

## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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

Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

#### Overview

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global programme in capacity building and technical cooperation established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). It assists developing countries to meet with food safety, animal and plant health (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS) measures in international trade. A range of other organizations - including the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Organization for Economic and Development (OECD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) – as well as donors and developing countries also participate in the Facility.<sup>2</sup>

2. The STDF has two main aims:

- to assist developing countries enhance their expertise and capacity to analyze and to implement international SPS standards, improving their human, animal and plant health situation, and thus ability to gain and maintain market access; and
- to act as a vehicle for awareness raising on the importance of SPS issues, coordination among technical cooperation providers, the mobilization of funds, the exchange of experience and the dissemination of good practice in relation to the provision and receipt of SPS-related technical cooperation.

#### Evaluation

3. An independent evaluation of the STDF was completed on 14 November 2008.<sup>3</sup> The review judged the overall performance of the STDF to be good, and in many important areas very good. Furthermore, the performance of the Secretariat was highly rated by virtually all stakeholders and by the evaluator. The final report has been circulated separately to the SPS Committee as document G/SPS/GEN/899 and can also be downloaded on the [WTO SPS gateway](#).

4. The evaluation was discussed by the STDF Policy Committee on 16 December 2008 and led to a review of the [STDF Operational Rules](#) and [Operating Plan for 2009](#). The new documents

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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 can be found on the [STDF website](#).

<sup>3</sup> The evaluator was Dr Stuart Slorach, formerly of the Swedish National Food Administration, and former chair of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission and the European Food Safety Authority's Management Board.

incorporate various recommendations made in the evaluation and place further emphasis on STDF's coordination function. According to the evaluator, the STDF's future lies in coordination "since it has a comparative advantage here and can play a unique role in assisting developing countries in the future". Both documents can be downloaded from the STDF website at: [www.standardsfacility.org](http://www.standardsfacility.org).

5. Other recommendations to improve the STDF's work related to the information flow and the STDF website are currently being implemented. The evaluation concluded that the Secretariat and the partners, donors, observers and recipient countries have a shared responsibility to make STDF's existence and activities more widely known and to raise its profile. There is a need to improve the funding situation to meet the target of US\$5 million per year, preferably in multi-annual commitments, to implement the STDF work programme for 2009 and beyond.

### **Coordination**

6. The STDF, in collaboration with the OECD and the WTO Secretariat, organized a workshop on Good Practice in SPS-Related Technical Cooperation on 6 October 2008. The meeting was attended by some 250 persons including delegates from the SPS Committee and 60 officials from developing countries. The workshop provided an opportunity to consider the Paris Principles on Aid Effectiveness in the context of the highly technical area of SPS-related technical cooperation and presented the findings of the STDF/OECD research to identify elements of good practice in the design, implementation, outputs and the achievement of higher-order objectives for projects in East Africa, Central America and the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-Region.

7. The workshop concluded that while there is clarity about what should be avoided in technical cooperation, there is less clarity about how to practically implement the Paris Principles on Aid Effectiveness on the ground. Another conclusion focused on the importance of measuring the impact of SPS assistance on trade performance and the need to develop and systematically apply indicators for this purpose. The research work built on previous STDF activities in East Africa, Central America and the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-Region, carried out as part of the Aid for Trade initiative, and was based on a survey ([G/SPS/GEN/816](http://G/SPS/GEN/816) and [Add.1](#)), which requested WTO Members and OECD contact points to nominate SPS-related projects in these regions that could be considered as examples of good practice.

8. A summary report of the workshop ([G/SPS/R/52](http://G/SPS/R/52)), presentations and podcasts of discussions are available on the [WTO SPS gateway](#). The findings of the regional research work were published in three regional research papers in September 2008.<sup>4</sup> An overview and synthesis of the findings of the regional research on good practice is available in [G/SPS/GEN/875](http://G/SPS/GEN/875). In addition, the Secretariat has prepared a [briefing note](#) on the conclusions of the good practice work for general distribution.

