

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**UPDATE ON THE OPERATION OF THE STANDARDS AND  
TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY**

Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

**I. OVERVIEW**

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) aims to improve the capacity in developing countries to meet international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements and to increase the effectiveness of high-quality SPS-related technical cooperation. In doing so, the STDF contributes to improved food safety, animal and plant health, economic growth, poverty reduction and food security in developing countries. Its work programme focuses on the following five output areas: (i) development of high-quality tools and information resources to support SPS capacity building for use by beneficiaries, donors and other organizations; (ii) dissemination of experiences and good practices in SPS capacity building; (iii) SPS issues and priorities addressed by other trade capacity building programmes at the country level; (iv) improved capacity of beneficiaries of STDF projects to analyse and implement international SPS requirements; and (v) improved capacity of beneficiaries to identify SPS needs and formulate project proposals.

2. The STDF is a joint initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO provides the secretariat for the STDF. Other participating organizations include the International Trade Centre (ITC), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Representatives of donors to the STDF, and representatives of developing countries, including LDCs, are also members of the Facility.<sup>2</sup>

3. This document provides an overview of STDF activities in support of its work programme since the previous SPS Committee meeting on 30-31 March 2011, as well as an overview of past and on-going STDF projects and project preparation grants.

**II. OVERVIEW OF STDF ACTIVITIES**

**A. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS TO INFORM SPS DECISION-MAKING**

4. Building on the STDF workshop on the use of economic analysis methodologies to inform SPS decision making (Geneva, 30 October 2009), the STDF continued its work to assist countries to use Multi Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) to inform SPS decision-making. In this context, a draft MCDA guidebook (to apply the MCDA approach in the SPS context) was developed by a consultant, Spencer Henson, and is now being applied in selected countries.

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<sup>2</sup> More detailed information on the STDF and its activities can be found on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>).

5. The guidebook was used for the first time in Mozambique in April 2011. National stakeholders (mainly from government agencies and academia) with an interest in food safety, animal and plant health, trade and export promotion came together for a one-day workshop to identify and consider SPS capacity building options ("investments"), as well as decision criteria and weights to set priorities between the identified options. After the workshop, outstanding data was collected and detailed "information cards" were produced for eleven capacity building options that were identified. This data and information was used to run the MCDA analysis, which ranked the identified priorities for SPS capacity building. The preliminary findings were presented to representatives of government agencies and development partners at a meeting at the FAO Office in Maputo on 18 April. A draft report is under preparation. In addition to ranking identified SPS capacity building options, the work in Mozambique demonstrated the usefulness of the MCDA approach to facilitate an open discussion about SPS capacity building needs.

6. Following a second pilot testing exercise in Zambia, currently scheduled in the first week of July 2011, the STDF will organize a regional training workshop on 16-17 August in Johannesburg, South Africa. The objectives will be to: (i) present the MCDA approach and draft guidebook; (ii) share the experiences of the applications in Mozambique and Zambia; and (iii) equip selected SPS experts in Africa with knowledge and skills to apply the MCDA methodology. Further to the work in Africa, additional pilot testing activities may be organized in Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, in 2012. The STDF welcomes expressions of interest from these regions.

#### B. NATIONAL SPS COORDINATION IN AFRICA

7. The STDF will shortly publish a study conducted by the UK Natural Resources Institute (NRI) on national SPS coordination mechanisms in Africa, based on desk research and a series of meetings with key stakeholders. The study will analyze existing SPS coordination mechanisms in several countries and propose a set of practical guidelines to inform the future establishment of these mechanisms and to enhance national-level SPS coordination. The study will complement a previous STDF report in 2010 on regional SPS frameworks and strategies in Africa. Both reports will be presented at the WTO workshop on SPS Coordination at National and Regional Levels, scheduled to be held on 17 October 2011 on the margins of the SPS Committee.

#### C. SPS-RELATED CAPACITY EVALUATION TOOLS

8. The STDF released the second edition of its publication "SPS-Related Capacity Evaluation Tools: An Overview of Tools Developed by International Organizations". Initially published in February 2009, this publication provides up-to-date information on sector-specific and cross-cutting tools to assess SPS capacity developed by international organizations.

9. The purpose of this publication is to inform developing countries about the range of tools that could be used to evaluate their SPS-related capacity needs, and offer guidance on the selection of tools for various purposes. The tools are classified in three broad categories: (i) sector-specific tools that look exclusively at a particular thematic area within SPS; (ii) cross-cutting tools that look at the SPS system as a whole; and (iii) related methodologies and approaches that treat one aspect of SPS in a more general setting. For each tool, information is presented on how the tool is applied, its scope, an overview of the countries in which it has been applied, as well as experiences. The publication includes tools which have been developed and in use for some time, e.g. the IPPC Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool, as well as more recent tools (e.g. the FAO Guide to Assess Biosecurity Capacity). Some tools are still under development (e.g. the WHO Diagnostic Tool for Analysis and Assessment of Trade and Health).

