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

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1 OVERVIEW

1.1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global partnership that supports developing countries to implement international food safety, animal and plant health standards, guidelines and recommendations to gain and maintain access to markets. In doing so, the partnership contributes to broader development goals of sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction and food security. Reduction of pest and disease burdens, and improved food safety, have a key role in raising agricultural production, reducing the prevalence of food-borne diseases, increasing food availability, and the protection of the environment.

1.2. The STDF was 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) (the founding partners). Other organizations involved in SPS-related technical cooperation, donors contributing funds to the STDF and selected developing country experts participate actively in the Facility's work. The Secretariats of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) also participate in the partnership. The STDF is managed and housed by the WTO.

1.3. Specifically, the STDF acts as a coordinating and financing mechanism.² The partnership at the heart of the STDF is its key added-value. By bringing together the SPS expertise and skills of its founding partners and other organizations, the STDF provides a unique forum to exchange information, encourage collaboration and synergies in SPS capacity building, enabling the stakeholders involved to achieve more effective and sustainable results together, than would be possible alone. As a financing mechanism, STDF provides grants for projects and to support project formulation based on appropriate assessment of the SPS-related capacity building needs. Applications are particularly encouraged from Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

1.4. This document provides an update on STDF's work since the last SPS Committee meeting in March 2015. Annex 1 provides a brief overview of all on-going STDF projects and project preparation grants (PPGs). Delegates who would like to receive more information are invited to visit the STDF website and subscribe to the STDF electronic mailing list.³ The STDF Working Group will have its next meeting on 12-13 October 2015.

2 IMPLEMENTING SPS MEASURES TO FACILITATE SAFE TRADE

2.1. The STDF has produced a new short film, entitled "Safe Trade Solutions", which highlights selected examples of good practice in the implementation of SPS measures to facilitate safe trade at the border from three countries in South America (Chile, Peru and Colombia). This new film aims to provide a training and awareness-raising tool for SPS practitioners, as well as other border agencies. It will be launched during the high-level plenary session, entitled "Effective

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² STDF Medium Term Strategy (2015-2019) and other key documents are available at <http://www.standardsfacility.org/key-documents>.

³ See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/>.

Implementation of SPS Measures to Facilitate Safe Trade", organized by WTO on 30 June as part of the Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade, which takes place under the theme "Reducing Trade Costs for Inclusive, Sustainable Growth".

2.2. The aforementioned plenary session will focus on how trade facilitation can be married with robust, science and risk-based SPS controls, and the role that Aid for Trade can play in ensuring that these twin goals are met. It will enable STDF partners and other stakeholders to discuss opportunities to leverage funds and strengthen SPS capacity linked to the new WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), as well as concerns that the TFA may erode the ability to protect human, animal and plant health from risks associated with the importation of food and plant products. More information on the Global Review is available on the WTO website.⁴

2.3. The STDF has carried out research in selected countries in Southeast Asia and Africa on how SPS controls are implemented for select agri-food products, based on the relevant provisions of the SPS Agreement (notably Article 8 and Annex C on Control, Inspection and Approval Procedures). This work aimed to identify key needs, opportunities and good practices to improve the implementation of SPS measures in a way that facilitates safe trade, and also strengthens health protection. The consultant's report for Southeast Asia (focused on Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines and Thailand) is available on the STDF website.⁵ The report of the research in Malawi, South Africa and Zambia is being finalized.

3 JOINT EIF/STDF ANALYSIS ON SPS ISSUES IN DTIS STUDIES

3.1. The STDF and the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) Secretariat are preparing a joint study that analyses the coverage of SPS issues in EIF Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies (DTIS) and identifies good practice for future studies and their implementation.⁶ Following a preliminary review of all DTIS reports, Cambodia, Tanzania and Senegal were selected for an in-depth field study, while an additional twenty DTIS reports were selected for further desk review. Preliminary results will be shared and discussed in the STDF Working Group. The study will be finalized in 2015 and made available on the STDF website.

