

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

UPDATE ON THE OPERATION OF THE STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

Note by the Secretariat¹

Overview

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global programme in capacity building and technical co-operation 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). It assists developing countries to comply with food safety, animal and plant health (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS) measures in international trade. Other international organizations, donors and developing countries also participate.
2. The STDF has two main aims:
 - to assist developing countries enhance their expertise and capacity to analyze and to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary (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 co-ordination among technical co-operation 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 co-operation.
3. Applications for STDF funding may be made at any point in the year but should be received 45 days prior to each Working Group meeting to be considered at that time. The next deadline for the submission of project proposals is 27 August for the Working Group meeting on 10 October 2008. More detailed information on the STDF can be found on the [website](http://www.standardsfacility.org) (www.standardsfacility.org).

Operating Plan for 2008-09

4. An [Operating Plan for 2008-09](#) was adopted by the Policy Committee in November 2007. The operating plan focuses on four main thematic areas: (i) coordination; (ii) project development; (iii) project implementation; and (iv) dissemination of results. Greater emphasis is placed on the STDF acting as a forum for information exchange and coordination in the supply and receipt of SPS-related technical cooperation.

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Coordination

5. The STDF organized a workshop on SPS-related capacity evaluation tools developed by international organizations on 31 March 2008. Some 200 delegates from the WTO's SPS Committee, including 15 developing country officials funded by the STDF, attended. The meeting considered the merits of specific and generic tools; role of the beneficiary in the choice of tool, its application and end use; public dissemination of results versus confidential usage; and scope for collaboration and cooperation in the future development and use of these tools. Broad agreement emerged on the need to strive towards harmonization of approaches while respecting the needs of beneficiaries. Information about the workshop, including the presentations and podcasts of some sessions, is available on the [SPS gateway](#) of the WTO website.

6. Within the framework of the Aid of Trade Initiative, the STDF organized regional workshops on the mobilization of capacity building resources in the area of food safety, animal and plant health. These took place in Cambodia (20-21 May 2008), Uganda (28-29 May 2008) and Guatemala (11-12 June 2008). The workshops were the culmination of a year-long project in the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-region, East Africa and Central America to synthesize the results of existing SPS capacity evaluations, develop an inventory of technical assistance and identify "gaps" still not being addressed.

7. Participants at these workshops agreed that this work: (i) provided an important opportunity for government agencies and donors to discuss experiences in the provision of SPS-related assistance and agree on outstanding priorities; (ii) promoted a common vision of outstanding needs among government agencies at both the national and regional level; and (iii) created a valuable foundation on which to mobilize future SPS-related assistance from development partners. Complete information about these workshops, including national and regional balance sheets and conclusions, is available on the [STDF website](#).

8. The outcomes of these workshops will be evaluated at the STDF Working Group meeting in June 2008 as a basis for the development of further research work in this area in 2008-09. The Secretariat will report in detail on these events in a separate background document.

9. In response to the WTO/OECD request for information (GEN/SPS/816), a total of 24 projects in East Africa, the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-Region and Central America were submitted as examples of "good practice" in SPS-related technical co-operation. Country-level research will be carried out in June and July to seek the views of beneficiaries of the identified projects on elements of good practice in project design, implementation, outputs and the achievement of higher order objectives, which could be replicated in future assistance. The findings will be analyzed and compiled for presentation to a wrap-up workshop in Geneva on 6 October 2008.

10. The STDF is organizing a half-day information session on private standards on 26 June 2008, which will be open to SPS Committee delegates. The focus will be on practical aspects of compliance with private SPS-related standards. Recent developments in the private standards area and options for reducing compliance costs and promoting dialogue will be presented by representatives of the Africa Observer Project, the Global Food Safety Initiative, CMi and the World Bank, followed by plenary discussion.

11. The STDF is organizing a meeting in October 2008 on initiatives to combat fruit flies in West Africa. The meeting will provide an opportunity for concerned national and regional organizations, donors and other stakeholders to discuss mechanisms to control fruit flies and mobilize funds for a multi-year action plan for this purpose.

Project development

12. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism for future STDF programme development. PPGs are designed to turn good ideas into projects. As such, they can help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs. To date, a total of 27 PPGs have been approved.

13. Project preparation grants are also a mechanism for ensuring synergy with other on-going initiatives. For example, they can support project development for priority actions in the SPS area which have been identified in Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies (DTIS) conducted through the Enhanced Integrated Framework programme (EIF).

14. The main criterion in awarding preparation grants is the likelihood that the project developed may receive funding. Final project funding may be provided by the STDF or from another funding source (e.g. a bilateral donor). Much greater emphasis is being placed on the use of PPGs to provide a basis for donor interventions and as a vehicle for mobilizing funds for projects developed by the STDF.

Project funding

15. The STDF funds technical cooperation activities which:

- address underlying issues of SPS capacity building in beneficiary countries (in particular in low income countries, or on a regional basis), ideally through innovative, preventative and / or pilot projects which may be replicated by other donors; and
- which aim to address gaps in SPS information, training materials or which aim to improve coordination among SPS technical co-operation providers through collaborative projects.

16. Information on how to apply, eligibility criteria and application forms can be found in the [STDF Operational Rules](#). A target of 12 projects to be funded through the STDF has been set in the Operating Plan for 2008-09.

17. An overview of the current status of STDF projects and PPGs is provided in Annex 1.

Information dissemination

18. The STDF is developing a short film to raise awareness about the importance of SPS capacity for international trade and economic development. The film will provide an introduction to SPS issues and their impact on trade and showcase examples from three countries that have been affected by SPS issues. The selection and contracting of a production company to support this work is in progress following a tender process, and identification of case study countries is underway. Filming will be carried out in the case study countries from August onwards and on the margins of the SPS Committee meeting in October 2008. It is hoped that the film will be finalized by November 2008.

ANNEX 1

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

12 June 2008

(a) Projects awaiting contracting

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 127	Support for SPS information systems in Benin	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin.	FAO, Benin Chamber of Commerce	Benin	363,858	Nov-07	To be confirmed (TBC)	Approved at Nov-07 Working Group (WG) meeting.	Discussions ongoing with FAO on contracting.	Deadline for contracting Nov-08.
STDF 62	Strengthening food safety in Cameroon	Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon.	FAO	Cameroon	461,359	Nov-07	TBC	Approved at Nov-07 WG meeting. Project originally approved in Sep-05. Approval revoked in Mar-07 due to implementation delays. Project updated and resubmitted.	Discussions ongoing with FAO on project contracting.	Deadline for contracting Nov-08.
STDF 48	Quality control for shea and cashew nut products in Benin	Apply good agricultural practices to overcome problems of mycotoxin contamination in shea and cashew nut production.	TBC	Benin	470,575	Nov-07	Apr-08 / Mar-10	Approved at Nov-07 WG meeting. Project originally approved in Feb-06. Approval revoked in Mar-07 due to implementation delays. Project updated and resubmitted.	Draft contracts submitted to applicant and supervisory agency. Meeting with beneficiary in Benin in Feb-08.	Signature of contracts and implementation.

(b) On-going projects funded by STDF

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 171	East African Phytosanitary Centre	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre.	Kenya Plant Health Inspection Service, Univer-sity of Nairobi, CABI, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	Kenya and East Africa	843,240	Nov-07	May-08 / May-10	Approved at Nov-07 WG meeting.	Contract signed (May-08).	Inception report.
STDF 170	Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal	Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project supports Integrated Framework (IF) Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS).	FAO	Nepal	321,600	Mar-07	Mar-08 / Mar-10	Implementation ongoing.	Contract signed (Mar-08). Project steering committee established and inception workshop held (May-08).	Inception report.
STDF 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.	FAO	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	469,000	Mar-07	Mar-08 / Feb-10	Implementation ongoing.	Contract signed (Mar-08).	Inception report.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 69	Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products	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)	462,804	Jun-07	Sep-07 / Aug-09	Implementation ongoing. (Approval rescinded in Mar-07 due to implementation delays of over one year).	First mission by ITC (Oct-07). First bi-annual report received (Mar-08). Second tranche disbursed.	Second bi-annual report.
STDF 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.	WTO	Food safety authorities in selected APEC member economies	96,500	Mar-07	Aug-07 / Apr-09	Implementation ongoing.	Training workshop in Beijing (Nov-07). Report on training and financial report received.	Final report to be submitted.
STDF 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.	WTO	Member countries of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	585,588	Oct-06	Oct-07 / Feb-09	Implementation ongoing.	Contract signed (Oct-07).	Inception report to be submitted.
STDF 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.	FAO	South Pacific Forum Members	261,780	Oct-06	Aug-07 / Jul-09	Implementation ongoing.	Inception report approved.	First interim report received.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 145	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	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	526,674	Jun-06	May-07 / Apr-09	Implementation ongoing.	Inception report approved. Mid-term report received (May-08).	Mission to Rwanda planned (Jul-08).
STDF 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 developed based on IF DTIS.	Ministry of Commerce (IF focal point)	Mali	508,000	Jun-06	Feb-07 / Feb-09	Implementation ongoing.	Inception report approved.	None required.
STDF 114	Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production	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.	Discussion of project results and broader market access issues. Extension granted until 31 Dec. 2008.	End of project report.
STDF 65	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.	UNCTAD	Guinea	600,000	Sep-05	Dec-05 / May-08	Implementation ongoing.	Request for project extension until Jun-08 granted.	End of project report.
STDF 79	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 (IPFSAPH).	FAO	All developing countries	470,000	Sep-05	Jun-06 / May-08	Implementation ongoing.	Project status report due (Jun-08).	End of project report.

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STDF 13	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.	OIE, FAO	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	305,000	Sep-04	Oct-06 / Apr-07	Implementation ongoing. One project activity to prepare revised STDF 64 application.	Project extension granted until Jul-08.	Report on implementation to be presented at WG meeting in Jun-08.

(c) Completed projects funded by STDF

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 120	Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures.	WTO	India	244,050	Feb-06	Dec-06 / Dec-07	Completed.	Final animal health training finalized.	Evaluation consultant contracted for plant health component.
STDF 15	Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels	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.	Evaluation ongoing.	Dissemination of evaluation report.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 89	International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop	Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NNPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA).	FAO	Officials (29) from developing and least developed countries	147,000	Sep-05	Oct-05 / May-07	Completed. Information available on IPPC website (https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?status=ND01ODQ1NSY2PWVuJjMzPSomMzc9a29z).	Evaluation ongoing.	Dissemination of evaluation report.
STDF 56	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.	International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF)	Feed industry in developing countries.	150,000	Mar-05	Sep-05 / Nov-06	Evaluation distributed at Jun-07 WG meeting.	STDF attended IFIF annual meeting at FAO (Oct-07). Evaluation results reported to IFIF meeting.	Awaiting finalization of manual prior to approval of final payment. Awaiting progress from FAO.
STDF 37	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.	IPPC, FAO	171 delegates (representing 79 countries and 6 regional plant protection organizations) attended workshop.	332,000	Sep-04	Nov-04 / Mar-06	Completed. Training materials available on IPPC website (https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?status=ND00OTEyNyY2PWVuJjMzPSomMzc9a29z).	Evaluation completed and discussed at WG meeting in Jun-07.	None.

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STDF 14	Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services	Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document.	OIE	IICA	37,000	Nov-03	May-06	Completed.	Evaluation completed (http://www.oie.int/eng/oie/organisation/en_vet_eval_tool.html).	None.
STDF 20	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.	WTO	Peru and Uganda	170,862	Sep-03	Nov-04 / Mar-07	Completed. Update of information being undertaken by Prom Peru. Independent evaluation to be contracted.	Meeting held with Peruvian authorities in Sep-07. Peru updating analysis.	Identify contractor for <i>ex post</i> evaluation.
STDF 19	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	WTO	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	291,218	Sep-04	Dec-04 / Apr-07	Completed. Awaiting final project report. Independent evaluation to be undertaken.	Various correspondence with project managers.	Follow-up dependent on receipt of final report. Independent evaluation to be commissioned.
STDF 9	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	FAO	Asia Pacific countries	70,848	Nov-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Project completed.	None required.	Final project report on STDF website.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 10	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	FAO	Turkey and Uganda	59,400	Sep-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Completed. Independent evaluation planned.	Contact with FAO on status of project.	Final report received (Jun-08). Contract independent evaluation.
STDF 5	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.	WTO	Database	73,474	Jun-03	Jul-03 / Dec-05	Project completed. Database available on STDF website (http://stdfdb.wto.org). Report submitted to SPS Committee (G/SPS/GEN/726).	None required.	None required.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget in US\$	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 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.	To be determined.	Fish processing sector in Cape Verde		Jun-07	To be confirmed (TBC)	Approved in principle by the WG. Funding sought outside the STDF.	Information from local donor that funding may be available in 2008.	Follow-up with local donor and national authorities.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget in US\$	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 126	Support for the establishment of the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania	Assist the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues. Project responds to a priority need identified by the IF.	To be determined.	Tanzania Horticulture Association		Jun-07	TBC	Approved in principle by the WG. Funding initially sought outside the STDF.	STDF Secretariat met applicant and donors in Tanzania in Oct-07 and Feb-08 to discuss project. Donors requested updating of project document.	Update of project proposal to address donor comments.
STDF 113	Strengthening SPS controls in Burundi	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. Funding secured.	Mission to Burundi (Apr-07) as part of IF work. Agreement reached with EC on funding through STABEX.	Follow-up on final implementation arrangements.
STDF 66	Project preparation grant in Mozambique	Improve SPS compliance for horticulture exporters in regional and international markets. Project based on IF DTIS.	UNCTAD	Mozambique	20,000	Mar-05	TBC	Project funded by United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID).	None required.	None required.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget in US\$	Approval date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 64	Facilitating livestock trade in Djibouti	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.	Project to be reformulated by OIE and FAO as part of STDF 13.	Reporting by OIE and FAO at WG meetings in 2008.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)²

(a) PPGs awaiting contracting

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 221	Supporting implementation of SPS standards in Burkina Faso	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	TBC	Burkina Faso	Apr-08	Pending.	Contact with authorities in Burkina Faso.	Mission planned early Jul-08.
STDF 223	Strengthening the official food control in Moldova to support the emerging food businesses	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.	TBC	Republic of Moldova	Apr-08	Pending.	International consultant identified. TORs drafted. Contact with MCC. Awaiting government clearance.	Mission of international consultant planned for Jul-08.