#### D. PROPOSED STDF SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

10. On 27 June 2011, the Working Group will discuss a concept note on the organization of a global-level seminar on International Trade and Invasive Alien Species (IAS), to be held in 2012 on the margins of the SPS Committee meeting in either March or June (to be decided). The note was prepared in close collaboration with the IPPC, OIE and WTO Secretariats, and circulated for comments to the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on IAS. The seminar would primarily seek to raise awareness of the negative consequences of IAS to animal and plant health, as well as review existing technical cooperation to strengthen national capacity to manage IAS. The overall aim would be to foster convergence of SPS and biodiversity systems at regional and national levels and facilitate synergies. The seminar would be open to SPS delegates, as well as representatives of international organizations and bilateral development agencies with experience in IAS issues.

#### E. STDF FILM

11. The STDF recently finalized the production of the Arabic, Chinese and Russian versions of the STDF film "*Trading Safely: Protecting Health, Promoting Development*" (both the eight-minute and 30-minute versions), with the financial support of the Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE) Initiative. The new language versions will shortly be available at: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/IRVideos.htm>. Copies can also be obtained from the STDF Secretariat upon request.

#### F. STDF WEBSITE

12. The STDF completed work on the French and Spanish versions of its website. The STDF website can now be accessed at: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/index.htm> (English), <http://www.standardsfacility.org/fr/index.htm> (French) and "<http://www.standardsfacility.org/sp/index.htm>" (Spanish).

13. The STDF initiated work on the development of an online library, which will contain links to various documents related to SPS-related technical assistance and capacity building, including SPS needs assessments, action plans, technical assistance and meeting reports, training materials, research papers, capacity evaluation reports, articles from various publishers and sources, etc. This central repository of SPS-related resources will generally inform and assist in further improving the quality of SPS-related capacity building activities. It will assist beneficiaries, international organizations, stakeholders, researchers and consultants in the development and implementation of SPS-related initiatives and the STDF in disseminating experiences and good practices.

#### G. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER INITIATIVES

14. The STDF continued its collaboration with a wide range of other activities and initiatives in the area of SPS-related technical co-operation to monitor developments, ensure synergies, share experiences and ensure maximal coordination. This includes various initiatives of partners, donors, observers and other initiatives, notably Aid for Trade and the EIF.

15. As part of activities geared towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Aid for Trade Review on 18-19 July 2011 in Geneva, the STDF submitted three Aid for Trade case stories on its own work, i.e. on SPS indicators, economic analysis and public-private partnerships. In addition, a background note was recently prepared, based on case stories submitted by Benin, Mozambique and others, on the challenges faced by LDCs in meeting SPS standards in the fisheries sector. The case studies highlight the importance of: (i) encouraging a pro-active approach to SPS capacity building (including assessment and prioritization of SPS capacity needs, and a coordinated approach to SPS technical co-operation at the country level), rather than a crisis management reaction; (ii) ensuring the full

commitment and engagement of both the public and private sector to strengthen SPS systems and the sharing of related costs; and (iii) strengthening the "software" for SPS compliance (including legal and regulatory frameworks, institutional capacity for implementing and enforcing SPS measures, SPS knowledge and skills among stakeholders), while ensuring adequate financial resources for SPS "hard" infrastructure. The STDF note is available at: [http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/AidForTrade/STDFNote\\_CaseStories\(BenMozBanLaV\).pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/AidForTrade/STDFNote_CaseStories(BenMozBanLaV).pdf).

16. The STDF further plans to participate in one training workshop in the Central African Republic (CAR) on project design in the context of results-based management, organized by the EIF Secretariat in collaboration with the Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT). The workshop would provide the STDF with an opportunity to assist SPS stakeholders on the ground to work on the preparation of a project to develop an SPS action plan for the country. A project preparation grant (PPG) to this end was awarded to the CAR last year (STDF/PPG/308).

17. The STDF also organized a well-attended side event on phytosanitary capacity building options on 16 March 2011 in Rome, Italy, on the margins of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). The STDF presented its current work in relation to phytosanitary capacity building and facilitated discussions among participants. In a complementary presentation, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) briefed participants about the results of a successful STDF-funded project in the Pacific, allowing all Pacific Island countries to apply the IPPC Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation tool (STDF/PG/133).

18. The STDF participated in a regional workshop on "SPS Capacity Building in Africa to Mitigate the Harmful Effects of Pesticide Residues in Cocoa and to Maintain Market Access" on 7-10 June 2011, in Yaoundé, Cameroon, organized by the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO), in collaboration with the Government of Cameroon. This workshop marked the formal launch of the project of the same name, partly funded by the STDF and EDES/COLEACP, and formulated on the basis of the findings of an STDF-funded study on strengthening SPS capacity in cocoa production (STDF/PG/298).

19. Other relevant events in which the STDF participated include, *inter alia*, the second Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Phytosanitary Capacity Building (23-27 May 2011, Jamaica) and a meeting of COMESA's SPS Committee (23-24 June 2011, Zambia).

