive membership policy taking into consideration market-oriented farmers' organizations, B. Define the development strategy and business plan (services policy) on the basis of the main value-chain, C. Give the board the responsibility and resources to carry out the organizational strengthening, D. Make the board representative of the main V-C working within ANHDO. <p>(2) Set specific budget provisions and human resources responsible for institutional development working under the joint coordination of the executive manager and the board.</p> <p>(3) Strengthen the ANHDO PIU in order to ensure good and efficient implementation of the new grants awarded by the EU and the AFD</p> <p>(4) Encourage close cooperation with the TP in order to ensure timely national collection management financing.</p> <p>(5) Design and negotiate with MAIL a sustainable Private Public Partnership related to the national collection management and adaptive research.</p> <p>For the EUD:</p> <p>(1) A very close follow up of the 2014 - 15 work plan would be essential in order to check and eventually ensure compliance with the result 1 mandate (organization development).</p> <p>(2) Keep supporting ANNGO as a crucial component of private sector development in PH.</p> <p>In order to open membership for ANHDO couple of forms distributed amount stick-holders, horticulture related business, and other potential ANHDO membership, the interested members filled the forms and returned for evaluation. The evaluation committee will compare the objectives of the groups and individuals to ANHDO objectives. The selected ones will be called for ANHDO first General Meeting planned in late October or November 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANHDO board meetings are conducted on monthly base and the main points of the agenda & discussion of Aug month was as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A detailed report was presented by Mr.Najibullah Enayat about the activities and performance of ANHDO team ➤ In order to fulfill the RAM mission recommendation ANHDO must increase the members and the extension of constitution should be done by a lawyer ➤ ANHDO will have its first General assembly meeting on 18th of October 2014 ➤ Approval of newly recruited staff Ms. Shekiba Zafari as office assistant and Khaksar Wiqar as data base Manager

	<p>And details of Sep2014 coordination meeting is was:</p> <p>A detailed report was presented by Mr.Najibullah Enayat about the activities and performance of HDTP , HPS and French projects during the month of September In the same time a detail report were presented by Mr Samadi& Mr. Hedayatullah about consultancy of HPS project and also has prepared a written report about consultancy</p> <p>Mr Hakimi present the report about HQ office and SO3 project, he discussed about the problems and also the solution. The administrative and financial issues of organization are controlled continually.</p> <p>New employees for the posts of logistic officer (HPS central unite), value chain Manager (HPS/SO3) and Junior post-harvest Technician (HPS/SO2) were approved by BOD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANHDO general manager and Head of horticulture had a meeting with H.E minister on AFD new project issues and 4 deferent meetings with H.E deputy minister Haidari, director of research on project problem and EU procurement French embassy project for ANHDO, New MoU and others . • ANHDO had a meeting with H.E minister on new ADF project issue. • In the month of July ANHDO handover the PHDCs to Landell Mills with all technical staff and all PHDCs activities going on time without any problem, only the problem was financial issues, but ANHDO provide all facilities to us for running of PHDCs activities and up to date PHDCs staff using all equipment, furniture's and other facilities of ANHDO in the all PHDCs. Follow up & Coordination for transition of PHDCs happened in the month of July ANHDO to Landell Mills & MAIL with all technical staff but still the inventory purchased under PHDPI, PHDPPII, EU, Agri consulting, ANHDO is not handed over officially and ANHDO in coordination with PHDPPII, LML and MAIL is working to develop a procedure in order to make sure for smooth transition of the PHDCs asset. ANHDOG.M participated in a meeting with LML management in presence of PHDPPII TA, the ANHDO and LML management agreed to start up the process of handing over of PHDCs asset very tolerantly & carefully. ANHDO redesigned the inventory list in order of differentiate (asset purchased under PHDPI, PHDPPII, EU, Agri consulting, ANHDO) the asset and clear manner. • Meeting with Jan Morrenhof and Giuliano Masini on problem of remained staff for the transition project to be hired. • EU delegation members, Andrea Ferrari Brava and Abdul Qudus Bayan visited Kabul PHDC, Pomology lab, bio-technology lab and ANHDO and ANNGO offices • Head of horticulture and Kabul PHDC staff visited GARAS underground storage and solar system. • The database section continue working on UPOV data, specifically entry of the new data and preparation of data for coming NC registers. ANHDO Data base Manger Khilil-u-Rahman has got opportunity to continue his education for Master degree in Europe, ANHDO office assistant Ms. Marzia has got scholarship continue her education to US, they both resigned. Due to the importance of Data base manager job (working on UPOV data, continued working on keeping the website and database updated and trouble
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shootings of local network) and to conduct complete and accurate hand over of ANHDO data, ANHDO hired Mr. Khaksar Wiqar who identified professional and qualified person. Ms. Shekeba selected among other competitors for the position of assistant. ANHDO could not find suitable candid for the post of head of business service.

The following activities has been performed by ANHDO data base Manager

Transfer of UPOV data to website:

New Design:

Once the UPOV requirements are completed Date base Manager started to work a bit on website design, because in previous design some of the contents were dis-aligned and professionally were some of the contents needed to redesign.

