



**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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

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**1 OVERVIEW**

1.1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) supports developing countries in building their capacity to implement international SPS standards, guidelines and recommendations as a means to improve their human, animal and plant health status and ability to gain and maintain access to markets. In doing so, it contributes to sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction, food security and environmental protection in developing countries. More specifically, it increases awareness, mobilizes resources, strengthens collaboration and identifies and disseminates good practice to enhance the effectiveness of SPS assistance. The STDF also provides support and funding for the development and implementation of projects that promote compliance with international SPS requirements.

1.2. The STDF is a global partnership established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). Other organizations involved in SPS-related technical cooperation, donors contributing funds to the STDF and developing country experts participate actively in the Facility's work. The STDF is managed and housed by the WTO.<sup>2</sup>

1.3. This document provides an overview of ongoing and planned STDF activities in support of its work programme. It also provides information on the recent mid-term review of the STDF. Annex I provides an overview of on-going STDF projects and project preparation grants (PPGs).

1.4. Delegates who would like to receive more information on SPS-related technical cooperation are encouraged to subscribe to the STDF electronic mailing list (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/ContactUs.htm>). The STDF regularly issues an e-newsletter which contains an overview of major developments in the area of SPS capacity building, including activities of the STDF and its partners.

**2 STDF MID-TERM REVIEW**

2.1. An independent mid-term review of the STDF was completed in January 2014.<sup>3</sup> The review was carried out by Saana Consulting and covers the period 2009-2013. It examines the STDF's performance against evaluation criteria developed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) — relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and impact. The 57-page report noted that "the results are impressive and a testament to the effective operation of the STDF". It also concluded that the STDF has successfully established itself as a coordination forum. This role was cited as significant "value added" by the evaluators and relevant to the goals of partners, donors and developing countries.

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<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights or obligations under the WTO.

<sup>2</sup> More detailed information on the STDF and its activities, including projects and project preparation grants, is available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>).

<sup>3</sup> This review was the third evaluation of the Facility. Previous evaluations were completed in December 2005 and November 2008, respectively.

2.2. Projects were considered as "highly relevant to the needs of the beneficiaries and to the policies of partners and donors". Regional approaches were deemed particularly successful and an area that STDF should develop further. Activities funded by the STDF related to preparing projects were considered "a good investment". Over 50% of total grant funding went to projects originating in least developed countries (LCDs) and other low income countries. Donors noted that the grant funding program "allowed them to extend the range of their technical assistance programs on SPS issues at a fraction of the cost than if they were to do it themselves".

2.3. The performance of the Secretariat was rated as "efficient and cost effective". The evaluators found that the Secretariat's participative and consultative approach enhanced the effective implementation of projects and activities. Recommendations on how to further strengthen the operation of the Facility, including by further improving its results-based management framework and by adding staff to maintain and further enhance the coordination function were discussed by STDF's partners, donors and developing country experts in the STDF Policy Committee on 23 January 2014. Implementation of the recommendations will now be considered by the STDF Working Group on 28 March 2014.

2.4. A news story on the STDF mid-term review and the full report (in English only) can be viewed and downloaded from the STDF website.<sup>4</sup> The executive summary of the mid-term review, including the recommendations, was circulated to the SPS Committee for information (see document G/SPS/GEN/1304).

### **3 COORDINATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION**

#### **3.1 SPS and Trade Facilitation**

3.1. In 2012, the STDF initiated work to analyse the implementation of SPS measures in the context of trade facilitation (defined as the simplification, harmonisation, standardisation and modernisation of trade procedures). This work encompasses regional research in selected countries and sub-regions in Africa and Asia<sup>5</sup> and aims to identify, analyse and foster dialogue on experiences, lessons and good practices to improve the implementation of SPS controls in a way that facilitates safe trade, while minimizing SPS transaction costs. Moreover, the work may provide timely inputs towards the integration of SPS-related components in broader trade facilitation programmes.

