

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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

Note by the Secretariat¹

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 Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). A number of 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.²

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 in October 2009 in the following three areas: (i) coordination and information dissemination; (ii) project development; and (iii) project funding. In addition, it summarizes the main areas of planned STDF work in 2010 as part of its new Operating Plan for 2010-2011.³ The new plan continues to focus on STDF's role in coordination, information exchange and promoting and disseminating good practice, in accordance with STDF's Medium Term Strategy (2007-11).

II. COORDINATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

4. On the margins of the previous SPS Committee meeting, the STDF organized a workshop on 30 October 2009 to raise awareness about the use of economic analysis methodologies to inform SPS-

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

³ As approved by the STDF Working Group and Policy Committee on 10 and 11 December 2009, respectively.

related decision-making. Countries and organizations that have used economic analysis to support SPS decision-making shared their experiences and demonstrated how economic analysis can generate information that is valuable to improve SPS decision-making and enhance the allocation of available resources. The workshop was attended by some 250 persons - including delegates from the SPS Committee and 60 officials from developing countries funded by the WTO and the STDF.

5. Participants agreed that not only is economic analysis a practical tool to support decision-making processes and enhance the allocation of resources, but that it can also help to convince policy and decision-makers of the need to invest in SPS capacity building by demonstrating the financial benefits and cost-savings involved. The use of economic analysis generally promotes transparency, objectivity, and accountability in decision-making. Incomplete data and lack of required knowledge and skills limit the application of economic analysis in many developing countries. More information about the event, including presentations, podcasts, a two-page briefing note on the conclusions of the workshop, as well as a background report entitled "Guidelines on the Use of Economic Analysis", is available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>).

6. The STDF issued two other briefing notes on the following topics: (i) climate change and SPS risks and responses; and (ii) fruit fly control in West Africa. Generally, STDF briefing notes are reader-friendly publications which aim to disseminate information, experiences and good practices that emerge from STDF's coordination and capacity building activities. Each number provides the reader with a quick overview on a specific STDF initiative, including the main findings, key messages, recommendations and lessons learned. The briefing notes are available on the STDF website.

7. The STDF also produced a short version (8 minutes) of the STDF film entitled: "Trading Safely: protecting health, promoting development", as well as a short institutional clip about the mission and functions of the STDF. This film material will soon be available on the STDF website.

8. The STDF participated in and contributed to the following events:

- An Expert Consultation on UNIDO's Trade Capacity Building Approach, held in Vienna on 16-17 November 2009. Participants recognized the importance of involving the private sector in trade capacity building efforts and noted the emergence of public/private partnerships. The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) and the STDF were referenced as operating most in line with current aid effectiveness criteria;
- The fourth meeting of the Advisory Committee of the World Animal Health and Welfare Fund, held in Paris on 8 December 2009. The Fund was set up in 2004 to strengthen the capacities of OIE Members in animal disease surveillance, detection and rapid response. The OIE noted that a number of activities had been carried out with STDF support and emphasized that the OIE was committed to continue to work closely with the STDF, including sharing information on its activities;
- The Annual General Assembly of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, co-hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), held in Rome on 26-27 January 2010. In a special session dedicated to Aid for Trade and rural development, the STDF stressed the importance for developing countries to control their SPS risks and meet international standards, notably in terms of gaining and maintaining market access, increasing food security and improving human health status;
- The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Aid-for-Trade Review, held in Abuja on 27-28 January 2010. The meeting was centred around presentations of ECOWAS programmes, at both regional and sectoral level, including ECOWAS' agricultural

policy (ECOWAP). The Regional Action Plan to control fruit fly in West Africa, jointly commissioned by the STDF and ECOWAS in 2009, was highlighted on several occasions;

- An information session on the Trade Facilitation Facility (TFF) organized by the World Bank in Abuja, 25-26 January 2010. The event raised awareness about funding opportunities available through the TFF and assisted in exploring possible synergies between the STDF and the TFF;
- The Global Food Safety Conference, organized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) of the Consumers Good Forum, in Washington, D.C. on 3-5 February 2010. The event provided a good opportunity to learn about new developments within GFSI and discuss ongoing and planned STDF work with key partners in the public and private sector;
- The WTO regional seminar on the SPS Agreement for Central Asian Countries, held in Tashkent on 16-19 February 2010. Targeted presentations were made on SPS-related technical cooperation and the STDF.

III. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

9. 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 38 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception.