4 CALL FOR DOCUMENTS FOR STDF VIRTUAL LIBRARY

4.1. The STDF Virtual Library is an online information repository providing quick and easy online access to a variety of information resources focused on SPS technical cooperation and capacity building.⁷ Members and observer organizations are requested to submit relevant documents to the Secretariat (STDFSecretariat@wto.org) for inclusion in the Library. These may include: project documents and final reports, training materials, project evaluations/reviews, SPS capacity needs assessments, cost-benefit analyses, case studies, relevant research papers and other articles on SPS capacity building.

5 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

5.1. The STDF provides advice and support to applicants on issues related to SPS project development and finances project preparation grants (PPGs). This assists applicants in the articulation of their SPS needs and the development of technically sound and sustainable project proposals. Seed funding up to US\$50,000 is available for PPGs, which can be used for any of the following purposes (or a combination thereof): (i) application of SPS-related capacity evaluation and prioritization tools; (ii) preparation of feasibility studies that precede project development to assess the potential impact and economic viability of proposals (expected costs and benefits); and/or (iii) preparation of project proposals that can be funded by other donors or STDF.

5.2. A total of 66 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception. The STDF Working Group may approve additional PPGs for funding at its next meeting on 12-13 October 2015.

⁴ See: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/global_review15_e.htm.

⁵ See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/facilitating-safe-trade>.

⁶ The EIF is a trade capacity building programme for Least Developed Countries (LDCs). For more information, see <http://www.enhancedif.org/en/about/how-does-it-work>.

⁷ See: <http://www.standardsfacility.org/library>.

6 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

6.1. Project grant financing up to a maximum of US\$1,000,000 is available from the STDF. Favourable consideration is given to projects that focus on one or more of the following: (i) identification, development and dissemination of good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation, including the development and application of innovative and replicable approaches; (ii) regional approaches to address SPS constraints; and/or (iii) implementation of collaborative approaches across food safety, animal and plant health and trade, and benefiting from the involvement of two or more STDF partners or other relevant organizations.

6.2. Beneficiaries must contribute to the project from their own resources, either in the form of financial or in-kind contributions such as staff time, use of premises, vehicles or other existing assets.

6.3. A total of 72 projects have been approved for STDF funding since its inception. The STDF Working Group may approve additional projects for funding at its next meeting on 12-13 October 2015.

6.4. Annex 1 provides an overview of on-going STDF projects and PPGs. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 56% of its project and PPG resources to LDCs and other low income countries (OLICs), as shown in Figure 1. Hence, the STDF is consistently meeting its target to devote at least 40% of its project and PPG resources to LDCs and OLICs. In particular the allocation of PPG resources to LDCs and OLICs remains high (i.e. 74% of the overall budget for PPGs).

Figure 1: STDF projects and PPGs (US\$)

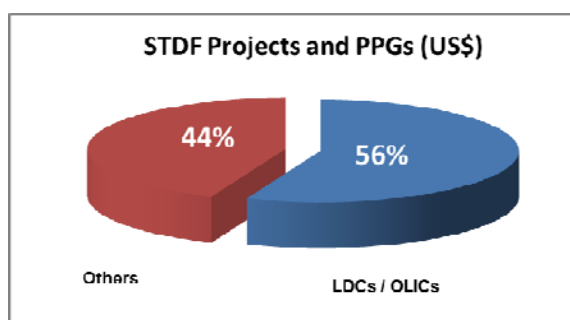
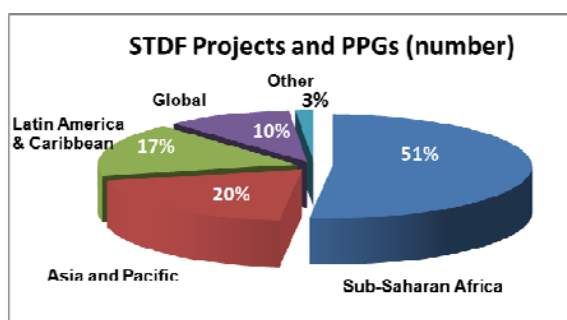


Figure 2: STDF Projects and PPGs (number)



6.5. Figure 2 above indicates that 51% of the number of STDF projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 20% to Asia, and 17% to Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, 10% of STDF projects and PPGs can be classified as global.