9. The STDF prepared a desk study (G/SPS/GEN/900) on SPS needs and assistance of eight Least Developed Countries (LDCs), i.e. Benin, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal and Yemen. The study was based on a review of existing needs assessments, notably the Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies prepared under the Enhanced IF and other publicly available information. The report complemented and strengthened UNIDO's broader programme proposals aimed at addressing the supply-side constraints of the eight LDCs and identified areas where future SPS technical cooperation activities with a positive trade effect might be focused. The final report

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<sup>4</sup> Good Practice in SPS-Related Technical Co-operation: East Africa Region, report by Spencer Henson and Oliver Masakure ([G/SPS/GEN/871](http://G/SPS/GEN/871)); Good Practice in SPS-Related Technical Co-operation: Greater Mekong Sub-Region, report by Cornelis van der Meer and Laura L. Ignacio ([G/SPS/GEN/872](http://G/SPS/GEN/872)); and Good Practice in SPS-Related Technical Co-operation: Central America Sub-region, report by Jason Hafemeister ([G/SPS/GEN/874](http://G/SPS/GEN/874)).

was presented at the [LDC Ministerial Conference on Aid for Trade](#) on 19-20 November 2008 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, jointly organized by WTO and UNIDO.

10. As part of its coordination role, the Secretariat prepared a background paper for the "Open-Ended Working Group for the Development of an IPPC Capacity Building Strategy" held in Rome, Italy, from 8-12 December 2008 (G/SPS/GEN/898). The objective of the report was to identify current flows of phytosanitary technical cooperation, examine how phytosanitary needs are evaluated and discuss how these can be mainstreamed into national development plans. The Secretariat also participated in an International Conference on "Sharing Innovative Agribusiness Solutions" organized by UNIDO in Cairo, Egypt, on 26-27 November 2008.

11. The revised [STDF Operating Plan](#) contains a detailed description of coordination activities planned for 2009. This includes the organization of two global thematic events on SPS capacity building and cost-benefit analysis (25 June 2009, back-to-back with the SPS Committee) and on SPS risks and climate change (date and venue to be confirmed). New research work will also be conducted on the development of indicators to evaluate the impact of SPS capacity building and on possible synergies between trade facilitation and STDF work.

12. At regional level, the STDF is planning to organize a meeting by mid-2009 to coordinate responses to combat fruit fly in West Africa. The meeting will provide an opportunity for national and regional organizations, donors and other stakeholders to discuss mechanisms to control fruit fly and mobilize funds for a multi-year Action Plan. More information on STDF's work in this area can be found on the [STDF website](#). Consideration will also be given to holding one additional regional consultation similar to the ones held in 2008 in Central America, East Africa and the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-Region.

13. At national level, the STDF will continue its collaboration with the Enhanced IF Secretariat and the Aid for Trade initiative to increase the awareness of SPS-related issues and mobilize resources. The STDF is closely involved in an ongoing Aid for Trade activity in Peru funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). A study examining the need for and provision of SPS-related technical cooperation - including the need to design a comprehensive national action plan - will be presented in early 2009.

### **Project development**

14. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism for future STDF programme development. PPGs help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs and are a mechanism for ensuring synergy with other on-going initiatives, in particular the Enhanced IF and the Aid for Trade. Greater reliance will be placed on the use of PPGs to provide a basis for donor interventions and as a vehicle for the mobilization of funds. A total of 31 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception.

15. At the STDF Working Group meeting in October 2008, one PPG was approved:

- STDF 268: Harmonize the Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework for Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Control Management System (Tanzania).

### **Project funding**

16. An overview of the current status of STDF projects is provided in Annex I. At the STDF Working Group meeting in October 2008, three new projects were approved for funding:

- STDF 116 rev.1: Development and implementation of a traceability system in the livestock sector in Costa Rica;
- STDF 155: Nicaragua market oriented training service on standards application; and
- STDF 255: Regional Initiative on the fight against fruit flies in West Africa.

17. It is to be noted that the [STDF Operational Rules](#), as revised and adopted in December 2008 by the STDF Policy Committee, include new eligibility criteria for STDF-funded projects. In the future, funding will be dependent on the beneficiary country or countries' classification in the OECD Development Assistance Committee List of ODA recipients. Applications for STDF funding can be made at any point in the year but should be received 60 working days in advance of each Working Group meeting in order to be considered at that meeting. Forthcoming deadlines for submission of funding applications are as follows:

- 3 April 2009; and
- 7 August 2009.