3.2. The preliminary results of this STDF work will be presented and discussed at a thematic session on 26 March 2014. The session will be open to SPS and Trade Facilitation delegates as well as STDF Working Group participants. This will be an opportunity to hear about the findings and recommendations of the regional research and to discuss the need for possible follow-up work by governments and the broader trade and development community, including the STDF, on a topic of widespread interest which has not been systematically addressed until now. A background note on this event, including the programme, is circulated to the SPS Committee separately and can also be viewed and downloaded from the STDF website.<sup>6</sup>

#### **3.2 International Trade and Invasive Alien Species**

3.3. On the margins of the June 2013 SPS Committee meeting, the STDF, in conjunction with the IPPC and OIE, presented the STDF publication on International Trade and Invasive Alien Species.<sup>7</sup> The study reviews and analyses key concepts and principles relevant to IAS and international trade in the context of the SPS Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and in relation to the two relevant standard-setting organizations (IPPC and OIE) under the SPS Agreement. It also considers various initiatives to enhance capacities for managing the entry and spread of IAS (including plant pests and animal diseases), reviews common challenges and good practices, and makes a number of targeted recommendations.

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<sup>4</sup> News story: [http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news13\\_e/sps\\_29nov13\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news13_e/sps_29nov13_e.htm); Full report: [http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/KeyDocs/STDF\\_MTR\\_Jan-14.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/KeyDocs/STDF_MTR_Jan-14.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> The work also benefited from a study by the Inter-American Development Bank on the quarantine control situation in Latin America.

<sup>6</sup> See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/TATradeFacilitation.htm>.

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/IAS/STDF\\_IAS\\_EN.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/IAS/STDF_IAS_EN.pdf).

3.4. Translations of this publication in French and Spanish were finalized and will be available shortly on the STDF website.<sup>8</sup>

### 3.3 Prioritizing SPS investment options

3.5. Since 2010, the STDF has supported the development of a decision-support tool, based on Multi Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA), to help developing countries prioritize options to strengthen SPS capacity for market access. In June 2013, the STDF organized a workshop on the use of this tool. STDF partners, donors, developing country experts, observer organizations and in particular beneficiaries who had applied the tool reviewed and took stock of experiences and lessons learned in countries where the framework was used, and considered options to improve the methodology and process through which it is applied.

3.6. Based on the recommendations of the workshop, and following discussions in the Working Group in October 2013, the STDF will revise and finalize the current user guide into a more practical and easy-to-use toolkit. This work will be further pursued during the second half of the year. Initial discussions on finalizing this into a "multimedia" toolkit were held with WTO's E-learning unit. More information on the decision-support tool, including previous STDF events and publications, and experiences of countries where the tool has been used, can be found on the STDF website.<sup>9</sup>

3.7. Members who are interested in applying a structured and transparent approach to establish priorities between alternative SPS capacity building options, while benefiting from inputs from both public and private sector, are encouraged to contact the STDF Secretariat.

### 3.4 New STDF film

3.8. Building on the success of the STDF film "Trading Safely: Protecting Health, Promoting Development" (developed in 2009), the STDF will develop additional audio-visual case stories that demonstrate the usefulness of specific approaches in building SPS capacity. These stories could be linked to previous STDF thematic work, for instance the use of SPS capacity evaluation tools, public-private partnerships to build SPS capacity, international trade and invasive alien species, links between SPS and Trade Facilitation, etc.

3.9. The existing film (also available in Arabic, Chinese and Russian) continues to be widely distributed and shown at workshops, training courses and other events. The film can be viewed and downloaded on STDF's website.<sup>10</sup> The Secretariat can send hard copies of the film to Members upon request.

### 3.5 New STDF website and virtual library

3.10. In June 2013, the STDF Secretariat began work on a new STDF website (based on a content management system). This will allow the Secretariat to more easily publish, edit and modify content. Finalization of this project was foreseen in the first quarter of 2014 but then unfortunately delayed. It is expected that the new website be launched in June 2014. A brief demonstration of the new website and its functionalities could be provided to Members at the next SPS Committee meeting in July.