6.6. 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 **17 July 2015**. Further information on eligibility criteria, application forms, etc. is available on the STDF website.

Recommended steps to follow when seeking PG or PPG funding opportunities with the STDF:

1. Browse our PPG <http://www.standardsfacility.org/projectpreparationgrants> and PG <http://www.standardsfacility.org/projectgrants> webpages for examples of previous projects.
2. Carefully read our guidance note for applicants: http://www.standardsfacility.org/sites/default/files/STDFGuidanceNote_en.pdf.
3. Consult relevant stakeholders in the country/region.
4. Send us a brief concept note of your potential project for feedback on eligibility and likelihood of funding (STDFSecretariat@wto.org).
5. Fill out an application form (<http://www.standardsfacility.org/application-forms>) and submit it electronically before the deadline.

7 PROJECTS APPROVED IN MARCH 2015

7.1. The STDF Working Group at its meeting on 24 March 2015 approved the following PPG and Projects:

- a. ***STDF/PPG/447- Development of a project proposal to address SPS capacity needs focusing on the national food safety system in Tajikistan***: The PPG aims to assist Tajikistan in implementing the National Food Safety Strategy and Food Law and identify priority areas for food safety capacity building.
- b. ***STDF/PG/502- Regional strengthening for the implementation of phytosanitary measures and market access in COSAVE***: The project aims to strengthen the capacity to implement phytosanitary measures as a means to maintain and improve the phytosanitary status of countries in the COSAVE region (comprising Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay). Specifically, the project aims to develop a regional phytosanitary information database, build regional technical capacity to conduct pest risk analysis and strengthen NPPO's phytosanitary inspection and certification capacity.
- c. ***STDF/PG/515- Honey Chain traceability in Guatemala***: This project seeks to maintain market access and increase the volume of honey exports from Guatemala through the implementation of an electronic traceability system.

ANNEX 1

OVERVIEW OF ONGOING STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS¹

PROJECTS

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/242	Strategy to strengthen the SPS system in Comoros	Build SPS capacity in the country in a comprehensive and systematic manner in order to increase its market access for potential agricultural products and fisheries.	Comoros	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	30-Mar-12	17-Sep-12	16-Sep-16	\$1,033,673
STDF/PG/303	Regional Total Diet Study for Sub-Saharan Africa	Contribute to strengthen capacity of risk managers to implement international standards based on a good knowledge of hazards, risks and exposure levels to harmful substances in commonly produced and consumed food.	Benin, Cameroon, Mali, Nigeria	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	19-Mar-13	01-Apr-14	31-Mar-17	\$1,063,708
STDF/PG/316	Strengthening phytosanitary inspection and diagnostic services in Azerbaijan	Improve provision of inspection and diagnostic services by the Phytosanitary Control Service and Customs for maintaining the necessary level of phytosanitary protection for agricultural production.	Azerbaijan	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	15-Oct-13	01-Sep-14	28-Feb-17	\$1,000,000
STDF/PG/321	Building trade capacity of small-scale shrimp and prawn farmers in Bangladesh	Organize small-scale farmers in manageable clusters and assist them in developing and adopting Better Management Practices (BMPs) to address the contamination problem at grass-roots level.	Bangladesh	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	27-Jun-11	01-Apr-12	30-Sep-15	\$568,750
STDF/PG/328	Beyond Compliance: Integrated Systems Approach for Pest Risk Management in Southeast Asia	Develop and test new decision-support tools focused on an integrated Systems Approach for pest risk management in Southeast Asia (support implementation of ISPM 14).	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI) Asia	28-Mar-11	11-Jul-11	10-Jul-14	\$600,000

¹ Projects and project preparation grants that have a start and end date to be determined (TBD) have not yet been contracted.

