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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

The following communication, received on 9 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

1. Canada would like to provide an update regarding the provision of technical assistance from January to December 2019.¹ Technical assistance has been provided to developing and least developed countries in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures. The assistance was primarily aimed at facilitating the development and implementation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures based on sound science. The attached table reflects Canadian technical assistance to developing and least developed countries in 2019. While every effort has been made to ensure that information contained in the table presents all relevant technical assistance projects, it may not constitute a complete compilation of 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 \$1.49 million between January and December 2019. It should 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 20 countries – in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central Asia and the Asia-Pacific region. Assistance was directed to both individual countries, groups of countries, and to international organizations.
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.
5. In all, 27 projects are listed for the period January to December 2019. Some of the projects listed are multi-year projects; however, projects are only reported once and generally in the year in which the project is initiated unless subsequent funded project extensions occur.

¹ Canada has provided technical assistance updates for 2018 (G/SPS/GEN/1738), 2017 (G/SPS/GEN/1651), 2016 (G/SPS/GEN/1584), 2015 (G/SPS/GEN/1522), 2014 (G/SPS/GEN/1426), 2013 (G/SPS/GEN/1342), 2012 (G/SPS/GEN/1318), 2011 (G/SPS/GEN/1196), 2010 (G/SPS/GEN/1149), 2009 (G/SPS/GEN/1099), 2008 (G/SPS/GEN/1027), 2007 (G/SPS/GEN/1008), 2005-2006 (G/SPS/GEN/765), 2000-2004 (G/SPS/GEN/728), and for years prior to 2000 (G/SPS/GEN/143/Rev.1/Add.1).

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CANADA
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2019**

Sector	Description of Particular Programme	Form of Assistance	Provided to	Contact
Food Safety	Food allergen webinar series on the enforcement and application of the Canadian food allergen labelling regulations. (11-18 January 2019; 20-21 February 2019; 4 March 2019)	Training	Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	Visit by National Agency for Drug and Food Control on food safety management. (2 February 2019)	Training	Indonesia	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health	Training for staff and postdoctoral fellows at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), including on African Swine Fever virology work and animal model monitoring. (February 2019)	Training	Kenya	ktiessen@idrc.ca
Animal Health	Training for staff and postdoctoral fellows at the University of Nairobi, The Cooperative University of Kenya, and the Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) in preparation for conducting baseline assessments of women's empowerment in the livestock vaccine value chain. (May 2019)	Training	Kenya	ktiessen@idrc.ca
Food Safety	Bangladesh Study Tour sponsored by the World Bank/International Food Policy Research Institute on CFIA's mandate, how we operate independently but in collaboration with Health Canada and Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, how we ensure food safety within Canada's food system, current Safe Food for Canadian Regulations, how we engage with trading partners as well as within international standard setting bodies and how we provide industry oversight. (3 July 2019)	Training	Bangladesh	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	A visit to Canadian Food Safety Laboratory in Ottawa by an Indian Scholar. (5 September 2019)	Information	India	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	Two virtual workshops on Undeclared Allergens broadcasted from Ottawa to Hanoi and HuChiMinh City on separate days. (10-17 September 2019)	Training	Viet Nam	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	Internship visit from National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service (SERNAPESCA) about the measure and decrease of the impact from the aquaculture and fishing activity, management of the waste from these activities, multi-trophic aquaculture, or even some organic aquaculture. (3 October 2019)	Information	Chile	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca

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Plant Health	KAPE (Korea Institute for Evaluating animal products Quality Evaluation) visited Canada on Management method for the latest honey related inspection method or the recently tested fake honey discrimination method. (15 October 2019)	Training	South Korea	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	The National Food Safety Institution (NFSI) researchers visited Canada to study the food safety management system and outbreak response in the US and Canada. (28-29 October 2019)	Training	South Korea	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock of Bangladesh visited Toronto and Guelph. (11 November 2019)	Information	Bangladesh	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health	Training for staff at Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVI) and Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) in South Africa. (November 2019)	Training	Malawi, South Africa	ktiessen@idrc.ca
Animal Health	Training for technicians at Clinglobal/Clinvet in Morocco on titration for a new vaccine. (November 2019)	Training	Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Tanzania	ktiessen@idrc.ca
Food Safety	Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce of Eswatini visited Canada to gain information on Canada's Food Safety System and African swine Fever Controls in Canada. (27 November 2019)	Information	Eswatini	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	Virtual workshop on Undeclared Allergens broadcasted from Ottawa to Seoul. (11 December 2019)	Training	South Korea	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Food Safety	CFIA's Science Branch and Program & Policy Branch provided expertise to compile materials for the virtual workshop on Chemical Contaminants in Imported Food to Canada intended to be broadcasted to three countries identified based on intelligence products. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Information	Guatemala, Mexico, Thailand, and other developing countries	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health and Food Safety	Development and validation of lateral flow strip tests for foot-and-mouth disease (SAT1, 2, and 3) diagnosis. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	Botswana	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	CFIA Technical Cooperation Team: Group in CFIA/AAFC International Affairs Branch responsible for TA coordination. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	Latin America, South Asia, Asia-Pacific, and Eastern	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca

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Plant Health & Food Safety	Analysis of new variants of dickeya/pectobacterium and development of reliable diagnostic methods to prevent introduction and further spread of the pathogens. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	China	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health & Food Safety	CFIA (NCAD)- Laboratorio de Referencia Regional de Sanidad Animal (LARRSA), Guatemala OIE twinning project to enhance diagnostic capacity for CSF in Central and South America. (18 December 2017 – 31 August 2020)	Capacity Building	Guatemala	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	CRA with M.C.I. SANTE ANIMALE: efficacy testing of the bivalent lumpy skin disease (lsd)-rvf and the trivalent rvf-sheep/goat pox (sgp)-peste des petits ruminants (ppr) vaccine candidates. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Information	Morocco	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	PROJECT NO. BIO-2018-0025 capacity building for national and regional foot-and-mouth-disease control strategy. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	Nigeria	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	PROJECT NO. BIO-2018-0026 Anthrax biological threat reduction. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	Ghana	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health & Food Safety	PROJECT NO. BIO-2018-0030 Enhancing the biosafety, biosecurity and diagnostic capability of Accra veterinary laboratory with emphasis on highly pathogenic avian influenza. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	Ghana	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health & Food Safety	CFIA (NCAD)- Accra veterinary laboratory of the veterinary services director of Ghana OIE twinning project to enhance diagnostic capacity for avian influenza. (1 March – 31 December 2019)	Capacity Building	Ghana	Marie-Claude.Tardif@canada.ca
Animal Health	Support to OIE to develop recommendations for member states regarding the achievement of "disease free status" for Foot and Mouth Disease.	Funding	Includes OIE member developing countries	Brent.Wilson@canada.ca
Plant Health & Food Safety	Support to the Codex Alimentarius Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues to build capacity by teaching new toxicological experts.	Funding	Includes WHO member developing countries	Brent.Wilson@canada.ca