3.11. A new version of the STDF Virtual Library will be integrated into the new website. The library (accessible from the STDF homepage) is an electronic information management system providing quick and easy online access to a variety of information resources focused on SPS technical cooperation and capacity building. It helps in facilitating STDF's role as a knowledge platform for exchanging SPS-related capacity building information, sharing experiences, and identifying and disseminating good practice. The new version will complement and include links to other information systems and databases developed and maintained by STDF partners, donors and other organizations.

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<sup>8</sup> See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/TAIAS.htm>.

<sup>9</sup> See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/TAEcoAnalysis.htm>.

<sup>10</sup> See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/IRVideos.htm>.

3.12. Members are particularly encouraged to submit the following documents to the Secretariat ([STDFSecretariat@wto.org](mailto:STDFSecretariat@wto.org)) for inclusion in the Library: project documents and final reports, training materials, project evaluations/reviews, SPS capacity needs assessments, cost-benefit analyses, case studies, relevant research papers and other articles on SPS capacity building.

#### 4 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

4.1. The STDF provides advice and support to beneficiaries on issues related to SPS project development and finances project preparation grants (PPGs) to assist beneficiaries in the articulation of their SPS needs and the development of technically sound and sustainable project proposals. Seed funding up to US\$50,000 is available for PPGs, which can be used for any of the following purposes (or a combination thereof): (i) application of SPS-related capacity evaluation and prioritization tools; (ii) preparation of feasibility studies that precede project development to assess the potential impact and economic viability of proposals (expected costs and benefits); and/or (iii) preparation of project proposals that can be funded by the STDF or other donors.

4.2. A total of 60 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception. The STDF Working Group may approve additional PPGs for funding at its next meeting on 27 March 2014.

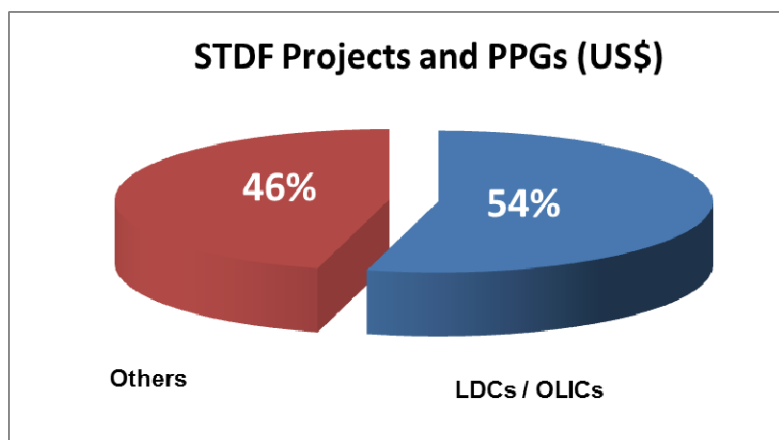
#### 5 PROJECT FUNDING

5.1. Project grant financing up to a maximum of US\$1,000,000 is available from the STDF. Favourable consideration is given to projects that focus on one or more of the following: (i) the identification, development and dissemination of good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation, including the development and application of innovative and replicable approaches; (ii) STDF work on cross-cutting topics of common interest; (iii) the use of regional approaches to address SPS constraints; and/or (iv) collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches focused on the interface/linkages between human, animal and plant health and trade, and benefiting from the involvement of two or more STDF partners or other relevant organizations.