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/329	Enhancing SPS capacity of ginger exports through a Public-Private Partnership in Nepal	Increase incomes of Nepalese stakeholders in the ginger value chain by adding value to the product exported to India and increase capacity to access new markets.	Nepal	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	27-Jun-11	07-Jun-12	06-Jun-15	\$412,629
STDF/PG/335	Strengthening Phytosanitary Controls in the Floriculture Sector in Uganda	Enhance pest surveillance and diagnostic capacity to enable a better understanding of pest distribution and facilitate the implementation of efficient control strategies.	Uganda	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI) Africa	30-Mar-12	01-Oct-12	31-Mar-15 (Awaiting final project report)	\$348,632
STDF/PG/336	Enhancing the control of transboundary animal diseases in Cameroon	Build institutional capacity and strengthen the veterinary services involved in the surveillance system.	Cameroon	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	27-Jun-11	01-Jun-12	28-Feb-15 (Awaiting final project report)	\$510,788
STDF/PG/337	ASEAN Pesticide Residue Data Generation Project	Establish a regional process to generate reliable data for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for selected "minor-use" crops, as a means to promote harmonization with international standards and enhance market access.	ASEAN member states	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	21-Oct-11	01-Dec-12	30-Nov-15	\$607,000
STDF/PG/343	Competency development scheme for the cinnamon sector in Sri Lanka	Enhance the competitiveness of the cinnamon industry and the capacity of the cinnamon value added segment by improving processing and handling practices.	Sri Lanka	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	21-Oct-11	01-Jul-12	30-Jun-15	\$630,000
STDF/PG/344	Establishment of a Regional Virtual Food Inspection School in Central America and Dominican Republic	Harmonize modern inspection procedures conducted by a properly trained cadre of food inspectors and food safety auditors in the region to contribute to facilitating trade and improving public health.	Central America, Dominican Republic	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	30-Mar-12	01-Jul-12	30-Jun-16	\$905,225
STDF/PG/345	Feed and Food Security Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean	Contribute to the harmonization of the regulatory framework for the production and commercialization of animal feed, ensuring its safety and access to markets, based on the standards and recommendations of Codex and the OIE.	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay	Asociación de las Industrias de Alimentación Animal de América Latina y Caribe (FEEDLATINA)	19-Mar-13	15-Feb-14	14-Feb-17	\$991,100

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/346	Breaking barriers, facilitating trade in COMESA member states	Increase intra-COMESA trade in agri-food products by reducing trading costs associated with SPS measures for selected commodities on selected trade routes.	COMESA members	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	27-Mar-14	01-Nov-14	31-Oct-17	\$902,690
STDF/PG/350	Global Phytosanitary Manuals, Standard Operating Procedures and Training Kits	Address the need in developing countries for documented technical resources to enhance their capacity to understand and implement International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).	Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, Malaysia, Sudan	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	28-Mar-11	01-Feb-12	31-Jul-15	\$600,000
STDF/PG/354	Improving Safety and Quality of Fruits and Vegetables in Sri Lanka	Analyse SPS constraints along the value chains, enhance public and private sector stakeholders capacity to meet international SPS requirements and improve public-private cooperation and networking.	Sri Lanka	International Trade Centre (ITC)	30-Mar-12	01-Mar-13	28-Feb-16	\$562,484
STDF/PG/358	Improving veterinary legislation in OIRSA member countries	Strengthen the veterinary services in the region by harmonizing the legal framework in accordance with OIE standards for the control and eradication of animal diseases.	Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama	Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA)	30-Mar-12	01-May-13	31-Jul-15	\$488,330
STDF/PG/359	African Pesticide Residue Data Generation Project	Enhance regional capacity in pesticide residues data generation and monitoring for establishing, implementing, and complying with international pesticide residue standards.	Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia	African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)	11-Oct-12	01-May-13	30-Apr-16	\$446,150
STDF/PG/381	CocoaSafe: SPS capacity building and knowledge sharing for the cocoa sector in South East Asia	Maintain and increase market access of cocoa exports by improving practices along the supply chain to meet international food safety standards.	Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea	International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)	11-Oct-12	01-Nov-13	31-Oct-15	\$604,491
STDF/PG/401	Training of Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Facilitators	Improve the capability of developing countries to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool to evaluate their capacities, identify gaps and plan their national phytosanitary and development programmes.	Developing countries	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	11-Oct-12	01-Apr-14	30-Sep-16	\$655,436

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start Date	End Date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PG/436	Strengthening regional capacity in Latin America to meet pesticides export requirements	Strengthen the capacity of Latin American countries in pesticide residues data generation and monitoring, to support the establishment and implementation of international standards.	Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Colombia; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador, El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Nicaragua; Panama; Peru	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	19-Mar-13	01-Oct-13	30-Sep-16	\$346,450
STDF/PG/460	Implementation of ISPM 15	Conduct an empirical analysis of how the regulation affects the economic growth of a group of countries in Africa	Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Mozambique	International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) - Erasmus University of Rotterdam	27-Mar-14	01-Feb-15	31-Jan-17	\$285,159
STDF/PG/486	Improving food safety and compliance with SPS measures to increase export revenues in the oilseeds value chain in Myanmar	Strengthen food safety and compliance with international SPS standards related to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems in the oilseeds value chain.	Myanmar	International Trade Centre (ITC)	20-Oct-14	TBD	TBD	\$825,071
STDF/PG/489	Technical assistance on SPS and the value-chain, to improve market access for small-scale / artisanal fisheries in West Africa	Provide coordinated technical assistance in the dissemination of information about sanitary standards and develop technical capacity in the handling and processing of fisheries products.	Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Senegal	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	20-Oct-14	TBD	TBD	\$892,857
STDF/PG/502	Regional Strengthening for the Implementation of Phytosanitary Measures and Market Access	Strengthen the capacity to implement phytosanitary measures in order to maintain and improve the phytosanitary status of the applicant countries.	Argentina; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Brazil; Chile; Paraguay; Peru; Uruguay	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	24-Mar-15	TBD	TBD	\$985,000
STDF/PG/515	Honey Chain Traceability in Guatemala	Maintain market access and increase the volume of honey exports from Guatemala through the implementation of an electronic traceability system.	Guatemala	Directorate for Food Safety - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA) of Guatemala	24-Mar-15	TBD	TBD	\$45,400

PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start date	Expected end date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/377	Strengthening the National Plant Protection System in the Gambia	Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the phytosanitary capacity gaps using the IPPC-PCE Tool and develop a project to implement action points to enhance the national plant protection system.	The Gambia	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	30-Mar-12	01-Feb-13	31-Jan-14	\$50,000
STDF/PPG/379	Promoting the effective participation of SADC member states in the WTO SPS Committee	Strengthen the capacity of SPS authorities in SADC member states to be able to effectively implement their SPS obligations and assert their rights as WTO Members.	SADC member states	Kevin Walker	22-Mar-13	15-Jul-13	Upon approval	\$25,000
STDF/PPG/392	Integrating SPS in Sierra Leone: A whole chain approach to developing the national food safety management system	Assess the national food safety management system and develop plans for institutional capacity building and determine priorities in order to achieve compliance with SPS requirements.	Sierra Leone	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	19-Mar-13	01-Nov-13	31-Dec-15	\$39,000
STDF/PPG/404	Developing virus indexing capacity for planting materials in Malawi	Undertake a feasibility study to assess the viability of building capacity for indexing and production of virus-free planting materials for bananas in Malawi.	Malawi	Department of Agricultural Research Services (DARS), Malawi	19-Mar-13	01-Nov-13	Upon approval	\$18,701
STDF/PPG/428	Trade and Improved Livelihoods in Aquatic Production in Africa (TILAPIA)	Assist in consolidating a concept note for a regional project to build capacity on fish health and aquatic biosecurity to sustain and develop aquaculture and fisheries in Africa.	African countries	African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)	15-Oct-13	15-Apr-14	15-Jan-15	\$50,000
STDF/PPG/431	Aflatoxin management in chillies in Pakistan	Establish quality systems to address mycotoxin contamination of agri-food commodities and resulting international trade barriers	Pakistan	Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC)	27-Mar-14	01-May-15	30-Apr-16	\$34,000
STDF/PPG/432	Information systems for surveillance and pest reporting in Asia Pacific countries	Enable countries to implement international phytosanitary standards and to fulfil their SPS obligations mainly related to transparency and risk assessment.	Asia Pacific countries	Australia's Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)	19-Mar-13	15-Mar-14	31-Mar-15	\$49,990

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start date	Expected end date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/435	Strengthening SPS compliance of sesame production in Sudan for enhanced access to international markets	Carry out an assessment of compliance challenges of sesame production for exports and elaborate a project proposal aiming to strengthen SPS compliance to enhance access to international markets.	Sudan	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	15-Oct-13	01-Jun-15	30-Nov-15	\$50,000
STDF/PPG/447	Development of a project proposal to address SPS capacity needs focusing on the national food safety system in Tajikistan	Assist Tajikistan in implementing the National Food Safety Strategy and Food Law.	Tajikistan	TBD	24-Mar-15	TBD	TBD	\$40,600
STDF/PPG/453	Building capacity and facilitating enabling mechanisms for harmonizing Aquaculture Certification	Pilot test the conformity evaluation framework being developed by FAO and develop a project proposal to support the development and implementation of public aquaculture certification systems to contribute to intra-regional free trade.	ASEAN member states	Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia Pacific (NACA)	15-Oct-13	01-Jun-14	28-Feb-15	\$48,000
STDF/PPG/457	Global Veterinary Drug Database (GVDD)	Develop information resource on veterinary drug residues to support trade in safe products of animal origin	Global	Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI)	27-Mar-14	24-May-14	28-Feb-15	\$76,250
STDF/PPG/462	Operationalization of the Scientific Affairs and Food Control Directorates of the newly established Food Safety and Quality authority of the Gambia	Support a five-year Development Plan in relation to the efficient and effective functioning of the Scientific Affairs Directorate and Food Control Directorate.	The Gambia	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	15-Oct-13	01-Jun-14	31-Mar-15	\$50,000
STDF/PPG/477	Improving sanitary capacity and facilitating export of livestock and livestock products in Ethiopia	Identify gaps and challenges in improving veterinary capacity and export of livestock and livestock products, and develop a project proposal based on the weaknesses identified.	Ethiopia	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development Sector, Veterinary Service Directorate	20-Oct-14	11-May-15	31-Aug-15	\$37,500

Ref. No.	Title	Objective	Beneficiary	Implementing entity/ person	Approval date	Start date	Expected end date	Budget (US\$)
STDF/PPG/481	Strengthening the phytosanitary capacity of the horticulture sector in Zambia	Develop a project proposal to address the weaknesses of the national phytosanitary system identified as result of the application of the IPPC PCE tool.	Zambia	Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Service (PQPS) / Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI) / Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock	20-Oct-14	TBD	TBD	\$31,380
STDF/PPG/487	Development of a proposal for a Regional Total Diet Study (TDS) in Latin American and Caribbean Countries	Develop a feasibility study to identify the main capacity gaps in chemical risk assessment in select countries and prepare a project proposal to fund a regional TDS.	Latin America and Caribbean	Pan American Center for Foot and Mouth Disease (Panaftosa) / The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) / World Health Organization (WHO)	20-Oct-14	TBD	TBD	\$50,000