### **Information dissemination**

18. Various activities to disseminate information and increase awareness about the STDF have been and will be carried out in 2009. Following the evaluation, work is underway to improve the content and functionality of the STDF website. This includes updates and the inclusion of new information and translation of the content into French and Spanish. Publication of the tri-annual STDF newsletter will continue in 2009. The first in a new series of STDF briefings aimed at disseminating information on STDF's activities more widely was published in December 2008. Work was also initiated on a short film on the importance of SPS capacity building for international trade and economic development.

19. Finally, presentations and briefings on the STDF were made as part of WTO's regular technical assistance programme and at various other meetings, both inside and outside WTO. This included STDF's participation in the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Codex Alimentarius Commission for Europe in Warsaw, Poland (7-10 October 2008) and for North America and South West Pacific in Nuku'alofa, Tonga (27-30 October 2008).

### **Call for evaluators**

20. All projects funded by the STDF include a provision for an independent ex-post evaluation. For this purpose, the Secretariat is tasked to maintain a roster of consultants. The evaluation of projects, however, is currently being delayed due to the lack of suitably qualified consultants. The recent review of the Facility recommended the STDF Working Group members and observers and their organizations to renew their efforts to supply the STDF Secretariat with names of suitably qualified persons to carry out such evaluations. In addition, the Secretariat would like to solicit the interest of consultants to carry out evaluations of STDF projects through the SPS Committee. Consultants may send their Curriculum Vitae to [STDFSecretariat@wto.org](mailto:STDFSecretariat@wto.org) at any time of the year.

**ANNEX 1**

**IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS**

**30 January 2009**

**(a) Projects awaiting contracting**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Budget (US\$)</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Start /End Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF 116</b>	<b>Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica</b>	Develop a sustainable traceability system in the livestock sector which facilitates the management of the information related to agricultural units and epidemiological events	IICA	Costa Rica	465,220	Oct-08	To be confirmed (TBC)	Pending.
<b>STDF 155</b>	<b>Nicaragua-Market Oriented Training Service on Standards Application</b>	Establish SPS professional training units, to develop training manuals, quality and good process controls for pilot products.	IICA	Nicaragua	537,435	Oct-08	TBC	Pending.
<b>STDF 255</b>	<b>Regional Initiative on the fight against fruit flies in West Africa</b>	Conduct tests in pilot mango orchards using different fruit fly control and other Integrated Pest Management techniques to monitor and control fruit fly populations in 8 pilot countries.	IITA/CIRAD	West Africa	279,620	Oct-08	TBC	Pending.

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<b>STDF 126</b>	<b>Support for the establishment of the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania</b>	Assistance to the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues	TBC	Tanzania	268,755	Jun-08	TBC	Pending.  Consultation ongoing with ITC to provide oversight services.
<b>STDF 230</b>	<b>Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease in Coconuts</b>	Build phytosanitary capacity to implement international standards to manage LYD in palms and thereby expand market access for coconuts	TBC	Mozambique	346,528	Jun-08	TBC	Pending.  MCC contacted to provide oversight services.
<b>STDF 238</b>	<b>Development of accredited Good Practices and HACCP certification schemes for fresh and processed food products</b>	Implement accredited inspection and certificates for GAPs, GMPs and HACCP recognized by the competent authorities.	TBC	Guatemala	397,420	Jun-08	TBC	Pending.  Clarification on intersection of the project activities and those already implemented by the United States.
<b>STDF 246</b>	<b>Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia</b>	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia	FAO	Cambodia	250,000	Jun-08	TBC	Pending.  Clarification requested from FAO in WG