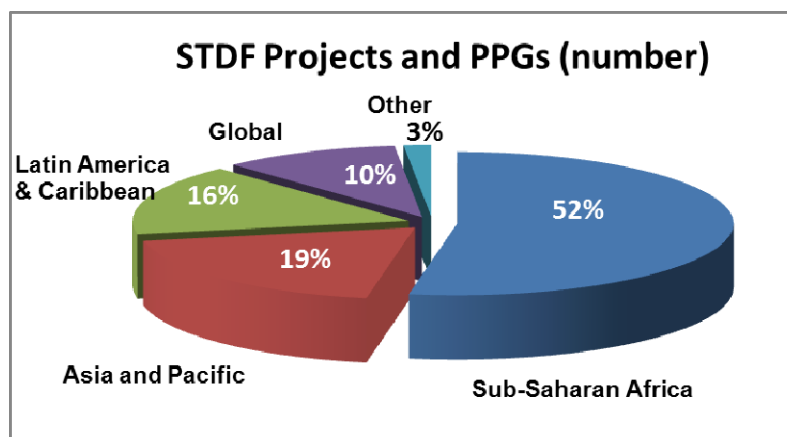
5.2. A total of 66 projects have been approved for STDF funding since its inception. The STDF Working Group may approve additional projects for funding at its next meeting on 27 March 2014.

5.3. Annex I provides an overview of on-going STDF projects and PPGs. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 54% of its project and PPG 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% of its project and PPG resources to LDCs and OLICs. Notably, the allocation of PPG resources to LDCs and OLICs remains high (i.e. 80% of the overall budget for PPGs).

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



5.4. Figure 2 below indicates that 52% of the number of STDF projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 19% to Asia, and 16% to Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, 10% of STDF projects and PPGs can be classified as global.

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

5.5. 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 **18 July 2014**.

Recommended steps to follow when seeking PG or PPG funding opportunities with the STDF:

1. Browse our PPG <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/PGPpgStat.htm> and PG <http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/PGProStat.htm> webpages for examples of previous projects.
2. Carefully read our guidance note for applicants: [http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/Forms/STDFGuidanceNote\\_en.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/Forms/STDFGuidanceNote_en.pdf).
3. Consult relevant stakeholders in the country/region.
4. Send us a brief concept note of your potential project for feedback on eligibility and likelihood of funding ([STDFSecretariat@wto.org](mailto:STDFSecretariat@wto.org)).
5. Fill out an application form (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/FDAppForms.htm>) and submit it electronically before the deadline.

## ANNEX I

### IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ONGOING STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS<sup>1</sup>

#### STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/242	Strategy to strengthen the SPS system in Comoros	Build SPS capacity in the country in a comprehensive and systematic manner in order to increase its market access for potential agricultural products and fisheries.	Comoros	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	30-Mar-12	17-Sep-12	16-Sep-15	\$1,033,673
STDF/PG/302	Support to the cabbage sector in the Niayes Region of Senegal	Increase the production of cabbage and foment exports from the Niayes region by controlling the spread and impact of specific pests and assisting producers in meeting the Maximum Residue Limits established by Codex.	Senegal	Association des Unions Maraichères des Niayes (AUMN), Senegal	19-Mar-10	01-Feb-12	31-Jan-14	\$577,142
STDF/PG/303	Regional Total Diet Study for Sub-Saharan Africa	Contribute to strengthen capacity of risk managers to implement international standards based on a good knowledge of hazards, risks and exposure levels to harmful substances in commonly produced and consumed food.	Benin, Cameroon, Mali, Nigeria	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); World Health Organization (WHO)	19-Mar-13	TBD	TBD	\$1,063,708

<sup>1</sup> Projects and project preparation grants that have a start and end date to be determined (TBD) have not yet been contracted.

