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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by the Gambia

Addendum

Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement	Assistance in the form of organizing national seminars and workshops to sensitize the relevant institutions as well as the general public.	Risk assessment: Training on the actual risks involved in establishing SPS measures. Help establish a National Notification Authority.	Provision of necessary equipment for testing and monitoring of procedures and techniques, national regulatory frameworks and food safety programmes.	To enhance the awareness and understanding of the private sector.	In the event of dispute settlement, the need for technical and scientific advice from individual experts or groups of experts.
Food safety	Information and technical advice on food safety. To help establish food safety laboratories for residue testing (veterinary drug residues and contaminants) and training of analysts in related methodologies.	Training on risk assessment and setting standards. Help to upgrade abattoirs and meat processing plants to meet other country requirements. To improve meat quality and meat product handling and inspection so that it complies with the most stringent requirements.	Financial assistance for procurement of adequate equipment.	Setting standards as well as the assessment of food control systems.	

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Animal health	Information on technical advice on Animal Health.	Training on testing imported live animals for infectious diseases or disease-causing organisms. To assist with the design of disease control programmes that are based on risk analysis and take into account epidemiological principles.	Financial assistance for procurement of adequate equipment.	To assist the government of The Gambia in the liberalization of public and private sector veterinary responsibilities in order to meet WTO requirements for the liberalization of animal health inputs, the privatization of selected services and strengthening the public sector for carrying out animal and public health responsibilities.	
Plant health	Information on Integrated Production and Pest Management (IPPM) and the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) concept. Assistance to organise workshops at divisional level to inform and educate extension agents and decision makers on the implementation of the programme.	WTO courses, seminars and workshops: assistance to attend regional workshops, seminars and training on WTO issues.	Pesticides Residue Laboratories: assistance to purchase laboratory equipment and materials, reagents and instillation costs for pesticide residues in food crops.	To enhance adoption of the new concept on vegetable production to prevent the use of pesticides to comply with the new EU guidelines and MRLS.	Research and Development: assistance to conduct tests and disseminate technology with regard to botanicals, traditional pest controls policies, biopesticides and biocontrol agents for use as alternatives to chemical insecticides.

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Plant health (cont'd)	<p>Plant Quarantine:</p> <p>Assistance to produce educational brochures, and radio talk shows to sensitise the general public of the existence on plant quarantine and its related activities.</p> <p>Assistance to conduct workshops and seminars to sensitise key decision makers and relevant stakeholders on the new draft plant quarantine legislation. The legislation was developed by the FAO for enactment.</p>	<p>Integrated Production and Pest Management (IPPM) and the GAP Concept: assistance to train farmers to sustain their Farmer Fields Schools (FFSs) and help establish others in the projects target areas.</p> <p>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures; Pest Risk Analysis; Transparency & Equivalence: assistance to train phytosanitary inspectors, customs, police immigration, forestry and health officials.</p>	<p>Plant Quarantine Laboratories:</p> <p>Assistance to purchase laboratory equipment and materials to improve the Plant Quarantine Lab for identification and plant disease diagnosis of imports/exports.</p> <p>Assistance to train lab technicians on basic entomology plan, pathology, nemathology and stock products.</p> <p>Field Equipment:</p> <p>Assistance to purchase vehicles and office equipments to enhance programme implementation.</p> <p>Computer Lap top, a desk top, photocopier, a printer, fax machine, stationary and consumables.</p>	<p>To create awareness, understanding and compliance through legislation.</p> <p>To prevent that the new draft legislation gather dust without been enacted and implemented or enforced.</p> <p>To prevent the introduction of exotic pests and diseases into the country and to enforce the phytosanitary legislation to comply with importing countries on the regulations and requirements in force.</p>	

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Plant health (cont'd)		<p>Assistance to train commercial pesticides applicators and dealers on IPPM and the GAP concept.</p> <p>Training of laboratory technicians on pesticide residue analysis.</p> <p>Assistance to visit countries that have registered success on the implementation of IPPM and GAP.</p> <p>Programme evaluation of IPPM/ Farmer Field Schools and the GAP concept:</p> <p>Assistance to conduct evaluation workshops to assess programme implementation.</p>	<p>Consultants monitoring and evaluation mission:</p> <p>Assistance to enable consultant(s) to monitor and evaluate progress of implementation in the Gambia.</p>	<p>To measure the Gambia's progress against target indicators of the programme.</p>	

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Plant health (cont'd)		<p>Project implementation:</p> <p>Assistance to conduct Farmer Field Days at divisional level.</p> <p>Project implementation:</p> <p>Assistance to establish and maintain 150 Farmer Field Schools in the project target areas.</p> <p>Monitoring programme implementation:</p> <p>Assistance to monitor programme implementation including pest surveillance and monitoring in the country.</p>	<p>Operations and Maintenance:</p> <p>Assistance to fund operations of the programme including fuel, allowance for staff and maintenance of vehicles and office equipment.</p>	<p>To exchange knowledge and skills, to disseminate information, to persuade decision makers on the programme.</p> <p>To enable programme implementor to re-plan the programme according to the external environment to achieve the objectives of the programme.</p>	
Contact details					

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Such information could include, inter alia, a more detailed description of the technical assistance required, any relevant background information on the reasons for the request, the possibility of using a regional approach to the provision of the requested assistance and the scope for a coordinated approach among relevant international organisations.)