### III. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

20. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism in STDF programme development and help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs. They also assist in ensuring synergies with other on-going initiatives, in particular Aid for Trade and the EIF, and in the mobilization of funds to implement activities. A total of 48 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception.

21. At the STDF Working Group meeting on 28 March 2011, three PPGs were approved:

- STDF/PPG/343: Establishment of a National Cinnamon Training Academy (NCTA) for Cinnamon Processors in the Southern Province (Sri Lanka);
- STDF/PPG/344: Establishment of a Regional Food Inspectors School in Central America;
- STDF/PPG/345: Project for Feed Safety Regulations in Latin America and Caribbean.

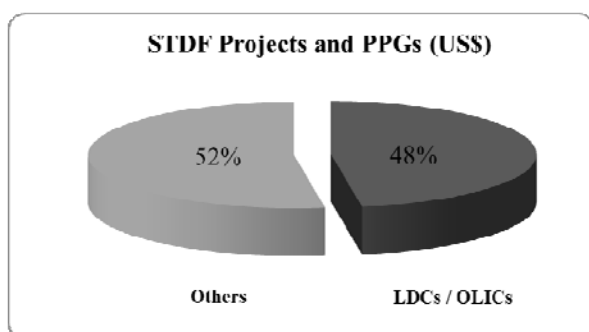
#### IV. PROJECT FUNDING

22. A total of 49 projects have been approved for STDF funding since its inception. In March 2011, the STDF Working Group approved two new projects for funding:

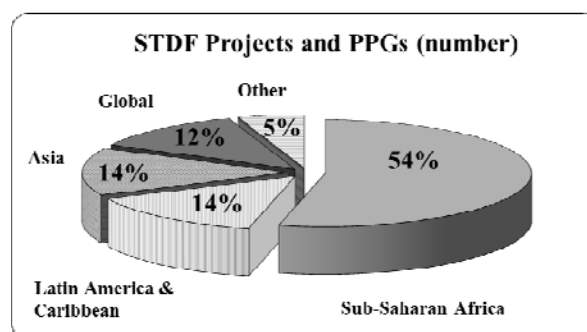
- STDF/PG/328: Beyond Compliance: Integrated Systems Approach for Pest Risk Management in Southeast Asia;
- STDF/PG/350: Global Phytosanitary Manuals, Standard Operating Procedures and Training Kits.

23. An overview of the current status of all STDF projects and PPGs is provided in the Annex. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 48 per cent of project resources to LDCs and Other Low Income Countries (OLICs), as shown in Figure 1 below. Hence, the STDF continues to meet its target to devote at least 40 per cent of Facility project resources to LDCs and OLICs. Figure 2 indicates that 54 per cent of the number of STDF projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 14 per cent to Latin America and the Caribbean, and 14 per cent to Asia. In addition, 12 per cent of STDF projects and PPGs can be classified as global.

**Figure 1: STDF projects and PPGs (US\$)**



**Figure 2: STDF Projects and PPGs (number)**



24. Applications for STDF funding can be made at any point in the year but should be received at least 60 working days in advance of each Working Group meeting in order to be considered at that meeting. The next deadline for the submission of applications is 22 July 2011. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the "Guidance Note for Applicants" available on the STDF website.

**ANNEX**

Implementation Status of STDF Projects and Project Preparation Grants

**STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS**

(a) Projects awaiting contracting

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/302	Support to the cabbage sector in the Niayes Region of Senegal	Increase the production of cabbage and hence exports to the sub-region by controlling the spread and impact of two specific pests and assisting producers in meeting the Maximum Residue Limit established by Codex	Senegal	Senegal's Horticulture Union of the Niayes region (AUMN)	19-Mar-10	TBC	TBC	\$273,895
STDF/PG/309	Strengthening SPS capacity in Guinea-Bissau	Strengthening SPS capacity of technical services at national and regional level and updating SPS-related legislation	Guinea Bissau	EIF Project Implementation Unit	22-Oct-10	TBC	TBC	\$274,300
STDF/PG/328	Beyond Compliance: Integrated Systems Approach for Pest Risk Management in Southeast Asia	Develop and test new decision-support tools focused on an integrated Systems Approach for pest risk management in the Southeast Asian sub-region (support implementation of ISPM No. 14)	Southeast Asia	CABI Southeast Asia	28-Mar-11	TBC	TBC	\$600,000
STDF/PG/350	Global Phytosanitary Manuals, Standard Operating Procedures and Training Kits	Address the need in developing countries for documented technical resources to enhance their capacity to understand and implement International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)	Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, Malaysia and Sudan	IPPC Secretariat	28-Mar-11	TBC	TBC	\$600,000

TBC: To be confirmed

## (b) Ongoing projects

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/062	Strengthening food safety in Cameroon	Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon	Cameroon	FAO	07-Nov-07	01-Sep-08	31-Dec-10	\$445,964
STDF/PG/116	Development and implementation of a traceability system in the livestock sector in Costa Rica	Develop a sustainable traceability system in the livestock sector which facilitates the management of information related to agricultural units and epidemiological events	Costa Rica	IICA	10-Oct-08	01-Mar-09	28-Feb-11	\$455,220
STDF/PG/126	Establish the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania	Assist the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues	Tanzania	Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)	26-Jun-08	01-Jul-09	28-Feb-11	\$253,755
STDF/PG/127	SPS information system in Benin	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin	Benin	Benin Chamber of Commerce	07-Nov-07	01-Sep-08	28-Feb-11	\$359,790
STDF/PG/155	Nicaragua market oriented training service on market application of SPS	Establish SPS professional training units, to develop training manuals, quality and good process controls for pilot products	Nicaragua	IICA	10-Oct-08	01-Jun-10	31-May-12	\$519,439
STDF/PG/172	Expanding exports of sesame seeds and sheanut/ butter through improved SPS capacity building for private and public sector	Identify critical control points and factors along the Nigerian shea nut production chain and develop predictive models for aflatoxin production and fungal growth, pesticide residues and other contaminants	Nigeria	Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC)	10-Dec-09	01-Oct-10	30-Sep-12	\$324,240
STDF/PG/238	Development of accredited HACCP certification schemes for processed food products	Implement accredited inspection and certificates for Good Manufacturing Practices and HACCP recognized by the competent authorities	Guatemala	AGEXPORT	27-Feb-09	01-Feb-10	30-Jan-12	\$398,225

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/259	Strengthening Vietnamese SPS Capacities for Trade	Strengthen Vietnamese SPS capacities for trade by improving safety and quality for fresh vegetables through the value chain approach	Viet Nam	FAO/Fruit and Vegetable Research Institute (FAVRI)	26-Jun-09	01-Mar-10	29-Feb-12	\$476,580
STDF/PG/283	Support for SPS risk assessment in the mango export sector	Improve Mali's capacity to comply with international and private SPS standards in the mango sector	Mali	Agence National de la Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (ANSSA)	10-Dec-09	15-May-10	15-May-12	\$423,400
STDF/PG/284	Strengthening the National SPS Committee of Honduras	Strengthen the National SPS Committee of Honduras, further support the implementation of the National SPS Agenda (developed by the Committee) and consolidate and develop institutional SPS capacities	Honduras	Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA)	19-Mar-10	01-Jul-10	30-Jun-12	\$257,580
STDF/PG/287	Information sharing initiative on the actions to control fruit flies in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)	Facilitate the publication of a newsletter on fruit fly control in SSA which will feature on-going initiatives and inform about technical advances in the area	Sub-Saharan Africa	COLEACP (Comité de Liaison Europe-Afrique-Caraïbes-Pacifique pour la Promotion des Exportations horticoles ACP)	27-Feb-09	01-Jun-09	30-Apr-11	\$82,800
STDF/PG/298	SPS capacity building in Africa to mitigate the harmful effects of pesticide residues in cocoa and to maintain market access	Build SPS capacity in Africa to produce good quality cocoa that complies with the relevant international regulations and legislation on pesticide residues and other harmful substances	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo	International Cocoa Organization	02-Jul-10	01-Jan-11	31-Dec-12	\$593,460



Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/300	Develop a combined e-learning curriculum and web-based information system for food standards	Develop a combined e-learning curriculum and information system on food standards as a contribution to up-grading the quality infrastructure in developing countries	Ghana	University of Cape Coast (UCC)	10-Dec-09	01-Dec-10	30-Nov-12	\$262,246
STDF/PG/313	Continuation of the West African Fruit Fly Initiative (WAFFI) in 2010	Continue and deepen the regional sensitization and training work in eight countries in the sub-region	West Africa	CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement)	10-Dec-09	01-Apr-10	31-Mar-11	\$499,537
STDF/PG/318	National program for the monitoring and integral management of contaminants in export product	Establish a comprehensive program to control residues of pesticides and mycotoxins and implement this program for two pilot exportable products	Ecuador	IICA	19-Mar-10	01-Dec-10	30-Nov-12	\$400,455
STDF/PG/319	Strengthening the Food Safety Risk Assessment Unit in Colombia	Elaborate the functioning procedures of the Unit, establish its work programme and create a network of risk assessors to conduct future risk analyses	Colombia	IICA	02-Jul-10	01-Feb-11	31-Jan-13	\$401,500
STDF/PG/326	A Southeast Asian partnership to build trade capacity for fresh and processed fruit and vegetable products	Develop a competency-based education and training platform for selected value chains and provide customized training using a combination of face-to-face instruction and e-learning	Thailand, Vietnam	Michigan State University (MSU)	02-Jul-10	01-Jan-11	31-Dec-12	\$581,665