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/316	Strengthening phytosanitary inspection and diagnostic services in Azerbaijan	Improve provision of inspection and diagnostic services by the Phytosanitary Control Service and Customs for maintaining the necessary level of phytosanitary protection for agricultural production.	Azerbaijan	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	15-Oct-13	TBD	TBD	\$1,000,000
STDF/PG/321	Building trade capacity of small-scale shrimp and prawn farmers in Bangladesh	Organize small-scale farmers in manageable clusters and assist them in developing and adopting Better Management Practices (BMPs) to address the contamination problem at grass-roots level.	Bangladesh	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	27-Jun-11	01-Apr-12	21-Mar-14	\$568,750
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 Southeast Asia (support implementation of ISPM 14).	Southeast Asia	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI) Asia	28-Mar-11	11-Jul-11	10-Jul-14	\$600,000
STDF/PG/329	Enhancing SPS capacity of ginger exports through a Public-Private Partnership in Nepal	Increase incomes of Nepalese stakeholders in the ginger value chain by adding value to the product exported to India and increase capacity to access new markets.	Nepal	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	27-Jun-11	07-Jun-12	06-Jun-15	\$412,629

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/335	Strengthening Phytosanitary Controls in the Floriculture Sector in Uganda	Enhance pest surveillance and diagnostic capacity to enable a better understanding of pest distribution and facilitate the implementation of efficient control strategies.	Uganda	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI) Africa	30-Mar-12	01-Oct-12	30-Sep-14	\$348,632
STDF/PG/336	Enhancing the control of transboundary animal diseases in Cameroon	Build institutional capacity and strengthen the veterinary services involved in the surveillance system.	Cameroon	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	27-Jun-11	01-Jun-12	31-May-14	\$510,788
STDF/PG/337	ASEAN Pesticide Residue Data Generation Project	Establish a regional process to generate reliable data for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for selected "minor-use" crops, as a means to promote harmonization with international standards and enhance market access.	ASEAN member states	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	21-Oct-11	01-Dec-12	30-Nov-15	\$607,000
STDF/PG/343	Competency development scheme for the cinnamon sector in Sri Lanka	Enhance the competitiveness of the cinnamon industry and the capacity of the cinnamon value added segment by improving processing and handling practices.	Sri Lanka	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	21-Oct-11	01-Jul-12	30-Jun-14	\$630,000
STDF/PG/344	Establishment of a Regional Virtual Food Inspection School in Central America and Dominican Republic	Harmonize modern inspection procedures conducted by a properly trained cadre of food inspectors and food safety auditors in the region to contribute to facilitating trade and improving public health.	Central America, Dominican Republic	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	30-Mar-12	01-Jul-12	30-Jun-15	\$905,225



Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/345	Feed and Food Security Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean	Contribute to the harmonization of the regulatory framework for the production and commercialization of animal feed, ensuring its safety and access to markets, based on the standards and recommendations of Codex and the OIE.	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay	Asociación de las Industrias de Alimentación Animal de América Latina y Caribe (FEEDLATINA)	19-Mar-13	15-Feb-14	14-Feb-17	\$991,100
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, Sudan	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	28-Mar-11	01-Feb-12	31-Jan-15	\$600,000
STDF/PG/354	Improving Safety and Quality of Fruits and Vegetables in Sri Lanka	Analyse SPS constraints along the value chains, enhance public and private sector stakeholders capacity to meet international SPS requirements and improve public-private cooperation and networking.	Sri Lanka	International Trade Centre (ITC)	30-Mar-12	01-Mar-13	28-Feb-15	\$562,484
STDF/PG/358	Improving veterinary legislation in OIRSA member countries	Strengthen the veterinary services in the region by harmonizing the legal framework in accordance with OIE standards for the control and eradication of animal diseases.	OIRSA member countries	Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA)	30-Mar-12	01-May-13	30-Apr-15	\$488,330

