

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Communication from Canada

The following communication, received on 22 June 2010, is being circulated at the request of Canada.

1. Canada would like to provide an update to its submission made at the March 2010 meeting with regard to technical assistance (G/SPS/GEN/1008). Canada submits the following compilation of technical assistance provided to developing countries between January 2008 and December 2008, in accordance with Article 9 of the *Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures* (see attached table¹). The assistance was primarily aimed at facilitating countries development and implementation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures based on sound science. The attached table may not constitute a complete compilation of all relevant technical assistance delivered given the number of Canadian government departments and agencies and the variety of delivery programs involved.

2. The monetary value of the technical assistance committed amounted to approximately CDN \$25 million between January and December 2008. It should be noted that the project descriptions reflect the project as a whole and many of these projects do not have SPS technical assistance as their primary focus. While the project is described in its entirety, the dollar amount attributed reflects only the amount directly associated with the SPS technical assistance portion of the project, and not the entire project amount. It should also be noted that, in many cases, the organizations providing the assistance also made additional in-kind contributions to projects.

3. Assistance was provided to more than 50 Member, Observer and other countries, in Central America, the Caribbean, South America, the Asia-Pacific region, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Assistance was directed to both individual countries and groups of countries or regional organizations such as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

4. Canada's assistance addressed three of the four broad categories listed in G/SPS/GEN/206: information; training; and "soft" infrastructure development (but not "hard" infrastructure development). Assistance from Canada covered most of the "typical areas of competence" listed under the headings of food safety, animal health and plant protection, in the Annex of G/SPS/GEN/206.

¹ The attached table identifies technical assistance committed to developing countries in 2008.

5. In all, 18 projects are listed for the period January to December 2008. Some of the projects listed are multi-year projects; however, projects are only reported in the year in which the project is initiated unless unforeseen subsequent project extensions occur.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CANADA TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS AND OTHER COUNTRIES:

JANUARY 2008-DECEMBER 2008

Sector	Description of Particular Programme	Form of Assistance	Provided to	Contact
Animal Health	Diagnostic and epidemiology methodology technical transfer to governments in South America to enhance foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) preparedness and response in the region over a period of two years. (2008-2010)	Training	Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela	Dorothy.Geale@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Capacity building in animal disease emergency preparedness through participation of two veterinarians from the Ministry of Agriculture (SAG) of the Chilean government in CFIA's Canadian Veterinary Reserve (CVR) course held at the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease (NCFAD) in Winnipeg. (October 2008)	Training	Chile	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Capacity building in Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis (BSE) diagnostics and laboratory testing at CFIA's BSE Reference Laboratory in Lethbridge, Alberta, for three senior officials representing federal and provincial authorities in veterinary public health in the Government of Indonesia. (November 2008)	Training	Indonesia	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Improving Competitiveness of the Dairy Sector. Multi-year project to assist 2,500 dairy farmers in two oblasts of Ukraine to improve quantity and quality of milk produced. Activities will include: training farmers on how to produce high quality milk and on business practices; establishing milk collection centres in participating communities and training their operators on modern laboratory testing techniques; strengthening local services to supply seeds, fertilizers, financing and milk transport. In completing the activities listed above, training related to sanitary issues will be provided to ensure compliance with sanitary measures. The project will also work with three dairy processors to improve quality control standards. (2008-2013)	Training	Ukraine	alan.stewart@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health	The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) organized a hemispheric workshop in Buenos Aires with the objective of developing a protocol to create and implement national and regional compensation schemes in Latin America and the Caribbean. Results of the case studies for Trinidad & Tobago and for Peru were presented in a wrap-up workshop in Panama with Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) invited to speak on the CFIA Cost Approach Valuation Model. (May 2007)	Information	Latin America and the Caribbean	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Animal Health	Participation of CFIA Centre of Expertise for Rabies in discussions and first draft of a ten-year plan to control human rabies in Haiti. (2007-2008)	Capacity Building	Haiti	Christine.Fehlner-Gardiner@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	7 th World Potato Congress. Funding to enable the participation of representatives from eligible countries at the 7 th World Potato Congress in Christchurch, New Zealand from March 22 to 25, 2009. The Congress is an international gathering which promotes positive evolution of the global potato industry and its capacity to meet the world's nutritional needs. The Congress addresses phytosanitary issues related to potato production. Delegates represent all sectors of the industry and come from developed, developing and transitional economies. (2008-2009)	Funding	Nepal, Vietnam, India, Cuba, Argentina, Tunisia, Latvia, Uruguay, Mongolia	Verna Crossman- CIDA Conference Fund conferences@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Plant Health	Horticulture Development. Multi-year contribution to strengthen the capacity of 5,000 smallholder farmers in the regions of Crimea and Zaporizhzhia to engage profitably, competitively, and sustainably in the production, processing and marketing of two to three high-value horticulture commodities. In its efforts to facilitate access to markets for smallholder farmers, the project is addressing phytosanitary issues. (2008-2013)	Training	Ukraine	alan.stewart@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Food Safety	CFIA hosted two researchers from the Korean Food Research Institute to provide information regarding the creation, organizational structure, and operation of the CFIA. (October 2008)	Information	Korea	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Provided the lead trainer for an FAO-led workshop on enhancing effective participation in Codex held in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The workshop hosted 40 participants from 7 African countries. The workshop focussed on the organization and procedural requirements of Codex, establishment of national programs, and preparation of national positions. Costs for providing the training were shared with FAO. (April 2008)	Training	Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Zambia	Allan.McCarville@hc-sc.gc.ca
Food Safety	Presented an overview of strategies and options to support prevention of food allergy incidents including use of enhanced labelling requirements for pre-packaged foods, in collaboration with the Food Safety Institute, Bangkok, Thailand (8-10 September 2008)	Training	Thailand	Samuel.Godefroy@hc-sc.gc.ca
Food Safety	Participation in the Costa Rica- HACCP Prerequisite Project. CFIA provided three Canadian experts to assist in the design and delivery of the project, the objectives of which were to enhance HACCP capabilities in Costa Rica. (May-December 2008)	Training	Costa Rica	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Animal Health & Plant Health	Food and Agriculture Sector Development. Support provided to the Government of Ghana's Food and Agriculture Sector Development Policy (FASDEP II). Supported activities specific to the development of animal and plant health policy to address SPS issues challenging the development of the sector in Ghana. (2008-2013)	Capacity Building	Ghana	nancy.foster@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Plant Health & Food Safety	Agricultural Sector Supply Chains. Multi-year contribution to improve the performance of agricultural supply chains for shea nuts, shallots, onions and garlic through interventions in three critical phases: production, processing, and marketing. SPS issues related to each phase will be addressed. (2008-2015)	Training	Mali	edith.gouin@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	Capacity building in Africa for enterprise level export success in priority sectors and markets. SPS issues form part of the supply chain factors to be addressed. In addition, Programme for Building Capacity for Trade will contribute to knowledge acquisition and training of selected small to medium size enterprises, including women owned enterprises, on international standards and requirements for agricultural products and their exports to global markets. (2008-2014)	Capacity Building/ Monitoring	Pan-Africa	bojan.vojinovic@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health and Food Safety	Multi-year contribution to support the Government of Ghana as it implements its second Food and Agriculture Development Policy. Objectives of the policy are: to enhance food security and emergency preparedness; to improve income growth; to increase competitiveness and enhance integration into domestic and international markets; to achieve sustainable management of land and environment; to apply science and technology in food and agriculture development; and to enhance institutional coordination within Ghana. Project activities will address SPS issues as part of policy development. (2008-2010)	Capacity Building	Ghana	nancy.foster@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	Participation as the Canadian SPS Expert in Common Vision Sessions under the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) funded SPS in the Americas project with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). The objective of the project is to strengthen national capabilities in dealing with the administration and notification to WTO and member countries on SPS issues. (September – December 2008)	Capacity Building	St. Lucia; St. Kitts & Nevis; Grenada; Antigua & Barbuda; St Vincent & the Grenadines; Guyana	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca