

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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

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

**I. OVERVIEW**

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global programme in sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) capacity building and technical cooperation 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 - including the International Trade Centre (ITC), 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 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.

3. This document provides an overview of STDF activities since the previous SPS Committee meeting on 29-30 June 2010 in the following three areas of its Operating Plan: (i) coordination and information dissemination; (ii) project development; and (iii) project funding.

**II. COORDINATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION**

**A. PILOT PROJECT ON SPS INDICATORS**

4. In 2010, the STDF started work on SPS indicators to support the identification and application of indicators to measure the performance of national SPS systems. In particular, this work has three main objectives: (i) to sensitize the SPS community about the importance of managing for results and, more specifically, about the value and role of indicators; (ii) to identify, pilot test and refine a representative set of indicators to measure the performance of a national SPS system; and

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<sup>2</sup> More detailed information on the STDF and its activities can be found on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>).

(iii) to develop guidance materials to promote the use of indicators within results-based management frameworks for national SPS systems. This work will contribute to, and support, other STDF activities to enhance the use of results-based management within SPS-related projects and programmes as well as broader efforts to monitor the impact of Aid for Trade by focusing on monitoring and evaluation of assistance at an operational, issue-specific level.

5. In this context, the STDF organized a technical working meeting on SPS indicators in Geneva on 1 July 2010, in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Over 80 participants attended the meeting, including 16 experts from developing countries whose participation was funded by the STDF. Participants discussed a draft STDF/OECD working paper on the topic and, in particular, a preliminary set of indicators. The paper focused on the identification of indicators to track and measure performance of national SPS systems (*macro* level), based on the logical framework intervention logic and OECD terminology, i.e. inputs → activities → outputs → outcomes → impacts. The STDF work does not undertake to develop indicators for particular SPS projects or programmes (*micro* level), which will obviously depend on the specific objectives of the intervention in question.

6. Participants agreed on the value of a results-based management approach to measure the performance of national SPS systems, and on the use of the logical framework in this context. There was consensus at the meeting that one size does not fit all and that indicators should be adapted by countries depending on their particular circumstances. The importance of ensuring synergies with FAO, OIE, IICA and other organizations that are applying capacity evaluation tools – which provide useful baseline data – was underlined. The identification and application of macro-level indicators is a long-term and iterative activity that is likely to require substantial time and resources from a range of stakeholders. It was agreed to further refine and improve the indicators proposed through inputs from technical experts as well as pilot testing activities.

7. The STDF work on SPS indicators is a "work-in-progress". The draft working paper has been revised on the basis of discussions at the meeting and is available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/TASPSIndicators.htm>). A proposal to carry out pilot testing work on SPS indicators at country level will be discussed by the Working Group on 22 October. SPS agencies in developing countries that are interested to participate in this exercise are encouraged to contact the STDF Secretariat ([STDFSecretariat@wto.org](mailto:STDFSecretariat@wto.org)).

#### B. WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE SPS AREA

8. On 4-5 October 2010, the STDF organized a workshop in The Hague, The Netherlands, on the role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in enhancing SPS capacity, in close collaboration with the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) and the World Bank Institute. Over 100 representatives from government agencies, international and regional organizations, donors, research institutes and the private sector participated in the workshop. Thirty-one representatives from developing countries were funded by the STDF. Participants engaged in a lively discussion on the policy considerations and implementation issues related to PPPs, considering their drivers and working modalities, challenges, innovations and good practices. The workshop was followed by an excursion to the Port of Rotterdam on 6 October. Representatives from the Port Authority and government inspectors made presentations about their work and illustrated what happens when large shipments of food and agricultural imports arrive in Europe.

9. The STDF is preparing a two-page briefing on the conclusions and recommendations of the workshop as part of its regular series of STDF Briefing Notes. In addition, a desk study is under preparation which will categorize and analyze relevant PPPs in the SPS area. This study is expected to be available by the end of 2010. Finally, all the presentations made at the workshop - as well as

other relevant background information - are available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/TAPPP.htm>).

#### C. USE OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS TO INFORM SPS DECISION-MAKING

10. The STDF has initiated pilot testing work on the use of the multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) approach to inform decision-making on SPS capacity building and resource allocation. This project was initiated following the STDF workshop on this topic in Geneva on 30 October 2009.<sup>3</sup> This work will first be implemented in two African developing countries. In 2011, one developing country in Asia and one in Latin America will be included. The project will assist in refining the MCDA approach and methodology to develop a set of practical tools for authorities responsible for food safety, animal and plant health, and trade. A practical manual on the MCDA framework, as well as training materials on the application of the MCDA for use by developing country experts will be prepared. Following the pilot testing exercise at the country level, three regional training workshops will be organized to equip SPS experts in each region with the knowledge and skills to apply the MCDA methodology.

#### D. REGIONAL SPS FRAMEWORKS AND STRATEGIES IN AFRICA

11. The STDF published a scoping study, conducted at the request of the African Union Commission (AUC), in a first attempt to identify and assess the myriad of regional SPS policy frameworks and strategies in Africa and guide future work in this area. The study is available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/IROthers.htm>). The study recommends the AUC and regional economic communities (RECs) to: (i) ensure that regional policy frameworks focus on the most effective use of resources to enhance member states' benefits; (ii) participate actively in the work of the international standard-setting bodies (Codex, OIE, IPPC) as well as the WTO SPS Committee, and develop the capacity for African countries to participate effectively in these mechanisms; (iii) assist in strengthening and training of national SPS coordination bodies; (iv) increase awareness of SPS matters at the political and general public level; (v) focus capacity-building efforts on demand-driven activities, identified through SPS capacity evaluations, and involve all relevant stakeholders; and (vi) avoid multiplication of transparency requirements and use existing tools developed by the SPS Committee. A parallel scoping study on the establishment and functioning of national SPS coordination mechanisms in Africa is underway and scheduled to be completed in January 2011.

#### E. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

12. The STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>) has been redesigned, giving it a more contemporary look and making it more user-friendly. New features have been added, either by improving existing functions or by adding new ones, and additional enhancements are underway. STDF partners, donors, beneficiaries and the SPS international community at large are encouraged to increase their use of the STDF as a platform for the sharing and dissemination of information on SPS-related projects and initiatives. The STDF has also created an e-mail distribution list to improve the dissemination of information about STDF activities and its latest publications (including the STDF newsletter). If you are interested to register for this service, please visit the following link: <http://icd.wto.org/member/register.aspx?l=e> and follow the instructions. An article about the STDF entitled: "*Standards and Trade Development Facility: A Collaborative Approach to Strengthen*

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<sup>3</sup> More information on the workshop, including the presentations and *Guidelines on the Use of Economic Analysis to Inform SPS-related Decision-Making* is available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/TAEcoAnalysis.htm>). The findings and conclusions from the workshop are summarized in STDF briefing note No. 3 (December 2009).

*Sanitary and Phytosanitary Capacity*" was published in International Trade Forum, ITC's quarterly magazine.

13. The STDF participated in and contributed to various internal and external meetings and events since the last SPS Committee meeting in June 2010. These included a side-event on SPS capacity building on the margins of the African Agriculture Science Week (FARA) held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (19-24 July) and a workshop in the context of the EU-funded Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) programme in Cape Town, South Africa (12-14 October). The latter was followed by a Steering Committee meeting of the PAN-SPSO project on 15-16 October. The STDF also reported on its experiences and lessons learned at the WTO Transparency Workshop on 18 October 2010.

### III. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

14. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism in STDF programme development and help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs. They also assist in ensuring synergies with other on-going initiatives, in particular Aid for Trade and the EIF, and in the mobilization of funds to implement activities. A total of 42 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception.