## (c) Completed projects

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/005	STDF Database	Establish a database covering the period 2001-03 to: i) help reduce duplication and gaps in activities; and ii) track SPS-related technical assistance flows and trends	Global	S&H Switzerland	01-Jun-03	01-Jul-03	01-Dec-05	\$45,100
STDF/PG/009	Model programme for developing food standards within a risk analysis framework	Strengthen capacity of low income countries in the Asia Pacific Region to develop food standards based on international requirements and participate in Codex	Asia Pacific countries	FAO	01-Nov-03	01-Mar-05	01-Sep-06	\$70,848
STDF/PG/010	Support to pilot activities for national implementation of the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health in Turkey and Uganda	Establish national windows for IPFSAPH through training and the development of a handbook	Turkey and Uganda	FAO	01-Nov-03	01-Mar-05	01-Sep-06	\$59,400
STDF/PG/013	Development of Regional Action Plans to Enhance Veterinary Capacity in East and West Africa	Develop regional strategies to strengthen veterinary capacity in East and West Africa with emphasis on improved surveillance, reporting, control and implementation of international standards	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	OIE	01-Sep-04	01-Oct-06	31-Jul-08	\$305,000
STDF/PG/014	Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services	Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document	Latin America & Caribbean	OIE	01-Nov-03	01-May-04	01-May-06	\$39,960
STDF/PG/015	Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels	Develop a training programme and core group of trainers to deliver training for veterinary officials	OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, CIS and Latin America.	OIE	01-Sep-04	01-Sep-04	01-Dec-07	\$130,614

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STDF/PG/019	Model arrangements for SPS stakeholder involvement at the national level	Improve SPS-related information flows and information sharing between the public and private sector with positive spin-offs for market access	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	Abt Associates Inc.	01-Sep-04	01-Dec-04	01-Apr-07	\$291,218
STDF/PG/020	Country-based plans for SPS-related development	Carry out baseline studies of SPS capacity and apply cost-benefit analysis to examine returns on investment in terms of foreign trade and an improved SPS situation	Peru and Uganda	Agra Ceas Consulting Ltd.	01-Nov-03	01-Nov-04	01-Mar-07	\$170,862
STDF/PG/037	Assistance to developing countries in the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) 15	Train officials on implementation of ISPM 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) to ensure minimal trade disruptions	171 Delegates (79 countries and 6 regional organizations) attended workshop	IPPC, FAO	01-Sep-04	01-Nov-04	01-Mar-06	\$332,000
STDF/PG/048	Improving shea and cashew nut production in Benin through the application of good agricultural practice	Apply good agricultural practices to overcome problems of mycotoxin contamination in shea and cashew nut production	Benin	CRA-Agonkanmey (Centre de Recherches Agricoles d'Agonkanmey)	07-Nov-07	01-Jun-08	15-Oct-10	\$455,575
STDF/PG/056	Capacity building to enhance implementation of the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on animal feeding	Strengthen implementation of good animal feeding practices and good manufacturing practices through development of training manuals, regional workshops in Africa, Latin America and Asia and country-level training	Feed industry in developing countries	IFIF (International Feed Industry Federation)	09-Mar-05	01-Jun-05	01-Nov-06	\$150,000

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/065	Develop a private/public safety control system for the horticultural export sector in Guinea	Assist the public and private sector to meet official and commercial standards for fruit and vegetable exports through development of a safety control system. Project developed based on IF DTIS report	Guinea	UNCTAD	06-Sep-05	01-Dec-05	30-Jun-10	\$530,300
STDF/PG/069	Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products	Assist the Yemeni Seafood Exporter's Association (YSEA) to improve the quality and safety of Yemeni seafood products	Yemen	YSEA (Yemeni Seafood Exporters Association)	29-Jun-07	01-Aug-07	31-Dec-09	\$398,750
STDF/PG/079	Quality information on SPS issues – a prerequisite for capacity building	Improve the sharing of information on Codex, OIE and IPPC standards (and supporting scientific evaluations) through the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health (IPSAPH)	Developing countries	FAO	06-Sep-05	01-Apr-06	30-Jun-09	\$435,185
STDF/PG/089	International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop	Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NPPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA)	29 Officials from developing and least developed countries	FAO	06-Sep-05	01-Oct-05	01-May-07	\$147,000
STDF/PG/108	Developing institutional capacity of countries in the Americas to participate in the SPS Committee	Promote more active and effective participation in SPS Committee through a regional review of SPS compliance structures and practices	Latin America & Caribbean	IICA	16-Oct-06	01-Oct-07	31-Jul-10	\$575,588
STDF/PG/114	Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production	Recover and consolidate export market access through implementation of an effective system to reduce aflatoxin contamination in the Brazil nut production chain	Brazil (Peru and Bolivia)	CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement)	03-Feb-06	01-Jun-06	30-Nov-08	\$619,664