(b) PPGs currently being implemented

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 105	Compartment- alization	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization.	OIE	Brazil and Thailand	Jun-07	Implementation ongoing.	Project contracted.	Fieldwork in Brazil and Thailand.
STDF 191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework.	TBC	Sierra Leone	Jun-07	Implementation ongoing.	Fieldwork ongoing.	Final report expected (Apr-08).
STDF 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.	TBC	Nigeria	Mar-07	Implementation ongoing.	Fieldwork ongoing.	Report expected (Apr-08).

² All PPGs are funded from the STDF. The budget for PPGs is US\$20,000 unless otherwise indicated.

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STDF 165	Improving fruit production SPS controls in Madagascar	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production.	TBC	Madagascar	Mar-07 and Nov-07	Implementation ongoing.	Project contracted.	Report expected (Nov-08).
STDF 100	Strengthening food control systems in Cape Verde, particularly in the fisheries sector	Develop a project proposal to strengthen food control systems in Cape Verde through use of the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".	WTO	Cape Verde	Sep-05	Ongoing.	Approved for funding outside STDF.	Ongoing follow-up.
STDF 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.	WTO	Costa Rica	Feb-06	Ongoing.	Draft project document tabled at WG meeting (Nov-07). Revisions requested from applicant.	Project reviewed for WG meeting (Apr-08).
STDF 52	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. Project based on IF DTIS.	WTO	Malawi and Zambia	Mar-05	Ongoing.	UNIDO/COMMARK second mission to Zambia (Nov-07). Project developed for funding.	Follow-up with COMMARK and UNIDO.
STDF 126	Assistance to establish a horticulture industry organization in Tanzania	Develop a business plan and facilitate the establishment of a horticulture association in Tanzania.	WTO	Tanzania	Feb-06	Approved.	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-07).	Redrafting of project document to reflect local donor comments.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status	Actions since last WG (04/04/08)	Next action needed
STDF 155	Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application	Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness.	Michigan State University (MSU)	Nicaragua	Oct-06	Completed	Project tabled at WG meeting (Nov-07).	Funding being sought outside STDF.
STDF 171	Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence	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	Ongoing.	Project approved for funding.	None.
STDF 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.	WTO	Benin	Jun-06	Ongoing.	Project approved for funding (Nov-07).	Discussion with FAO on implementation.
STDF 88	Nepal SPS training project preparation grant	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).	Project approved and contracted..	None required.
STDF 113	Project preparation grant to survey 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.	WTO/ Burundi Standards Bureau	Burundi	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07). Decision to seek non-STDF funding.	Mission to Burundi (Apr-07).	None required.
STDF 102	Project preparation grant for Mali	Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.	WTO	Mali	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).	None required.	None required.
STDF 103	Project preparation grant for Rwanda	Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.	WTO	Rwanda	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).	None required.	None required.
STDF 62	Project preparation grant in Cameroon	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).	None required.	None required.

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STDF 63	Project preparation grant in Benin	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).	None required.	None required.
STDF 69	Project preparation grant in Yemen	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).	None required.	None required.
STDF 64	Project preparation grant in Djibouti	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).	None required.	None required.
STDF 65	Project preparation grant in Guinea	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).	None required.	None required.
STDF 66	Project preparation grant in Mozambique	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.	None required.	None required.

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

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STDF 46	Project preparation grant on implementation of Codex standards (WHO Africa)	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.	Shortcoming in initial fieldwork and resultant project documents. Follow-up research work in Benin pointed to flaws in approach.	Discontinued.

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STDF 38	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.	CARICOM	Caribbean countries.	Sept-04.	Initial laboratory survey completed but no final project document submitted.	PPG discussed with Caricom Secretariat at regional SPS workshop (Jul-07). Laboratory report circulated to participants.	Suspended.
STDF 101	Eritrea project preparation grant	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.		None required.
STDF 61	Project preparation grant in Cambodia	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.		None required.

(e) PPGs revoked by the Working Group

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STDF 68	Project preparation grant on SPS cooperation for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	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.	Letter sent to SAARC. STDF to work with SAARC on new application.	None required.