15. At the STDF Working Group meeting on 2 July 2010, two PPGs were approved:

- **STDF/PPG/323** – Enhancing the Safety and Quality of Agricultural Products in Senegal
- **STDF/PPG/328** – Developing Trade Opportunities: An Integrated Systems Approach for Pest Risk Management

### IV. PROJECT FUNDING

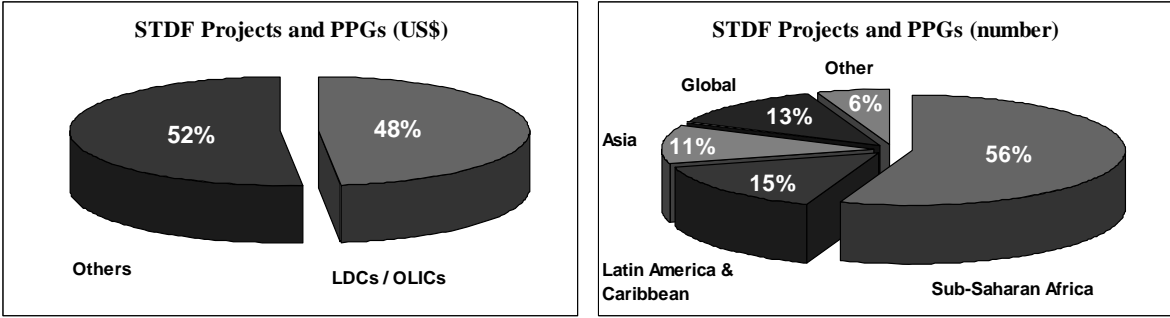
16. A total of 46 projects have been approved for STDF funding since its inception. On 2 July, the STDF Working Group approved three new projects for funding:

- **STDF/PG/298** – SPS Capacity Building in Africa to mitigate the Harmful Effects of Pesticide Residues in Cocoa and maintain Market Access
- **STDF/PG/319** – Strengthening the Food Safety Risk Assessment Unit in Colombia
- **STDF/PG/326** – A Southeast Asian Partnership to Build Trade Capacity for Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetable Products.

17. An overview of the current status of STDF projects and PPGs is provided in the Annex. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 48 per cent of project resources to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Other Low Income Countries (OLICs), as shown in Figure 1 below.<sup>4</sup> Figure 2 indicates that 56 per cent of the number of STDF projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 15 per cent to Latin America and the Caribbean, and 11 per cent to Asia. In addition, 13 per cent of STDF projects and PPGs can be classified as global.

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<sup>4</sup> The STDF aims to devote at least 40 per cent of Facility project resources to LDCs and OLICs.



18. 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 7 January 2011. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the "Guidance Note for Applicants" available on the STDF website.

**ANNEX**

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

**STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS**

(a) Projects awaiting contracting

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Implementing entity/ person</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Budget (US\$)</b>
STDF/PG/300	Develop a combined e-learning curriculum and web-based information system for food standards	Develop a combined e-Learning curriculum and information system on food standards as a contribution to up-grading the quality infrastructure in developing countries	Ghana	TBC	10-Dec-09	TBC	TBC	\$242,798
STDF/PG/302	Support to the cabbage sector in the Niayes Region of Senegal	Increase the production of cabbage and hence exports to the sub-region by controlling the spread and impact of two specific pests and assisting producers in meeting the Maximum Residue Limit established by Codex	Senegal	Senegal's Horticulture Union of the Niayes region (AUMN)	19-Mar-10	TBC	TBC	\$273,895
STDF/PG/318	National program for the monitoring and integral management of contaminants in export product	Establish a comprehensive program to control residues of pesticides and mycotoxins and implement this program for two pilot exportable products	Ecuador	IICA	19-Mar-10	TBC	TBC	\$431,710
STDF/PG/319	Strengthening the Food Safety Risk Assessment Unit in Colombia	Elaborate the functioning procedures of the Unit, establish its work programme and create a network of risk assessors to conduct future risk analyses	Colombia	IICA	02-Jul-10	TBC	TBC	\$418,000

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/326	A Southeast Asian partnership to build trade capacity for fresh and processed fruit and vegetable products	Develop a competency-based education and training platform for selected value chains and provide customized training using a combination of face-to-face instruction and e-learning	Thailand, Vietnam	MSU	02-Jul-10	TBC	TBC	\$599,665

TBC: To be confirmed

(b) Ongoing projects

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/048	Improving shea and cashew nut production in Benin through the application of good agricultural practice	Apply good agricultural practices to overcome problems of mycotoxin contamination in shea and cashew nut production	Benin	CRA-Agonkanmey (Centre de Recherches Agricoles d'Agonkanmey)	07-Nov-07	01-Jun-08	15-Oct-10	\$455,575
STDF/PG/062	Strengthening food safety in Cameroon	Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon	Cameroon	FAO	07-Nov-07	01-Sep-08	31-Dec-10	\$445,964
STDF/PG/065	Develop a private/public safety control system for the horticultural export sector in Guinea	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	Guinea	UNCTAD	06-Sep-05	01-Dec-05	30-Jun-10	\$530,300
STDF/PG/108	Developing institutional capacity of countries in the Americas to participate in the SPS Committee	Promote more active and effective participation in SPS Committee through a regional review of SPS compliance structures and practices	Latin America & Caribbean	IICA	16-Oct-06	01-Oct-07	31-Jul-10	\$575,588

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/116	Development and implementation of a traceability system in the livestock sector in Costa Rica	Develop a sustainable traceability system in the livestock sector which facilitates the management of information related to agricultural units and epidemiological events	Costa Rica	IICA	10-Oct-08	01-Mar-09	28-Feb-11	\$455,220
STDF/PG/126	Establish the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania	Assist the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues	Tanzania	Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)	26-Jun-08	01-Jul-09	28-Feb-11	\$253,755
STDF/PG/127	SPS information system in Benin	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin	Benin	Benin Chamber of Commerce	07-Nov-07	01-Sep-08	28-Feb-11	\$359,790
STDF/PG/134	Capacity building to improve fish trade performance of selected West African countries	Improve knowledge and awareness of SPS issues in the fisheries sector in five West African countries	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	FAO	02-Mar-07	01-Jun-08	30-Jun-10	\$469,000
STDF/PG/155	Nicaragua market oriented training service on market application of SPS	Establish SPS professional training units, to develop training manuals, quality and good process controls for pilot products	Nicaragua	IICA	10-Oct-08	01-Jun-10	31-May-12	\$519,439
STDF/PG/170	Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal	Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project based on IF DTIS	Nepal	FAO	02-Mar-07	01-Apr-08	31-Jul-10	\$347,900
STDF/PG/171	Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE)	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre	Kenya and East Africa	CABI (Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International)	07-Nov-07	26-May-08	30-Nov-10	\$699,375
STDF/PG/172	Expanding exports of sesame seeds and sheanut/ butter through improved SPS capacity building for private and public sector	Identify critical control points and factors along the Nigerian shea nut production chain and develop predictive models for aflatoxin production and fungal growth, pesticide residues and other contaminants	Nigeria	Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC)	10-Dec-09	01-Oct-10	30-Sep-12	\$324,240



Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/230	Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease (LYD) in Coconuts in Mozambique	Build phytosanitary capacity to implement international standards to manage LYD in palms and thereby expand market access for coconuts	Mozambique	FAO	26-Jun-08	01-Jul-09	28-Feb-11	\$326,528
STDF/PG/238	Development of accredited HACCP certification schemes for processed food products	Implement accredited inspection and certificates for Good Manufacturing Practices and HACCP recognized by the competent authorities	Guatemala	AGEXPORT	27-Feb-09	01-Feb-10	30-Jan-12	\$398,225
STDF/PG/259	Strengthening Vietnamese SPS Capacities for Trade	Strengthen Vietnamese SPS capacities for trade by improving safety and quality for fresh vegetables through the value chain approach	Viet Nam	FAO/Fruit and Vegetable Research Institute	26-Jun-09	01-Mar-10	29-Feb-12	\$476,580
STDF/PG/283	Support for SPS risk assessment in the mango export sector	Improve Mali's capacity to comply with international and private SPS standards in the mango sector	Mali	Agence National de la Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (ANSSA)	10-Dec-09	15-May-10	15-May-12	\$423,400
STDF/PG/284	Strengthening the National SPS Committee of Honduras	Strengthen the National SPS Committee of Honduras, further support the implementation of the National SPS Agenda (developed by the Committee) and consolidate and develop institutional SPS capacities	Honduras	Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA)	19-Mar-10	01-Jul-10	30-Jun-12	\$257,580
STDF/PG/287	Information sharing initiative on the actions to control fruit flies in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)	Facilitate the publication of a newsletter on fruit fly control in SSA which will feature on-going initiatives and inform about technical advances in the area	Sub-Saharan Africa	COLEACP (Comité de Liaison Europe-Afrique-Caraïbes-Pacifique pour la Promotion des Exportations horticoles ACP)	27-Feb-09	01-Jun-09	30-Apr-11	\$82,800

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/298	SPS capacity building in Africa to mitigate the harmful effects of pesticide residues in cocoa and to maintain market access	Build SPS capacity in Africa to produce good quality cocoa that complies with the relevant international regulations and legislation on pesticide residues and other harmful substances	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo	International Cocoa Organization	02-Jul-10	01-Jan-11	31-Dec-12	\$593,460
STDF/PG/313	Continuation of the West African Fruit Fly Initiative (WAFFI) in 2010	Continue and deepen the regional sensitization and training work in eight countries in the sub-region	West Africa	CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement)	10-Dec-09	01-Apr-10	31-Mar-11	\$499,537

(c) Completed projects

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/005	STDF Database	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	Global	S&H Switzerland	01-Jun-03	01-Jul-03	01-Dec-05	\$45,100
STDF/PG/009	Model programme for developing food standards within a risk analysis framework	Strengthen capacity of low income countries in the Asia Pacific Region to develop food standards based on international requirements and participate in Codex	Asia Pacific countries	FAO	01-Nov-03	01-Mar-05	01-Sep-06	\$70,848

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/010	Support to pilot activities for national implementation of the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health in Turkey and Uganda	Establish national windows for IPFSAPH through training and the development of a handbook	Turkey and Uganda	FAO	01-Nov-03	01-Mar-05	01-Sep-06	\$59,400
STDF/PG/013	Development of Regional Action Plans to Enhance Veterinary Capacity in East and West Africa	Develop regional strategies to strengthen veterinary capacity in East and West Africa with emphasis on improved surveillance, reporting, control and implementation of international standards	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	OIE	01-Sep-04	01-Oct-06	31-Jul-08	\$305,000
STDF/PG/014	Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services	Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document	Latin America & Caribbean	OIE	01-Nov-03	01-May-04	01-May-06	\$39,960
STDF/PG/015	Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels	Develop a training programme and core group of trainers to deliver training for veterinary officials	OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, CIS and Latin America.	OIE	01-Sep-04	01-Sep-04	01-Dec-07	\$130,614
STDF/PG/019	Model arrangements for SPS stakeholder involvement at the national level	Improve SPS-related information flows and information sharing between the public and private sector with positive spin-offs for market access	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	Abt Associates Inc.	01-Sep-04	01-Dec-04	01-Apr-07	\$291,218
STDF/PG/020	Country-based plans for SPS-related development	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	Peru and Uganda	Agra Ceas Consulting Ltd.	01-Nov-03	01-Nov-04	01-Mar-07	\$170,862

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/037	Assistance to developing countries in the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) 15	Train officials on implementation of ISPM 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) to ensure minimal trade disruptions	171 Delegates (79 countries and 6 regional organizations) attended workshop	IPPC, FAO	01-Sep-04	01-Nov-04	01-Mar-06	\$332,000
STDF/PG/056	Capacity building to enhance implementation of the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on animal feeding	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	Feed industry in developing countries	IFIF (International Feed Industry Federation)	09-Mar-05	01-Jun-05	01-Nov-06	\$150,000
STDF/PG/069	Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products	Assist the Yemeni Seafood Exporter's Association (YSEA) to improve the quality and safety of Yemeni seafood products	Yemen	YSEA (Yemeni Seafood Exporters Association)	29-Jun-07	01-Aug-07	31-Dec-09	\$398,750
STDF/PG/079	Quality information on SPS issues – a prerequisite for capacity building	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 (IPSAPH)	Developing countries	FAO	06-Sep-05	01-Apr-06	30-Jun-09	\$435,185
STDF/PG/089	International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop	Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NPPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA)	29 Officials from developing and least developed countries	FAO	06-Sep-05	01-Oct-05	01-May-07	\$147,000
STDF/PG/114	Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production	Recover and consolidate export market access through implementation of an effective system to reduce aflatoxin contamination in the Brazil nut production chain	Brazil (Peru and Bolivia)	CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement)	03-Feb-06	01-Jun-06	30-Nov-08	\$619,664

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/120	Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures	India	*Manfred Luetzow, Regulatory Affairs Services GmbH *David Wilson * Canadian Food Inspection Agency	03-Feb-06	01-Nov-06	31-Oct-07	\$95,060
STDF/PG/133	Building capacity to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool in the Pacific	Train National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the South Pacific to evaluate their services using the PCE tool	South Pacific Forum Members	Secretariat of the Pacific Community	16-Oct-06	01-Aug-07	31-Dec-09	\$179,000
STDF/PG/145	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	Increase Rwanda's exports of fruit, vegetables and flowers in international and regional markets	Rwanda	Michigan State University (MSU)	08-Jun-06	01-May-07	30-May-09	\$526,647
STDF/PG/146	Strengthening phytosanitary controls in Mali (with a focus on mango exports)	Expand international market access for fresh produce from Mali through improved phytosanitary control capacity. Project based on IF DTIS	Mali	Ministry of Trade (IF management unit) and FAO	08-Jun-06	01-Jan-07	28-Feb-10	\$518,800
STDF/PG/173	Assessing capacity building needs of food control systems in developing APEC Member Economies	Train food safety regulators from developing member economies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) using FAO's food safety capacity evaluation tools	APEC countries	FSANZ (Food Standards Australia New Zealand)	02-Mar-07	01-Aug-07	30-Apr-09	\$97,500
STDF/PG/246	Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia	Cambodia	FAO	26-Jun-08	20-Apr-09	30-Jul-10	\$178,000
STDF/PG/255	Regional initiative on the fight against fruit flies in West Africa	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	Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Senegal, The Gambia.	CIRAD (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement)	10-Oct-08	01-Apr-09	31-Mar-10	\$279,620

**STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)**

(a) PPGs awaiting contracting

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/316	Strengthening phytosanitary inspection and diagnostic services in Azerbaijan	Strengthen the capacity of pre-border quarantine inspection points, notably through the provision of laboratory equipment and training of laboratory staff	Azerbaijan	TBC	19-Mar-10	TBC	TBC	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/323	Enhancing the Safety and Quality of Agricultural Products in Senegal	Develop a project proposal to addresses the issue of pest surveillance and application of good agriculture practices to enhance Senegal's potential of horticultural exports	Senegal	TBC	02-Jul-10	TBC	TBC	\$30,000

TBC: To be confirmed

(b) PPGs currently being implemented

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/165	Improving SPS controls in fruit production in Madagascar.	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production	Madagascar	CTHA (Centre Technique Horticole d'Antananarivo)	07-Nov-07	01-Feb-08	Upon approval	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/232	A phytosanitary capacity building strategy for Africa	Improve phytosanitary capacity in African countries through the development and implementation of a phytosanitary capacity building strategy	Cameroon and other African countries	CABI (Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International)	26-Jun-08	01-Dec-08	Upon approval	\$29,000

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STDF/PPG/262	Strengthening veterinary services and promoting market access of animal products from Sahel countries to North African markets	Review a regional strategy to strengthen veterinary services	Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso	CILSS (Comité permanent inter-etats de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel)	27-Feb-09	01-Dec-09	31-Jul-10	\$19,600
STDF/PPG/268	Harmonization of the legal, regulatory and institutional framework for an SPS control management system	Strengthen SPS-related legislation and improve the institutional management system	Tanzania	Natural Resources Institute (NRI)/ University of Greenwich John Eric Orchard	10-Oct-08	01-May-09	Upon approval	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/309	Technical assistance to the Ministry of Trade and Industry to assist in the preparation of a project to build the SPS management system	Assist the Government in evaluating its bio-security situation through the application of the bio-security capacity evaluation tool developed by FAO	Guinea Bissau	Olivier Bertin-Mahieux	10-Dec-09	15-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/324	Needs assessment and strategy for the development of Liberia's SPS system	Re-define Liberia's SPS framework by streamlining the number of ministries responsible for standards-related issues to a single national competent authority	Liberia	Londa Van der Wal	19-Mar-10	01-Jul-10	30-Sep-10	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/328	Developing trade opportunities: an integrated systems approach for Pest Risk Management	Develop a transparent, mutually-agreed framework for considering the reduction of risk achieved by phytosanitary measures	Malaysia	Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (ICL)	02-Jul-10	06-Aug-10	Upon approval	\$30,000

(c) Completed PPGs resulting in a project funded by the STDF

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STDF/PPG/062	Develop a project proposal to strengthen SPS capacity in Cameroon	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems"	Cameroon	Jean Claude Cheftel, University of Montpellier	01-Sep-04	09-May-05	31-Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/065	Strengthen SPS capacity in Guinea	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector (based on IF DTIS)	Guinea	UNCTAD	09-Mar-05	01-Jun-05	26-Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/069	Develop a project proposal to strengthen SPS capacity in Yemen	Conduct a survey of SPS issues in the fisheries sector and project design (based on IF DTIS)	Yemen	Tim Huntington	09-Mar-05	01-Oct-05	19-Nov-05	\$19,700
STDF/PPG/088	Strengthening SPS human resource capacity	Conduct evaluation of the training needs of Nepal's SPS authorities and design a training programme	Nepal	FAO	06-Sep-05	01-Jan-07	27-Mar-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/102	SPS constraints and export diversification project preparation grant	Enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector	Mali	Malika Bounfour	06-Sep-05	15-Mar-06	31-May-06	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/103	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	Enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector	Rwanda	Michigan State University (MSU)	06-Sep-05	15-Feb-06	01-May-06	\$22,000
STDF/PPG/116	Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica	Assist in the development of the animal health directorate's National Epidemiological Surveillance Programme by introducing a traceability system for livestock farms	Costa Rica	Emilio Leon	03-Feb-06	01-May-07	15-Oct-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/126	Assistance to establish a horticulture industry organization in Tanzania	Develop a business plan and facilitate the establishment of a horticulture association in Tanzania	Tanzania	Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)	03-Feb-06	15-Jul-06	30-Sep-06	\$5,500



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STDF/PPG/127	Strengthening the capacity of the Benin Chamber of Commerce to track SPS-related development in exports markets	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	Benin	Stefan Skrzypczak	08-Jun-06	20-Nov-06	28-Feb-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/155	Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application	Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness	Nicaragua	Michigan State University (MSU)	16-Oct-06	01-Mar-07	30-Oct-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/171	Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE)	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	Kenya	Ralf Lopian	02-Mar-07	15-Apr-07	30-Nov-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/172	Expanding Nigeria's food exports through enhanced SPS capacity	Enhance Nigeria's capacity in the SPS area and improve the country's ability to export high-value food products	Nigeria	CARANA Corporation	02-Mar-07	01-Nov-07	31-Mar-08	\$25,000
STDF/PPG/298	Capacity building programme on pesticide residues and other harmful substances in cocoa in Africa	Assist cocoa-producing countries in Africa to produce cocoa that meets the food safety requirements of the EU, the USA and Japan	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo	International Cocoa Organization	26-Jun-09	12-Oct-09	31-Mar-10	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/302	Support the competitiveness of cabbage in the Niayes region	Improve the quality of cabbage by putting in place systems which will follow GAP schemes, facilitate traceability and HACCP	Senegal	Olivier Bertin-Mahieux	26-Jun-09	01-Oct-09	31-Dec-09	\$25,631

(d) Completed PPGs resulting in a project funded or seeking funding from other sources