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/120	Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures	India	*Manfred Luetzow, Regulatory Affairs Services GmbH *David Wilson * Canadian Food Inspection Agency	03-Feb-06	01-Nov-06	31-Oct-07	\$95,060
STDF/PG/133	Building capacity to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool in the Pacific	Train National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the South Pacific to evaluate their services using the PCE tool	South Pacific Forum Members	Secretariat of the Pacific Community	16-Oct-06	01-Aug-07	31-Dec-09	\$179,000
STDF/PG/134	Capacity building to improve fish trade performance of selected West African countries	Improve knowledge and awareness of SPS issues in the fisheries sector in five West African countries	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	FAO	02-Mar-07	01-Jun-08	30-Jun-10	\$469,000
STDF/PG/145	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	Increase Rwanda's exports of fruit, vegetables and flowers in international and regional markets	Rwanda	Michigan State University (MSU)	08-Jun-06	01-May-07	30-May-09	\$526,647
STDF/PG/146	Strengthening phytosanitary controls in Mali (with a focus on mango exports)	Expand international market access for fresh produce from Mali through improved phytosanitary control capacity. Project based on IF DTIS	Mali	Ministry of Trade (IF management unit) and FAO	08-Jun-06	01-Jan-07	28-Feb-10	\$518,800
STDF/PG/170	Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal	Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project based on IF DTIS	Nepal	FAO	02-Mar-07	01-Apr-08	31-Jul-10	\$347,900
STDF/PG/171	Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE)	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre	Kenya and East Africa	CABI (Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International)	07-Nov-07	26-May-08	30-Nov-10	\$699,375

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/173	Assessing capacity building needs of food control systems in developing APEC Member Economies	Train food safety regulators from developing member economies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) using FAO's food safety capacity evaluation tools	APEC countries	FSANZ (Food Standards Australia New Zealand)	02-Mar-07	01-Aug-07	30-Apr-09	\$97,500
STDF/PG/230	Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease (LYD) in Coconuts in Mozambique	Build phytosanitary capacity to implement international standards to manage LYD in palms and thereby expand market access for coconuts	Mozambique	FAO	26-Jun-08	01-Jul-09	31-Jul-11	\$326,528
STDF/PG/246	Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia	Cambodia	FAO	26-Jun-08	20-Apr-09	30-Jul-10	\$178,000
STDF/PG/255	Regional initiative on the fight against fruit flies in West Africa	Conduct tests in pilot mango orchards using different fruit fly control and other Integrated Pest Management techniques to monitor and control fruit fly populations in 8 pilot countries	Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Senegal, The Gambia.	CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement)	10-Oct-08	01-Apr-09	31-Mar-10	\$279,620

## STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)

(a) PPGs awaiting contracting

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/308	Developing an SPS action plan for the Central African Republic (CAR)	Develop an SPS Action Plan for the CAR to enable the country to maximize its participation in the multilateral trading system through the protection of consumers from food safety risks, animal and plant health.	Central African Republic	TBC	22-Oct-10	TBC	TBC	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/343	Establishment of a National Cinnamon Training Academy (NCTA) for Cinnamon Processors in the Southern Province	Develop a project to establish a National Cinnamon Training Academy (NCTA) to train the peelers in producing safe cinnamon of a high quality.	Sri Lanka	TBC	28-Mar-11	TBC	TBC	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/344	Establishment of a Regional Food Inspectors School in Central America	Develop a project to establish a regional food inspector's school to harmonize food inspection procedures and strengthen the technical competence and skills of food inspectors within the region.	Central America	Dr Ricardo Molins (IICA)	28-Mar-11	TBC	TBC	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/345	Project for Feed Safety Regulations in Latin America and Caribbean	Develop a project to harmonize feed safety regulations in Latin America and the Caribbean to ensure feed safety and increase competitiveness at national and regional levels.	Latin America & Caribbean	TBC	28-Mar-11	TBC	TBC	\$30,000

TBC: To be confirmed

(b) PPGs currently being implemented

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/232	A phytosanitary capacity building strategy for Africa	Improve phytosanitary capacity in African countries through the development and implementation of a phytosanitary capacity building strategy	Cameroon and other African countries	CABI (Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International)	26-Jun-08	01-Dec-08	Upon approval	\$29,000
STDF/PPG/303	Project preparation grant to conduct a total diet study for Sub-Saharan Africa	Elaborate a manual describing a methodology to conduct a regional TDS to evaluate the risks of chemical contamination of food	Sub-Saharan Africa	Centre Pasteur du Cameroun	26-Jun-09	12-Oct-09	31-Mar-11	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/316	Strengthening phytosanitary inspection and diagnostic services in Azerbaijan	Strengthen the capacity of pre-border quarantine inspection points, notably through the provision of laboratory equipment and training of laboratory staff	Azerbaijan	IPPC/FAO	19-Mar-10	01-Dec-10	31-May-11	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/323	Enhancing the Safety and Quality of Agricultural Products in Senegal	Develop a project proposal to addresses the issue of pest surveillance and application of good agriculture practices to enhance Senegal's potential of horticultural exports	Senegal	IPPC/FAO	02-Jul-10	01-Mar-11	31-Aug-11	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/329	Support to Public and Private Sector for SPS Implementation in Nepal	Develop a project to strengthen SPS capacity in the public and private sector in Nepal, as a means to increase agri-food exports and reduce the import/entry of low quality products	Nepal	TBC	22-Oct-10	01-Mar-11	Upon approval	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/335	Strengthening the capacity for phytosanitary controls in the floriculture sector in Uganda	Develop a national surveillance programme to monitor and control pests affecting the sector in order to maintain and further enhance market access	Uganda	Hubertus Stoetzer	22-Oct-10	07-Feb-11	06-Aug-11	\$30,000