(b) **On-going projects funded by STDF**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Budget (US\$)</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Start /End Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF 48</b>	<b>Quality control for shea and cashew nut products in Benin</b>	Apply good agricultural practices to overcome problems of mycotoxin contamination in shea and cashew nut production.	Centre de Recherche d'Agonkamey (CRA)	Benin	470,575	Nov-07	Jun-08 / Jun-10	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 127</b>	<b>Support for SPS information systems in Benin</b>	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin.	FAO, Benin Chamber of Commerce	Benin	359,790	Nov-07	Jul-08 / Jul 10	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 62</b>	<b>Strengthening food safety in Cameroon</b>	Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon.	FAO	Cameroon	445,964	Nov-07	Jul-08 / Jul 10	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 171</b>	<b>East African Phytosanitary Centre</b>	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre.	KEPHIS, University of Nairobi, CABI, IPPC (oversight)	Kenya and East Africa	729,375	Nov-07	May-08 / May-10	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 170</b>	<b>Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal</b>	Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project supports Integrated Framework (IF) Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS).	FAO	Nepal	347,900	Mar-07	Mar-08 / Mar-10	Implementation ongoing.

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<b>STDF 134</b>	<b>Capacity building to improve fish trade performance of selected West African countries</b>	Improve knowledge and awareness of SPS issues in the fisheries sector in five West African countries.	FAO	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	469,000	Mar-07	Mar-08 / Feb-10	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 69</b>	<b>Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products</b>	Assist the Yemen Seafood Exporter's Association to improve the quality and safety of Yemeni seafood products.	International Trade Centre (ITC)	Yemen Seafood Exporters Association (YSEA)	408,750	Jun-07	Sep-07 /Aug-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension requested until end 2009.
<b>STDF 173</b>	<b>Assessing capacity building needs of food control systems in developing APEC Member Economies</b>	Train food safety regulators from developing member economies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) using FAO's food safety capacity evaluation tools.	WTO	Food safety authorities in selected APEC member economies	113,000	Mar-07	Aug-07 /Apr-09	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 108</b>	<b>Developing institutional capacity of countries in the Americas to participate in the SPS Committee</b>	Promote more active and effective participation in SPS Committee through a regional review of SPS compliance structures and practices.	WTO	Member countries of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	585,588	Oct-06	Oct-07 /Feb-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension requested until April 2010.



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STDF 133	<b>Building capacity to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool in the Pacific</b>	Train National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the South Pacific to evaluate their services using the PCE tool.	FAO/IPPC	South Pacific Forum Members	179,000	Oct-06	Aug-07 /Jul-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 145	<b>Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)</b>	Increase Rwanda's exports of fruit, vegetables and flowers in international and regional markets. Project developed based on IF DTIS.	World Bank	Plant health services and horticulture exporters in Rwanda	526,647	Jun-06	May-07 /Apr-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 146	<b>Strengthening phytosanitary controls in Mali (with a focus on mango exports)</b>	Expand international market access for fresh produce from Mali through improved phytosanitary control capacity. Project developed based on IF DTIS.	Ministry of Commerce (IF focal point)	Mali	518,800	Jun-06	Feb-07 / Feb-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 114	<b>Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production</b>	To recover and consolidate export market access through implementation of an effective system to reduce aflatoxin contamination in the Brazil nut production chain.	WTO	Brazil (results will be shared with partners in Peru and Bolivia)	619,664	Feb-06	Jul-06 / Jul-08	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted until Nov-08. Waiting for final report.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 65	<b>Develop a private/public safety control system for the horticultural export sector in Guinea</b>	Assist the public and private sector to meet official and commercial standards for fruit and vegetable exports through development of a safety control system. Project developed based on IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Guinea	530,300	Sep-05	Dec-05 / May-08	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted until Dec-08. Waiting for final report.
STDF 79	<b>Quality information on SPS issues – a prerequisite for capacity building</b>	Improve the sharing of information on Codex, OIE and IPPC standards (and supporting scientific evaluations) through the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health (IPFSAPH).	FAO	All developing countries	470,000	Sep-05	Jun-06 / May-08	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted until Dec-08. Waiting for final report.

(c) **Completed projects funded by STDF**

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 13	<b>Development of Regional Action Plans to Enhance Veterinary Capacity in East and West Africa</b>	Develop regional strategies to strengthen veterinary capacity in East and West Africa with emphasis on improved surveillance, reporting, control and implementation of international standards.	OIE, FAO	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	305,000	Sep-04	Oct-06 / Apr-07	Completed. Independent evaluation to be undertaken.