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/359	African Pesticide Residue Data Generation Project	Enhance regional capacity in pesticide residues data generation and monitoring for establishing, implementing, and complying with international pesticide residue standards.	Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda , Zambia	African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)	11-Oct-12	01-May-13	30-Apr-16	\$446,150
STDF/PG/381	CocoaSafe: SPS capacity building and knowledge sharing for the cocoa sector in South East Asia	Maintain and increase market access of cocoa exports by improving practices along the supply chain to meet international food safety standards.	Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea	International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)	11-Oct-12	01-Nov-13	31-Oct-15	\$604,491
STDF/PG/401	Training of Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Facilitators	Improve the capability of developing countries to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool to evaluate their capacities, identify gaps and plan their national phytosanitary and development programmes.	Developing countries	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	11-Oct-12	TBD	TBD	\$625,148
STDF/PG/436	Strengthening regional capacity in Latin America to meet pesticides export requirements	Strengthen the capacity of Latin American countries in pesticide residues data generation and monitoring, to support the establishment and implementation of international standards.	Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	19-Mar-13	01-Oct-13	30-Sep-16	\$346,450

## STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/346-347-348	Feasibility study on the concept of the COMESA Green Pass	Conduct a feasibility study to clarify the concept of the Green Pass and address legal and technical issues as well as its economic and commercial viability.	COMESA members	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	27-Jun-11	01-Jan-12	31-Dec-13	\$90,000
STDF/PPG/377	Strengthening the National Plant Protection System in The Gambia	Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the phytosanitary capacity gaps using the IPPC-PCE Tool and develop a project to implement action points to enhance the national plant protection system.	The Gambia	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	30-Mar-12	01-Feb-13	Upon approval	\$50,000
STDF/PPG/379	Promoting the effective participation of SADC member states in the WTO SPS Committee	Strengthen the capacity of SPS authorities in SADC member states to be able to effectively implement their SPS obligations and assert their rights as WTO Members.	SADC member states	Kevin Walker	22-Mar-13	15-Jul-13	Upon approval	\$25,000
STDF/PPG/392	Integrating SPS in Sierra Leone: A whole chain approach to developing the national food safety management system	Assess the national food safety management system and develop plans for institutional capacity building and determine priorities in order to achieve compliance with SPS requirements.	Sierra Leone	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	19-Mar-13	01-Nov-13	15-Apr-14	\$39,000

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/404	Developing virus indexing capacity for planting materials in Malawi	Undertake a feasibility study to assess the viability of building capacity for indexing and production of virus-free planting materials for bananas in Malawi.	Malawi	Department of Agricultural Research Services (DARS), Malawi	19-Mar-13	01-Nov-13	Upon approval	\$18,701
STDF/PPG/428	Trade and Improved Livelihoods in Aquatic Production in Africa (TILAPIA)	Assist in consolidating a concept note for a regional project to build capacity on fish health and aquatic biosecurity to sustain and develop aquaculture and fisheries in Africa.	African countries	African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)	15-Oct-13	TBD	TBD	\$50,000
STDF/PPG/432	Information systems for surveillance and pest reporting in Asia Pacific countries	Enable countries to implement international phytosanitary standards and to fulfil their SPS obligations mainly related to transparency and risk assessment.	Asia Pacific countries	Australia's Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)	19-Mar-13	TBD	TBD	\$49,990
STDF/PPG/435	Strengthening SPS compliance of sesame production in Sudan for enhanced access to international markets	Carry out an assessment of compliance challenges of sesame production for exports and elaborate a project proposal aiming to strengthen SPS compliance to enhance access to international markets.	Sudan	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	15-Oct-13	TBD	TBD	\$50,000

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/453	Building capacity and facilitating enabling mechanisms for harmonizing Aquaculture Certification	Pilot test the conformity evaluation framework being developed by FAO and develop a project proposal to support the development and implementation of public aquaculture certification systems to contribute to intra-regional free trade.	ASEAN member states	Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia Pacific (NACA)	15-Oct-13	TBD	TBD	\$48,000
STDF/PPG/462	Operationalization of the Scientific Affairs and Food Control Directorates of the newly established Food Safety and Quality authority of the Gambia	Support a five-year Development Plan in relation to the efficient and effective functioning of the Scientific Affairs Directorate and Food Control Directorate.	The Gambia	TBD	15-Oct-13	TBD	TBD	\$50,000