(c) Completed PPGs resulting in a project funded by the STDF

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/062	Develop a project proposal to strengthen SPS capacity in Cameroon	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems"	Cameroon	Jean Claude Cheftel, University of Montpellier	01-Sep-04	09-May-05	31-Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/065	Strengthen SPS capacity in Guinea	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector (based on IF DTIS)	Guinea	UNCTAD	09-Mar-05	01-Jun-05	26-Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/069	Develop a project proposal to strengthen SPS capacity in Yemen	Conduct a survey of SPS issues in the fisheries sector and project design (based on IF DTIS)	Yemen	Tim Huntington	09-Mar-05	01-Oct-05	19-Nov-05	\$19,700
STDF/PPG/088	Strengthening SPS human resource capacity	Conduct evaluation of the training needs of Nepal's SPS authorities and design a training programme	Nepal	FAO	06-Sep-05	01-Jan-07	27-Mar-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/102	SPS constraints and export diversification project preparation grant	Enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector	Mali	Malika Bounfour	06-Sep-05	15-Mar-06	31-May-06	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/103	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	Enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector	Rwanda	Michigan State University (MSU)	06-Sep-05	15-Feb-06	01-May-06	\$22,000
STDF/PPG/116	Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica	Assist in the development of the animal health directorate's National Epidemiological Surveillance Programme by introducing a traceability system for livestock farms	Costa Rica	Emilio Leon	03-Feb-06	01-May-07	15-Oct-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/126	Assistance to establish a horticulture industry organization in Tanzania	Develop a business plan and facilitate the establishment of a horticulture association in Tanzania	Tanzania	Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)	03-Feb-06	15-Jul-06	30-Sep-06	\$5,500

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STDF/PPG/127	Strengthening the capacity of the Benin Chamber of Commerce to track SPS-related development in exports markets	Establish an information centre within the Benin Chamber of Commerce to ensure that firms are aware of SPS measures affecting their existing or planned exports	Benin	Stefan Skrzypczak	08-Jun-06	20-Nov-06	28-Feb-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/155	Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application	Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness	Nicaragua	Michigan State University (MSU)	16-Oct-06	01-Mar-07	30-Oct-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/171	Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE)	Revise a project document to establish a Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence in Kenya. If funded the project would address issues raised in the IF DTIS reports for Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda	Kenya	Ralf Lopian	02-Mar-07	15-Apr-07	30-Nov-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/172	Expanding Nigeria's food exports through enhanced SPS capacity	Enhance Nigeria's capacity in the SPS area and improve the country's ability to export high-value food products	Nigeria	CARANA Corporation	02-Mar-07	01-Nov-07	31-Mar-08	\$25,000
STDF/PPG/298	Capacity building programme on pesticide residues and other harmful substances in cocoa in Africa	Assist cocoa-producing countries in Africa to produce cocoa that meets the food safety requirements of the EU, the USA and Japan	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo	International Cocoa Organization	26-Jun-09	12-Oct-09	31-Mar-10	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/302	Support the competitiveness of cabbage in the Niayes region	Improve the quality of cabbage by putting in place systems which will follow GAP schemes, facilitate traceability and HACCP	Senegal	Olivier Bertin-Mahieux	26-Jun-09	01-Oct-09	31-Dec-09	\$25,631
STDF/PPG/309	Technical assistance to the Ministry of Trade and Industry to assist in the preparation of a project to build the SPS management system	Assist the Government in evaluating its bio-security situation through the application of the bio-security capacity evaluation tool developed by FAO	Guinea Bissau	Olivier Bertin-Mahieux	10-Dec-09	15-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	\$30,000

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STDF/PPG/328	Developing trade opportunities: an integrated systems approach for Pest Risk Management	Develop a transparent, mutually-agreed framework for considering the reduction of risk achieved by phytosanitary measures	Malaysia	Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (ICL)	02-Jul-10	06-Aug-10	20-Mar-11	\$30,000

(d) Completed PPGs resulting in a project funded or seeking funding from other sources

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/052	Post-harvest contamination in Malawi and Zambia	Develop a project proposal to address post-harvest contamination problems in the paprika and groundnut sectors in Malawi and Zambia (based on IF DTIS)	Malawi and Zambia	Gordon Shephard	09-Mar-05	15-Feb-07	15-Aug-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/066	Develop a project proposal to strengthen SPS capacity in Mozambique	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. (based on IF DTIS)	Mozambique	UNCTAD	09-Mar-05	23-May-05	26-Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/100	Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde	Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards	Cape Verde	WTO	29-Jun-07	07-Dec-06	31-Jan-07	\$27,737
STDF/PPG/105	OIE STDF project on the implementation of compartmentalization for avian influenza and Newcastle disease in the poultry sector	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization	Brazil and Thailand	OIE	29-Jun-07	22-Feb-08	01-Oct-08	\$20,000