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<b>STDF 120</b>	<b>Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India</b>	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures.	WTO	India	153,600	Feb-06	Dec-06 / Dec-07	Evaluation partly completed
<b>STDF 15</b>	<b>Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels</b>	Develop a training programme and core group of trainers to deliver training for veterinary officials.	OIE, WTO	OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, Commonwealth of Independent States (OIS) and Latin America.	130,614	Sep-04	Sep-04 / Dec-07	Completed. No evaluation was required.
<b>STDF 89</b>	<b>International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop</b>	Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NPPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA).	FAO	Officials (29) from developing and least developed countries	147,000	Sep-05	Oct-05 /May-07	Evaluation completed. Information available on IPPC website: <a href="https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDS_Servlet?status=N_D01ODQ1NSY2PWVuJjMzPSo mMzc9a29z">https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDS_Servlet?status=N_D01ODQ1NSY2PWVuJjMzPSo mMzc9a29z</a> .

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<b>STDF 56</b>	<b>Capacity building to enhance implementation of the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on animal feeding</b>	Strengthen implementation of good animal feeding practices and good manufacturing practices through development of training manuals, regional workshops in Africa, Latin America and Asia and country-level training.	International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF)	Feed industry in developing countries.	150,000	Mar-05	Sep-05 / Nov-06	Evaluation completed.
<b>STDF 37</b>	<b>Assistance to developing countries in the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) 15</b>	Train officials on implementation of ISPM 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) to ensure minimal trade disruptions.	IPPC, FAO	171 delegates (representing 79 countries and 6 regional plant protection organizations ) attended workshop.	332,000	Sep-04	Nov-04 / Mar-06	Evaluation completed. Training materials available on IPPC website: <a href="https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDS_Servlet?status=N_D000TEyNyY2PWVuJjMzPSo mMzc9a29z">https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDS_Servlet?status=N_D000TEyNyY2PWVuJjMzPSo mMzc9a29z</a> .

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<b>STDF 14</b>	<b>Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services</b>	Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document.	OIE	IICA	37,000	Nov-03	May-06	Evaluation completed.
<b>STDF 20</b>	<b>Country-based plans for SPS-related development</b>	Carry out baseline studies of SPS capacity and apply cost-benefit analysis to examine returns on investment in terms of foreign trade and an improved SPS situation.	WTO	Peru and Uganda	170,862	Sep-03	Nov-04 / Mar-07	Completed. Evaluation ongoing.
<b>STDF 19</b>	<b>Model arrangements for SPS stakeholder involvement at the national level</b>	Improve SPS-related information flows and information sharing between the public and private sector with positive spin-offs for market access	WTO	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	291,218	Sep-04	Dec-04 /Apr-07	Completed. Independent evaluation to be undertaken.
<b>STDF 9</b>	<b>Model programme for developing food standards within a risk analysis framework</b>	Strengthen capacity of low income countries in the Asia Pacific Region to develop food standards based on international requirements and participate in Codex	FAO	Asia Pacific countries	69,536	Nov-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Completed. No evaluation was requested.

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<b>STDF 10</b>	<b>Support to pilot activities for national implementation of the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health in Turkey and Uganda</b>	Establish national windows for IPFSAPH through training and the development of a handbook	FAO	Turkey and Uganda	55,000	Sep-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Completed. Independent evaluation to be undertaken.
<b>STDF 5</b>	<b>STDF Database</b>	Establish a database covering the period 2001-03 to: i) help reduce duplication and gaps in activities; and ii) track SPS-related technical assistance flows and trends.	WTO	Database	45,100	Jun-03	Jul-03 / Dec-05	Completed. Database available on STDF website ( <a href="http://stdfdb.wto.org">http://stdfdb.wto.org</a> ). Report submitted to SPS Committee (G/SPS/GEN/726)

