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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

### COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

The following communication, received on 25 October 2023, 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 2022.<sup>1</sup> 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 2022. 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 \$1.3 million between January and December 2022. 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 28 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, 43 projects are listed for the period January to December 2022. 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, or reported the amount on annual basis due to the progress of utilizing funding.

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<sup>1</sup> Canada has provided technical assistance updates for 2021 ([G/SPS/GEN/2070](#)), 2020 ([G/SPS/GEN/1962](#)), 2019 ([G/SPS/GEN/1834](#)), 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 2022**

Sector	Description of Particular Programme	Form of Assistance	Provided to	Contact
Animal	Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) National Center for Animal Disease (NCAD) - Laboratorio De Referencia Regional De Sanidad Animal (Iarrsa), Guatemala WOHAI twinning project to enhance diagnostic capacity for classical swine fever (CSF) in Central and South America	Capacity Building	Guatemala	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Collaborative research agreement with M.C.I. Sante Animale: efficacy testing of the bivalent lumpy skin disease (LSD) - rift valley fever (RVF) and the trivalent RVF-sheep/ goat pox (SGP)-peste des petits ruminants (PPR) vaccine candidates	Capacity Building	Morocco	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Project No. bio-2018-0025 capacity building for national and regional foot-and-mouth-disease control strategy	Capacity Building	Nigeria	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Project No. bio-2018-0026 anthrax biological threat reduction in Ghana	Capacity Building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Project No. bio-2018-0029 building sustainable diagnostic capability for eradication of African swine fever in Ghana	Capacity Building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Project No. bio-2018-0030 enhancing the biosafety, biosecurity and diagnostic capability of ACCRA veterinary laboratory with emphasis on highly pathogenic avian influenza	Capacity Building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	CFIA National Centre for Animal Diseases (NCAD)-ACCRA Veterinary Laboratory Of The Veterinary Services Director Of Ghana WOHAI twinning project to enhance diagnostic capacity for avian influenza in Ghana	Capacity Building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Transfer of bovine epithelial tissue for use in inter-laboratory comparison (ilc) and proficiency testing (pt)	Capacity Building	Botswana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Visiting scientist agreement for Bright Osei to visit the national center for animal diseases (ncad) (Winnipeg)	Training	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Visiting scientist agreement for Theophilus Odoom to visit the national center for animal diseases (ncad) (Winnipeg)	Training	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement to transfer reagents to Ghana for sars-cov-2 research	Capacity Building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on the Canadian import process and SFCR	Technical Assistance	Latin America	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on microbiological contaminants in imported food	Technical Assistance	Thailand	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on the Establishment-Based Risk Assessment (ERA) model	Technical Assistance	Belize, Honduras, Mali, Senegal	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on allergens	Technical Assistance	Latin America	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>

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Food	Seminar on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and its Regulatory Framework for Food, Plant, and Animal	Technical Assistance	Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Thailand and Philippines	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on the Canadian import process and Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR)	Technical Assistance	Colombia	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on the Canadian import process and SFCR	Technical Assistance	Guyana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food	Webinar on CFIA's approach to risk management	Technical Assistance	Colombia	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Plant	UPOV New member support - Mentorship implementing Plant Breeders' Rights (PBR)	Technical Assistance	UPOV	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Plant	CFIA meeting with a multilateral organization – the International Plant Protection Convention	Capacity Building	Multilateral Organization	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Collaborative Research Agreement WITH M.C.I. SANTE ANIMALE: efficacy testing of the bivalent lumpy skin disease (lsd)- rift valley fever (rvf) and the trivalent rvf-sheep/goat pox (sgp)-peste des petits ruminants (ppr) vaccine candidates	Capacity Building	Morocco	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	CFIA National Centre for Animal Diseases (NCAD)-ACCRA veterinary laboratory of the veterinary services director of Ghana oie twinning project to enhance diagnostic capacity for avian influenza in Ghana	Capacity building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement to transfer reagents to Ghana for sars-cov-2 research	Capacity building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Visiting scientist agreement (vsa) for Patrick Tetteh Ababio to the national center for animal diseases (ncad) Winnipeg	Training	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Visiting scientist agreement for Daniel Tawiah Yingar to visit Winnipeg's national center for animal diseases (ncad)	Training	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Plant	Material transfer agreement to transfer potato wart gdna from the Charlottetown laboratory to the Philippines	Capacity building	Philippines	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Development and validation of lateral flow strip tests for foot-and-mouth disease (South African territories) 1, 2, and 3) diagnosis	Capacity building	Botswana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Memorandum of understanding for global African swine fever research alliance (gara) No. 58-0208-8-103fm	Capacity building	South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, China, Tanzania Armenia, Burundi, Nigeria, Zambia	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Project No. bio-2018-0030 Support for Sustainability at Biosecurity Laboratories in Ghana	Capacity building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement for CFIA to transfer formalin fixed, paraffin embedded BSE bovine brain tissue blocks, BSE positive bovine brain tissue homogenate and frozen BSE positive to the national service for Agrifood health and quality Argentina	Capacity building	Argentina	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>

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Animal	Global foot and mouth disease research alliance (gfra) mou	Capacity building	South Africa, Argentina, Kenya, West Central Africa, Uganda, Viet Nam, Tanzania, Nigeria, China, Thailand, Ukraine	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement for transfer of reagents to instituto Colombiano agropecuario	Capacity building	Colombia	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement for transfer of avian parmyxovirus; avian influenza nucleoprotein and nucleocapsid recombinant antigens and monoclonal antibodies to Accra veterinary laboratory in Ghana	Capacity building	Ghana	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement with dechra veterinary products Brazil to transfer bovine viral diarrhoea virus (bvdv)-free mdbk cell line	Capacity building	Brazil	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Agreement to provide supervised access to CFIA facilities for a project collaboration (Karen Barrios)	Training	Guatemala	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Agreement to provide supervised access to CFIA facilities for a project collaboration (Doris Menendez)	Training	Guatemala	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Material transfer agreement with laboratorio de referencia regional de sanidad animal larsa for CFIA to transfer them serum and DNA	Training	Guatemala	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>
Food safety	Support to Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) for implementation of international SPS standards, guidelines and recommendations	Funding / Capacity Building	Global	<a href="mailto:Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca">Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca</a>
Food safety	Support to the FAO for the development of guidance for foodborne AMR Risk Assessment	Funding	Global	<a href="mailto:Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca">Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca</a>
Plant Health	Support to IPPC projects related the ePhyto Hub, the Sea Containers Task Force, and studies on risk-based border management and e-commerce	Funding	Global	<a href="mailto:Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca">Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca</a>
Animal Health	Support to WOAHA for the coordination and support of Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever for the Americas, and support for the WOAHA observatory project	Funding	Global / Americas	<a href="mailto:Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca">Brent.wilson@agr.gc.ca</a>
Animal	Pilot project to develop a proficiency panel for rabies fluorescent antibody test (prepared by WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre for Epidemiology and Control of Rabies in Carnivores at CFIA Ottawa Laboratory Fallowfield, as part of the 2019-2022 workplan)	Capacity building	Peru and Costa Rica	<a href="mailto:Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca">Marie-Pierre.Mignault@inspection.gc.ca</a>