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STDF/PPG/113	Survey of food safety needs in Burundi	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" to survey the food safety situation in Burundi and develop a trade-related project proposal	Burundi	WTO/ Burundi Standards Bureau Mohammed Majdi	03-Feb-06	01-Sep-06	30-Nov-06	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/165	Improving SPS controls in fruit production in Madagascar.	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production	Madagascar	CTHA (Centre Technique Horticole d'Antananarivo)	07-Nov-07	01-Feb-08	Upon approval	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework	Sierra Leone	CARANA Corporation	29-Jun-07	01-Jan-08	31-Jul-08	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/221	Improving the competitiveness of suppliers in Burkina Faso's national, regional and international markets	Identify specific SPS issues and constraints affecting sesame production and exports and develop a project proposal to overcome these constraints and improve market access	Burkina Faso	Tidiane Traore	04-Apr-08	10-Jan-09	30-Apr-09	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/223	Strengthening the official food control programme to support an emerging food business sector	Assess requirements to strengthen official food controls, standards and food inspection based on specific priority commodities identified in the World Bank Action Plan and develop a proposal for follow-up	Moldova	Enrico Casadei	04-Apr-08	20-Jul-08	31-Oct-08	\$23,265
STDF/PPG/234	Design of Lao P.D.R Good Agricultural Practice scheme	Create institutional infrastructure to ensure market access for agricultural products from Lao PDR	Lao PDR	Andrew Wilson	26-Jun-08	18-Aug-08	16-Jan-09	\$18,410
STDF/PPG/242	Elaboration of SPS needs expressed in the IF DTIS of Comoros	Assess SPS human resource and infrastructure needs based on the IF DTIS and formulate a project proposal to improve the competitiveness of the litchi and lobster sectors	Comoros	Chokri Damergi	26-Jun-08	01-Feb-09	30-Apr-09	\$20,000

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STDF/PPG/262	Strengthening veterinary services and promoting market access of animal products from Sahel countries to North African markets	Review a regional strategy to strengthen veterinary services	Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso	CILSS (Comité permanent inter-états de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel)	27-Feb-09	01-Dec-09	31-Jul-10	\$19,600
STDF/PPG/268	Harmonization of the legal, regulatory and institutional framework for an SPS control management system	Strengthen SPS-related legislation and improve the institutional management system	Tanzania	Natural Resources Institute (NRI)/ University of Greenwich John Eric Orchard	10-Oct-08	01-May-09	Upon approval	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/286	Accessing new ornamental plant market by reducing phytosanitary issues through participatory research and extension: the Clean Stock Programme in Costa Rica	Reduce the phytosanitary risk of exporting 5 varieties of ornamental plants in order to maintain access to the US market	Costa Rica	CATIE (Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza of Costa Rica)	27-Feb-09	15-May-09	31-Dec-09	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/324	Needs assessment and strategy for the development of Liberia's SPS system	Re-define Liberia's SPS framework by streamlining the number of ministries responsible for standards-related issues to a single national competent authority	Liberia	Londa Van der Wal	19-Mar-10	01-Jul-10	30-Sep-10	\$30,000

(e) Completed PPGs which have not been approved for funding

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/038	Agricultural Health and Food Safety Laboratory Needs Assessment for CARICOM Countries	Survey laboratory capacity in CARICOM to develop a project to assist in development of a regional strategy on laboratory infrastructure	Caribbean	CARICOM	01-Sep-04	11-Oct-05	01-Jun-06	\$20,000

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STDF/PPG/046	Implementation of Codex standards (WHO Africa)	Assist WHO Africa to develop a project proposal to support selected African countries to implement Codex standards	Benin and Tanzania	Kenza Le Mentec J. Claude Cheftel	03-Feb-06	01-Aug-06	31-Aug-07	\$19,000
STDF/PPG/061	Strengthening SPS capacity in Cambodia	Conduct fieldwork in Cambodia to develop a project proposal	Cambodia	Digby Gascoine	09-Mar-05	24-Apr-05	22-Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/063	Quality control for agricultural products in Benin	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems"	Benin	Lois C. Laleye	09-Mar-05	15-Jun-05	31-Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/064	Strengthen SPS capacity in Djibouti	Conduct field research and design of project in the livestock sector in Djibouti (based IF DTIS)	Djibouti	Greg Sullivan	09-Mar-05	25-May-05	01-Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/101	Capacity evaluation of national food control system in Eritrea	Apply FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" and design a project proposal	Eritrea	Arpad Ambrus	06-Sep-05	05-Jan-06	31-Mar-06	\$28,690
STDF/PPG/305	Institutionalising SPS for agricultural health and food safety systems in Africa	Conduct a scoping study to inform and assess the necessity of further action needed in the SPS area at the level of the AUC and the Regional Economic Communities	African Union	João Manuel GA de Magalhães	26-Jun-09	01-Oct-09	Upon approval	\$30,000