Firstly the color of website changed to its standard, because one of the important things in web world is color management for the website, therefore we found the standard color of horticulture's website and applied. Continued working on keeping the website and database updated.

- Trouble shootings of local networks at the offices and computers of all colleagues.


ANHDO General Manager travelled to Herat on 12th August and had a meeting with Herat DAIL & IAO discussion the possible Technical assistance & partnership for implementing of some Project Activities, *Technical Assistance and Support to Line Ministries in the Agricultural Sector with Emphasis on Olive Production* – Afghanistan Component

Najibullah Enayat ANHDO G.M visited Herat dry fruit Market, met Haji Abdul Ahmad Nazari & Mahdi Akrami dry fruit traders/exporters they are also member of pistachio promotion group members and they identified as potential member of ANHDO and will be invited in ANHDO General Assembly meeting will be held in middle of October 2014.

- ANHDO G.M met ANNGO General Manager & Finance officer, ANNGO needed to re-adjust its budget under 15% changes between the main headings. ANHDO team shared their experience according the EU rules and helped ANNGO to re-adjust its budget under 15%.
- ANHDO G.M in coordination with PHDPPII TA had couple of meeting with H.E Deputy Minister Haidary and Javed Qaeem General Director of Plan, Policy and Programs regarding obtaining MAIL Non objection letter for HVP project will be funded by French Embassy.
- ANHDO G.M prepared and presented a detailed presentation explaining ANHDO organization statues, structure, current projects, HVP project and explaining potential outcomes of the synergies of HPS & HVP projects. The presentation convinced H.E Minister of MAIL and he promised his full support for its implementation.

The presentation presented in the TIT meeting, H.E Minister Isif Rahimi, H.E Deputy ministers Saleem Kunduzi, Haidari, General director of Extension & Research, General director of Plan, Policy & Programs, sectorial directors, NHLP, LML etc. around 25 high level officials were present.

- The first Volume of the National Collection of Varieties of Fruits and Nuts of Afghanistan books was released in March 2014 and printed in 100 copies by PHDPPII distributed to related departments & stick holders.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANHDO regularly submitting required reports to NGOs Department of Ministry of Economy, but was not liaising with Provincial directorates of Ministry of Economy. In meeting with Kabul directorate of ministry of Economy ANHDO General Manager explained ANHDO organization and provided information regarding the projects implemented by ANHDO. ANHDO General Manager had field visit with Kabul Directorate of Ministry of Economy. • ANHDO got confirmation letter for submitting of ANHDO balance sheet to ministry of Finance. • ANHDO drafted an MoU and its given to MAIL for their review and receiving MAIL comments, after that it will be signed with MAIL for coordination of the activities and improvements. • The website doesn't had any well-designed banner which must constantly repeat for each page inside the website and it is also one of the important thing for the constant websites, therefore the banner for the website which may repeat for all pages through website.  <p>The image shows a banner for Afghanistan Horticulture and ANHDO. On the left, it says 'Afghanistan Horticulture' with the tagline 'Hub of Horticulture, Stone and Nut Fruits in Afghanistan'. In the center is the ANHDO logo, which features a map of Afghanistan and the acronym 'ANHDO'. On the right, it says 'Afghanistan National Horticulture Development Organization' and 'موسسه ملی انکشاف باغداری افغانستان'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the important property of the website is to align the contents in specific areas, which must not overflow the wrapper and is called user friendly design, in previous design it was aligned but in some areas it was missing, <p>these content alignment is done over the all website, above was just an example, we did it also for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Bio Technology Lab • National Collections • Demo Orchards • Organizations • Projects • Reports <p>Considering the above recommendation ANHDO management team planned to implement the given recommendation as per below time table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point 1a,c,d & point 2 in September 2014 • Point 5 in November 2014 • Point 3 in December 2014
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apricot NC clone harvesting & UPOV descriptors: • Following from the harvesting of fruit since last month we have been harvested, described and analyzed in Pomology all the clones of apricot national collection ware harvested in finished in Kabul PHDC. • In the meantime early apple varieties harvested during this month including Pomology lab analyzing and UPOV descriptors and pictures in Kabul PHDC. • According to the very lower temperature -25c in Mazar PHDC we don't have any flower in Almond and Apricot NC to enhance some pollination activities

	<p>Adaptive Research</p>	<p>and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit analyses of five variety of apple, tow variety of pear and UPOV description of nine varieties apple and six varieties pear in Kunduz PHDC. • Cheek the fruit maturity and clear to find the harvesting time in Kunduz. • Tow clone Peach fruit harvesting and fruit analyzed and almond harvesting and maturity date recorded in Kunduz. • Pomology lab in Kandahar-PHDC is not ready for usage, moreover we send cost estimation to main office and it's in progress to release fund for building of laboratory.
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Nectarine- Ambra variety clone number (7246) in Kabul PHDC



Data collection from Apple National Collection of Kunduz PHDC