(d) **Projects developed by STDF but funded by other organizations**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Budget in US\$</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Start /End Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF 100</b>	<b>Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde</b>	Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards.	To be determined.	Cape Verde	232,647	Jun-07	To be confirmed (TBC)	Approved in principle by the WG. Funding sought outside the STDF.
<b>STDF 113</b>	<b>Strengthening SPS controls in Burundi</b>	Enhance the capacity of the Burundi Bureau of Standards (BBN) including training on SPS compliance for public and private sector officials.	To be determined.	Burundi	513,000	Mar-07	TBC	Project approved by WG. Finalizing arrangements with UNIDO and IF focal point.
<b>STDF 66</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Mozambique</b>	Improve SPS compliance for horticulture exporters in regional and international markets. Project based on IF DTIS.	UNCTAD	Mozambique	600,000	Mar-05	TBC	Project funded by United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and implemented by ComMark Trust

(e) **Projects for which approval has been revoked by the Working Group**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Budget in US\$</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF 64</b>	<b>Facilitating livestock trade in Djibouti</b>	Facilitate livestock trade from Djibouti through training for private and public sector veterinary officials. Project based on IF DTIS.	FAO	Djibouti	560,000	Sep-05	Approval withdrawn at Mar-07 WG meeting. Applicant invited to resubmit project for funding.



**STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)<sup>5</sup>**

**(a) PPGs awaiting contracting**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF 268</b>	<b>Harmonization of the Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework for SPS control Management System</b>	Strengthening the relevant legislation and improving institutional coordination to raise confidence among trading partners.	TBC	Tanzania	Oct-08	Pending. Consultants identified and waiting for beneficiary.

**(b) PPGs currently being implemented**

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<b>STDF 242</b>	<b>Elaboration of SPS needs expressed in the IF DTIS</b>	Assess SPS human resource and infrastructure needs based on the IF DTIS and formulate a proposal to improve the competitiveness of the litchi and lobster sectors.	WTO	Comoros	Jun-08	Implementation on-going.
<b>STDF 232</b>	<b>A phytosanitary capacity building strategy for Africa</b>	Improve phytosanitary capacity in African countries through the development and implementation of a phytosanitary capacity building strategy.	CABI	Cameroon and other African countries	Jun-08	Implementation on-going.

<sup>5</sup> All PPGs are funded from the STDF. The budget for PPGs is US\$20,000 unless otherwise indicated.

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<b>STDF 221</b>	<b>Supporting implementation of SPS standards in Burkina Faso</b>	Identify specific SPS issues and constraints affecting sesame production and exports and develop a project proposal aimed at overcoming these constraints and improving market access	GTZ	Burkina Faso	Apr-08	Implementation on-going.
<b>STDF 234</b>	<b>Design of Lao GAP scheme</b>	Create institutional infrastructure to ensure market access for agricultural products from Lao PDR.	WTO	Lao PDR	Jun-08	Implementation ongoing
<b>STDF 105</b>	<b>Compartment-alization</b>	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization.	OIE	Brazil and Thailand	Jun-07	Implementation ongoing.
<b>STDF 191</b>	<b>Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity</b>	Design a national SPS framework.	WTO	Sierra Leone	Jun-07	Implementation ongoing. Validation workshop to be held in early 2009.  Prospect for funding from the AfDB or the EC.
<b>STDF 165</b>	<b>Improving fruit production SPS controls in Madagascar</b>	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production.	WTO	Madagascar	Mar-07 and Nov-07	Implementation ongoing.  The study has been validated.  Waiting for final project document.

(c) **Completed PPGs resulting in a project which has been funded**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Status</b>
STDF 171	<b>Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence</b>	Revise a project document to establish a Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence in Kenya. If funded the project would address issues raised in the IF DTIS reports for Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda.	WTO	Kenya	Mar-07	Project approved at WG meeting (Nov-07).
STDF 155	<b>Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application</b>	Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness.	Michigan State University (MSU)	Nicaragua	Oct-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Oct-08).
STDF 127	<b>Strengthening the capacity of the Benin Chamber of Commerce to track SPS-related development in exports markets</b>	Establish an information centre within the Benin Chamber of Commerce to ensure that firms are aware of SPS measures affecting their existing or planned exports.	WTO	Benin	Jun-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Nov-07).
STDF 126	<b>Assistance to establish a horticulture industry organization in Tanzania</b>	Develop a business plan and facilitate the establishment of a horticulture association in Tanzania.	WTO	Tanzania	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-08).
STDF 116	<b>Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica</b>	Assist in the development of the animal health directorate's National Epidemiological Surveillance Programme by introducing a traceability system for livestock farms.	WTO	Costa Rica	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Oct-08).