10. At the STDF Working Group meeting on 10 December 2009, one PPG was approved:

- 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 (Guinea Bissau).

IV. PROJECT FUNDING

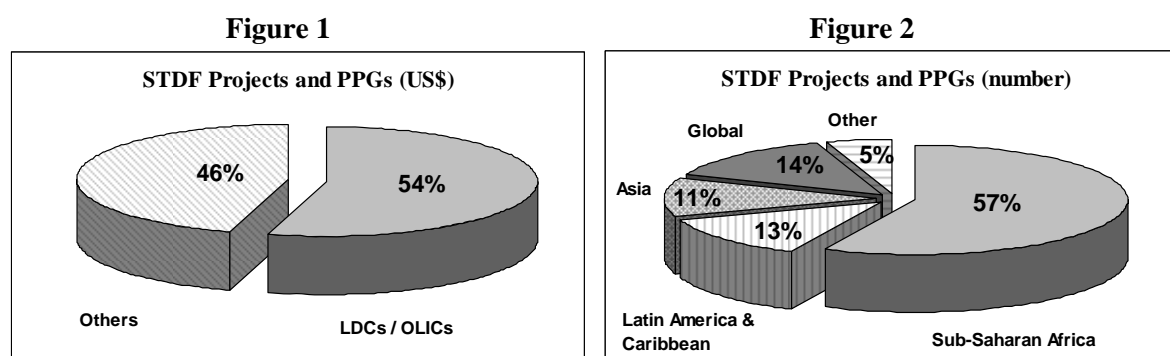
11. A total of 41 projects have been approved for STDF funding since its inception. On 10 December, the STDF Working Group approved four new projects for funding:

- STDF/PG/172: Expanding exports of sesame seeds and sheanut/ butter through improved SPS capacity building for private and public sector (Nigeria);
- STDF/PG/283: Support for SPS risk assessment in mango exports (Mali);
- STDF/PG/300: Develop a combined e-learning curriculum and web-based information system for food standards (Ghana); and
- STDF/PG/313: Continuation of the West African Fruit Fly Initiative (WAFFI) in 2010.

12. An overview of the current status of STDF projects and PPGs is provided in the Annex. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 54 per cent of project resources to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Other Low Income Countries (OLICs), as shown in Figure 1 below.⁴ Figure 2 indicates that 57 per cent of the number of STDF projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 13 per cent to Latin America and the Caribbean, and 11 per cent to Asia. In addition, 14 per cent of STDF projects and PPGs can be classified as global.

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

13. 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 9 April 2010.



V. PLANNED STDF ACTIVITIES IN 2010

14. In 2010, the STDF plans to organize two thematic events related to SPS capacity building, as part of its continuing role in coordination, information exchange dissemination and promoting and disseminating good practice. Prior to the STDF Working Group meeting, the STDF will organize a technical working meeting on SPS indicators on 1 July 2010, in collaboration with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). STDF efforts in this area build on previous STDF and OECD work on Good Practice in SPS-Related Technical Cooperation in 2007-08 and feed into the broader context of more rigorous monitoring and evaluation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) that is increasingly at the forefront of the international development agenda. The purpose of the STDF work is to identify common SPS benchmarks and provide guidance on the selection of meaningful indicators when designing SPS-related capacity building projects and programmes.

15. In addition to the STDF Working Group, the STDF will invite a limited number of experts to participate in the technical working meeting on SPS indicators to help frame the discussions and assist in guiding the working sessions. Delegates in the SPS Committee with expertise in this particular area of work are welcome to participate in the meeting. To this end, delegates are kindly invited to send an e-mail confirming their interest and participation to the STDF Secretariat by 30 April 2010 to the following address: STDFSecretariat@wto.org.

16. In the second half of 2010, the STDF plans to organize a workshop on public/private partnerships (PPPs) in SPS capacity building. The purpose of the workshop will be to present PPPs in the SPS area and discuss their objectives, experiences and results. The workshop will foster an extensive dialogue across the public and private sector on the policy considerations and implementation issues related to such partnerships, considering common challenges, innovations and good practices. As such, the workshop will provide an opportunity to identify shared interests of governments and businesses in the area of SPS capacity building, discuss experiences and lessons of partnerships in the SPS area, and consider the role of PPPs in addressing SPS capacity constraints.

17. The STDF also plans to fund a pilot project on the use of economic analysis in SPS-related decision making. This work will start in the second half of 2010. One conclusion of the STDF workshop on this topic on 30 October 2009 was that in some instances a more flexible approach may have to be taken towards economic analysis than provided by cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis. Extending the scope of economic analysis to multiple and varying capacity building options and to multiple impacts may be more appropriate, notably in a developing country context where data and analytical resources are limited. The pilot project will test this so-called multi-criteria decision

analysis (MCDA) approach in two countries, to be selected, that differ in the amount and/or quality of available data. The pilot work will be followed by the development of a practical user guide on economic analysis for analysts and decision-makers in developing countries.

18. An STDF-funded scoping study and analysis of existing SPS coordination mechanisms in Africa is scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2010. The purpose of the study is to better inform the proposed establishment of such mechanisms in Africa, both at national level and at the level of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), as a means to improve coordination among SPS actors on the ground and to enhance the effective participation of countries in the international standard-setting bodies and the SPS Committee. This work will draw upon experiences and lessons learned in other parts of the world, for instance in Latin America through projects implemented by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). Results of the study will be disseminated in the SPS Committee, the STDF Working Group and through STDF's participation in meetings of donors and relevant organizations, including the "PAN-SPSO" programme implemented by the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU/IBAR).

19. Finally, the STDF will continue its collaboration with a wide range of other activities and initiatives in the area of SPS-related technical cooperation to monitor developments, ensure synergies, share experiences and ensure maximal coordination. This includes collaboration with the Aid for Trade initiative and the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) Secretariat in Geneva to increase the awareness of SPS issues and mobilize additional resources. The STDF will increasingly seek to participate in regional events organized by its partners, donors and observers to: (i) disseminate the results of the growing number of STDF coordination activities and projects; and (ii) promote the importance, and hence preparation, of SPS action plans at national, regional and/or thematic level. The STDF will continue to monitor the implementation of the Regional Action Plan to control fruit fly in West Africa and assist in the mobilization of resources.

ANNEX

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

(a) Projects awaiting contracting

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Oct-08	TBC	TBC	\$537,435
STDF 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)	Dec-09	TBC	TBC	\$339,240
STDF 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	Jun-09	Mar-10	Feb-12	\$543,770
STDF 267	Devising a National GAP Programme and a Commercial GAP Standard in the Philippines	Facilitate stakeholder dialogue and market intelligence to promote GAPs / standards as a means to expand horticulture exports in the East Asian region	Philippines	PHILEXPORT/ PHTRC/ UNCTAD /QA Plus Asia-Pacific sdn bhd, Malaysia	Feb-09	TBC	TBC	\$210,000
STDF 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 Nationale de la Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (ANSSA)	Dec-09	TBC	TBC	\$454,530

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Dec-09	TBC	TBC	\$242,798
STDF 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)	Dec-09	Apr-10	Mar-11	\$562,671

TBC: To be confirmed

(b) Ongoing projects

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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)	Nov-07	Jun-08	May-10	\$512,139
STDF 062	Strengthening food safety in Cameroon	Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon	Cameroon	FAO	Nov-07	Sep-08	Aug-10	\$499,480

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Sep-05	Dec-05	Jun-10	\$572,724
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	Latin America & Caribbean	IICA	Oct-06	Oct-07	Jul-10	\$575,588
STDF 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	Oct-08	Mar-09	Feb-11	\$455,220
STDF 126	Establish the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania	Assist the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues	Tanzania	Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)	Jun-08	Jul-09	Feb-11	\$299,281
STDF 127	SPS information system in Benin	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin	Benin	Benin Chamber of Commerce	Nov-07	Sep-08	Feb-11	\$402,965
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	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	FAO	Mar-07	Jun-08	Mar-10	\$523,840
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 based on IF DTIS	Mali	Ministry of Trade (IF management unit) and FAO	Jun-06	Jan-07	Feb-10	\$560,304

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STDF 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	Mar-07	Apr-08	Mar-10	\$389,648
STDF 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)	Nov-07	May-08	May-10	\$763,880
STDF 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	Jun-08	Jul-09	Feb-11	\$365,711
STDF 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	Feb-09	Feb-10	Jan-11	\$422,118
STDF 246	Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia	Cambodia	FAO	Jun-08	Apr-09	Apr-10	\$199,360
STDF 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)	Oct-08	Apr-09	Mar-10	\$313,220

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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)	Feb-09	Jun-09	Apr-11	\$82,800

(c) **Completed projects**

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Jun-03	Jul-03	Dec-05	\$45,100
STDF 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	Nov-03	Mar-05	Sep-06	\$70,848
STDF 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	Nov-03	Mar-05	Sep-06	\$59,400

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Sep-04	Oct-06	Jul-08	\$329,400
STDF 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	Nov-03	May-04	May-06	\$39,960
STDF 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	Sep-04	Sep-04	Dec-07	\$130,614
STDF 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.	Sep-04	Dec-04	Apr-07	\$291,218
STDF 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.	Nov-03	Nov-04	Mar-07	\$170,862
STDF 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	Sep-04	Nov-04	Mar-06	\$332,000

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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)	Mar-05	Jun-05	Nov-06	\$150,000
STDF 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)	Jun-07	Aug-07	Dec-09	\$464,560
STDF 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	Sep-05	Apr-06	Jun-09	\$470,000
STDF 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	Sep-05	Oct-05	May-07	\$147,000
STDF 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)	Feb-06	Jun-06	Nov-08	\$619,664

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STDF 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	Feb-06	Nov-06	Oct-07	\$95,060
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	South Pacific Forum Members	Secretariat of the Pacific Community	Oct-06	Aug-07	Dec-09	\$230,215
STDF 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)	Jun-06	May-07	May-09	\$589,845
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	APEC countries	FSANZ (Food Standards Australia New Zealand)	Mar-07	Aug-07	Apr-09	\$97,500

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 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	TBC	Dec-09	TBC	TBC	\$30,000

(b) PPGs currently being implemented

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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)	Nov-07	Feb-08	Upon approval	\$20,000
STDF 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)	Jun-08	Dec-08	Upon approval	\$29,000
STDF 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)	Feb-09	Dec-09	Mar-10	\$19,600

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Oct-08	May-09	Upon approval	\$20,000
STDF 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	Jun-09	Oct-09	Mar-10	\$30,000
STDF 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	Jun-09	Oct-09	Mar-11	\$20,000
STDF 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	Jun-09	Oct-09	Upon approval	\$30,000

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

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Sep-04	May-05	Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF 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	Mar-05	Jun-05	Aug-05	\$20,000

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF 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	Mar-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	\$19,700
STDF 088	Strengthening SPS human resource capacity	Conduct evaluation of the training needs of Nepal's SPS authorities and design a training programme	Nepal	FAO	Sep-05		Mar-07	\$20,000
STDF 102	SPS constraints and export diversification project preparation grant	Enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector	Mali	Malika Bounfour	Sep-05	Mar-06	May-06	\$20,000
STDF 103	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	Enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector	Rwanda	Michigan State University (MSU)	Sep-05	Feb-06	May-06	\$22,000
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	Costa Rica	Emilio Leon	Feb-06	May-07	Oct-07	\$20,000
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	Tanzania	Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)	Feb-06	Jul-06	Sep-06	\$5,500
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	Benin	Stefan Skrzypczak	Jun-06	Nov-06	Feb-07	\$20,000
STDF 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)	Oct-06	Mar-07	Oct-07	\$20,000

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STDF 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	Mar-07	Apr-07	Nov-07	\$20,000
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	Nigeria	CARANA Corporation	Mar-07	Nov-07	Mar-08	\$25,000

(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 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	Mar-05	Feb-07	Aug-07	\$20,000
STDF 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	Mar-05	May-05	Aug-05	\$20,000
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	Cape Verde	WTO	Jun-07	Dec-06	Jan-07	\$27,737
STDF 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	Jun-07	Feb-08	Oct-08	\$20,000

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STDF 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	Feb-06	Sep-06	Nov-06	\$20,000
STDF 191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework	Sierra Leone	CARANA Corporation	Jun-07	Jan-08	Jul-08	\$20,000
STDF 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	Apr-08	Jan-09	Apr-09	\$20,000
STDF 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	Apr-08	Jul-08	Oct-08	\$21,765
STDF 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	Jun-08	Aug-08	Jan-09	\$18,410
STDF 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	Jun-08	Feb-09	Apr-09	\$20,000

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STDF 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)	Feb-09	May-09	Dec-09	\$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 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	Sep-04	Oct-05	Jun-06	\$20,000
STDF 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	Feb-06	Aug-06	Aug-07	\$19,000
STDF 061	Strengthening SPS capacity in Cambodia	Conduct fieldwork in Cambodia to develop a project proposal	Cambodia	Digby Gascoine	Mar-05	Apr-05	Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF 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	Mar-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	\$20,000
STDF 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	Mar-05	May-05	Aug-05	\$20,000
STDF 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	Sep-05	Jan-06	Mar-06	\$28,690