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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

COMMUNICATION FROM JAPAN

Addendum

The following communication, received on 24 October 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Japan.

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1. Japan would like to provide the following information regarding the provision of SPS-related technical assistance from Japanese fiscal year 2022 in response to the Secretariat's request in [G/SPS/W/101](#).
 2. SPS-related technical assistance from Japan has been provided to developing countries in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures with a primary aim to facilitate the enhancement and implementation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures in developing countries based on sound science.
 3. The attached table shows Japan's SPS-related technical assistance from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The total value of the SPS-related technical assistance provided by Japan for the period amounted to approximately 291 million Japanese yen. The accumulated amount of Japanese assistance since 1 April 2009 is approximately 10 billion Japanese yen.
 4. The number of programmes provided by Japan since 1 April 2009 has amounted to 111 and assistance has been provided to more than 50 countries in Asia, the Pacific region, Central America, South America, Central Asia, and Africa. Technical assistance has been directed not only to an individual country but also to groups of countries, regions and the whole world.
 5. Japan's overseas aid programme is managed primarily by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA was established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency under the Act of the Incorporated Administrative Agency. The Government of Japan as well has implemented SPS-related technical assistance for the Asia and Pacific region through Official Development Assistance (ODA).
 6. Japan's assistance covered all four broad categories listed in [G/SPS/GEN/206](#): information; training; "soft" infrastructure development and "hard" infrastructure development. Japan's assistance 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](#).

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY JAPAN TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS
AND OTHER COUNTRIES
IN FY2022 (APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023)**

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	<p>Project of general support for SPS-related measures and transboundary animal disease measures in Asia</p> <p>1. Contribution to FAO on SPS-related technical assistance for Asia Pacific region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dispatch of two experts (RAP) - Workshops, training courses and information exchange meetings on international standards (2019–2023) <p>2. Contribution to WOAHP on SPS-related technical assistance for Asian developing countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of roadmap for controlling transboundary diseases such as FMD in the Asian region - Promotion of disease surveillance - Workshop on FMD (2019–2023) 	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Developing Countries in Asia Pacific region
Food Safety	Project for Improving Safety of Agricultural Exports for Small-Scale Farmers (2017–2022)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Paraguay
Food Safety	Food safety administration	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Bangladesh, Georgia, Kosovo, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Ukraine
Animal Health	<p>WOAH/JTF Project for Controlling Zoonosis in Asia under One Health Concept</p> <p>1. One Health and Veterinary Services To prevent and control Zoonosis under One Health approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert meeting and workshop To strengthen capacity of Veterinary Services - Training courses co-organized with WOAHP Reference Centres <p>2. Good Governance To strengthen good governance of Veterinary Services and animal welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional seminar (2012–2022) 	Training and Soft Infrastructure (ODA project)	Developing Countries in Asia Pacific region
Animal Health	Project for improvement of institutional capacity for Foot-and-Mouth Disease control (2017–2024)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Myanmar