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/052	Post-harvest contamination in Malawi and Zambia	Develop a project proposal to address post-harvest contamination problems in the paprika and groundnut sectors in Malawi and Zambia (based on IF DTIS)	Malawi and Zambia	Gordon Shephard	09-Mar-05	15-Feb-07	15-Aug-07	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/066	Develop a project proposal to strengthen SPS capacity in Mozambique	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. (based on IF DTIS)	Mozambique	UNCTAD	09-Mar-05	23-May-05	26-Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/100	Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde	Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards	Cape Verde	WTO	29-Jun-07	07-Dec-06	31-Jan-07	\$27,737
STDF/PPG/105	OIE STDF project on the implementation of compartmentalization for avian influenza and Newcastle disease in the poultry sector	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization	Brazil and Thailand	OIE	29-Jun-07	22-Feb-08	01-Oct-08	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/113	Survey of food safety needs in Burundi	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 proposal	Burundi	WTO/ Burundi Standards Bureau Mohammed Majdi	03-Feb-06	01-Sep-06	30-Nov-06	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework	Sierra Leone	CARANA Corporation	29-Jun-07	01-Jan-08	31-Jul-08	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/221	Improving the competitiveness of suppliers in Burkina Faso's national, regional and international markets	Identify specific SPS issues and constraints affecting sesame production and exports and develop a project proposal to overcome these constraints and improve market access	Burkina Faso	Tidiane Traore	04-Apr-08	10-Jan-09	30-Apr-09	\$20,000

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STDF/PPG/223	Strengthening the official food control programme to support an emerging food business sector	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	Moldova	Enrico Casadei	04-Apr-08	20-Jul-08	31-Oct-08	\$21,765
STDF/PPG/234	Design of Lao P.D.R Good Agricultural Practice scheme	Create institutional infrastructure to ensure market access for agricultural products from Lao PDR	Lao PDR	Andrew Wilson	26-Jun-08	18-Aug-08	16-Jan-09	\$18,410
STDF/PPG/242	Elaboration of SPS needs expressed in the IF DTIS of Comoros	Assess SPS human resource and infrastructure needs based on the IF DTIS and formulate a project proposal to improve the competitiveness of the litchi and lobster sectors	Comoros	Chokri Damergi	26-Jun-08	01-Feb-09	30-Apr-09	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/286	Accessing new ornamental plant market by reducing phytosanitary issues through participatory research and extension: the Clean Stock Programme in Costa Rica	Reduce the phytosanitary risk of exporting 5 varieties of ornamental plants in order to maintain access to the US market	Costa Rica	CATIE (Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza of Costa Rica)	27-Feb-09	15-May-09	31-Dec-09	\$30,000
STDF/PPG/303	Project preparation grant to conduct a total diet study for Sub-Saharan Africa	Elaborate a manual describing a methodology to conduct a regional TDS to evaluate the risks of chemical contamination of food	Sub-Saharan Africa	Centre Pasteur du Cameroun	26-Jun-09	12-Oct-09	31-Mar-11	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/305	Institutionalising SPS for agricultural health and food safety systems in Africa	Conduct a scoping study to inform and assess the necessity of further action needed in the SPS area at the level of the AUC and the Regional Economic Communities	African Union	João Manuel GA de Magalhães	26-Jun-09	01-Oct-09	Upon approval	\$30,000

(e) Completed PPGs which have not been approved for funding

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/038	Agricultural Health and Food Safety Laboratory Needs Assessment for CARICOM Countries	Survey laboratory capacity in CARICOM to develop a project to assist in development of a regional strategy on laboratory infrastructure	Caribbean	CARICOM	01-Sep-04	11-Oct-05	01-Jun-06	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/046	Implementation of Codex standards (WHO Africa)	Assist WHO Africa to develop a project proposal to support selected African countries to implement Codex standards	Benin and Tanzania	Kenza Le Mentec J. Claude Cheftel	03-Feb-06	01-Aug-06	31-Aug-07	\$19,000
STDF/PPG/061	Strengthening SPS capacity in Cambodia	Conduct fieldwork in Cambodia to develop a project proposal	Cambodia	Digby Gascoine	09-Mar-05	24-Apr-05	22-Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/063	Quality control for agricultural products in Benin	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems"	Benin	Lois C. Laleye	09-Mar-05	15-Jun-05	31-Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/064	Strengthen SPS capacity in Djibouti	Conduct field research and design of project in the livestock sector in Djibouti (based IF DTIS)	Djibouti	Greg Sullivan	09-Mar-05	25-May-05	01-Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF/PPG/101	Capacity evaluation of national food control system in Eritrea	Apply FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" and design a project proposal	Eritrea	Arpad Ambrus	06-Sep-05	05-Jan-06	31-Mar-06	\$28,690