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<b>STDF 113</b>	<b>Project preparation grant to survey food safety needs in Burundi</b>	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" to survey the food safety situation in Burundi and develop a trade-related project.	WTO/ Burundi Standards Bureau	Burundi	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07). Decision to seek non-STDF funding.
<b>STDF 88</b>	<b>Nepal SPS training project preparation grant</b>	Evaluation of the training needs of Nepal's SPS authorities and design a training programme.	FAO	Nepal	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07).
<b>STDF 102</b>	<b>Project preparation grant for Mali</b>	Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.	WTO	Mali	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).
<b>STDF 103</b>	<b>Project preparation grant for Rwanda</b>	Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.	WTO	Rwanda	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).
<b>STDF 63</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Benin</b>	Application of FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".	WTO	Benin	Mar-05	Project approved at WG (Feb-06).
<b>STDF 69</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Yemen</b>	Survey of SPS issues in the fisheries sector and project design. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	WTO	Yemen	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Feb-06).
<b>STDF 64</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Djibouti</b>	Field research and design of project in the livestock sector in Djibouti. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	WTO	Djibouti	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Sep-05).

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<b>STDF 65</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Guinea</b>	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Guinea	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Sep-05).
<b>STDF 66</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Mozambique</b>	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Mozambique	Mar-05	Project funded by DFID.
<b>STDF 62</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Cameroon</b>	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".	WTO	Cameroon	Sep-04	Project approved at WG meeting (Aug-05).

(d) **Completed PPGs for projects which have not been funded**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF 223</b>	<b>Strengthening the official food control in Moldova to support the emerging food businesses</b>	Assess requirements to strengthen official food controls, standards and food inspection based on specific priority commodities identified in the World Bank Action Plan and develop a proposal for follow-up.	FAO	Republic of Moldova	Apr-08	Completed.

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<b>STDF 172</b>	<b>Expanding Nigeria's food exports through enhanced SPS capacity</b>	Enhance Nigeria's capacity in the SPS area and improve the country's ability to export high-value food products.	WTO	Nigeria	Mar-07	Completed. The project proposal will be resubmitted to the Working Group.
<b>STDF 46</b>	<b>Project preparation grant on implementation of Codex standards (WHO Africa)</b>	Assist WHO Africa to develop a project proposal to support selected African countries to implement Codex standards.	WHO/WTO	Benin and Tanzania.	Feb-06	Completed.
<b>STDF 100</b>	<b>Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde</b>	Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards.	WTO	Fish processing sector in Cape Verde	Set-05	Completed.
<b>STDF 101</b>	<b>Eritrea project preparation grant</b>	Apply FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" and design a project.	WTO	Eritrea	Sep-05	Fieldwork complete. Report and project submitted to WG. Project not accepted for funding.
<b>STDF 52</b>	<b>Post-harvest contamination in Malawi and Zambia</b>	Develop a project proposal to address post-harvest contamination problems in the paprika and groundnut sectors in Malawi and Zambia. Project based on IF DTIS.	WTO	Malawi and Zambia	Mar-05	Completed.

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<b>STDF 61</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Cambodia</b>	Fieldwork in Cambodia to develop a project proposal. Grant application presented in July 2005.		Cambodia	Mar-05	Fieldwork complete. Report and project submitted to WG. Project not accepted for funding.
<b>STDF 38</b>	<b>Agricultural Health and Food Safety Laboratory Needs Assessment for CARICOM Countries</b>	Survey laboratory capacity in CARICOM to develop a project to assist in development of a regional strategy on laboratory infrastructure.	CARICOM	Caribbean countries	Sept-04	Initial laboratory survey completed but no final project document submitted.

(e) **PPGs revoked by the Working Group**

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<b>STDF 68</b>	<b>Project preparation grant on SPS cooperation for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)</b>	Support regional cooperation on SPS issues among SAARC countries.	TBC	SAARC	Mar-05	Delay in implementation for over two years. WG meeting (Mar-07) decided to withdraw PPG approval and invite SAARC to re-apply.