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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIA  
JULY 2013 – JUNE 2015**

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*Addendum*

The following communication, received on 29 August 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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1. In response to the Secretariat's request in G/SPS/W/101, Australia submits the attached list of technical assistance provided to developing countries between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2015, in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement). The list is not an exhaustive compilation of all technical assistance provided.
  2. The aggregate value of the official development technical assistance provided between July 2013 and June 2015, as listed in the appended table, exceeded A\$35 million. In many cases Australia also provides substantial additional in-kind contributions.
  3. Technical assistance is primarily aimed at helping developing countries to adjust to, and comply with, SPS measures in their export markets and to improve their capacity in developing and implementing their own SPS measures based on science and international standards. For the reporting period assistance was provided through 45 projects and given to a total of 56 individual Members, Observers or non-Member countries, mainly in the Asia-Pacific region, but also in Africa and the Middle East. Assistance was directed to individual countries as well as to groups of countries or regional organisations such as Pacific Island Forum countries, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

**TABLE 1: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIA TO MEMBERS,  
OBSERVERS AND OTHER COUNTRIES: 1 JULY 2013- JUNE 2015**

Sector	Description of program	Form of assistance	Provided to
Animal health	Regional proficiency testing program for aquatic animal disease laboratories in Asia to improve aquatic animal disease diagnostic capacity.	Technical expertise	Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Korea, Republic of; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam
Animal health	Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Emerging Infectious Diseases Animal Health Program aims to strengthen veterinary skills in Indonesia through capacity building.	Advice, technical expertise, training	Indonesia
Animal health	Improved Animal Welfare Program to support improved animal welfare outcomes in countries that import live animals for feeder/slaughter purposes from Australia.	Advice, technical expertise, training	Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Philippines, Turkey, Viet Nam
Animal health	The Village Poultry Health and Biosecurity Program aims to improve poultry production in three pilot villages and strengthen biosecurity arrangements in Timor-Leste.	Advice, technical expertise, training and equipment	Timor-Leste
Animal health	Regional Animal Biosecurity aims to monitor and mitigate important regional exotic animal health risks at source.	Advice, technical expertise, training and equipment	Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste
Animal health	Project to reduce disease risks and improve food safety in smallholder pig value chains in Vietnam.	Research, technical assistance	Viet Nam
Animal health	IndoBeef collaborative program to strengthen Indonesia's community-based beef sector and improve the livelihoods of Indonesia's rural poor.	Research, technical assistance	Indonesia
Animal health	Project to develop profitable and nutritionally secure integrated dairy-crop enterprises in the middle altitude Himalayan valleys of Tibet.	Technical expertise	China
Animal health and plant protection	Hosting of delegations from India and Ghana by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator in response to a request.	Technical expertise	Ghana, India
Animal health and plant protection	The Biosecurity Development Program provides technical support and capacity development to Biosecurity Solomon Islands and the Solomon Islands Ministry of Agriculture over a four year period to assist in the implementation of new Biosecurity legislation, and improve capacity around border operations, departmental governance, and surveillance functions.	Advice, technical expertise, training, equipment	Solomon Islands
Animal health and food safety	Project to increase hatchery-based bivalve production in Vietnam and New South Wales to expand opportunities for coastal communities to rear bivalve molluscs.	Technical expertise	Viet Nam
Animal health, plant protection and food safety	Programme to develop fresh leadership for national and regional strategies to manage SPS risks that can impede international trade by educating senior and middle managers on the principles, frameworks and technical capacities that enable management of SPS risks on a national or regional basis.	Technical expertise, training	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

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Plant protection	Project to enhance the capacity of ASEAN countries to identify plant pests and diseases, promote regional networking of this capacity and stimulate the adoption of new, diagnostic techniques.	Technical expertise, training, equipment	ASEAN members
Plant protection	Project to develop technical understanding of in-transit, cool chain treatments, protocols and technologies and build regulatory confidence in this treatment to meet phytosanitary requirements of high-value, SPS-sensitive, export markets.	Technical expertise, training	Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam
Plant protection	Surveillance Information Management Systems workshop to provide surveillance specialists from Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) members with technical training in plant health surveillance data collection, management and reporting systems.	technical expertise, training	APPPC members
Plant protection	Project to develop cleaner export pathways for Pacific agriculture commodities.	Research, technical assistance	Fiji, Samoa
Plant protection	Development of strategies for using floriculture to improve livelihoods in Indigenous Australian and Pacific island communities.	Research, technical assistance	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands
Plant protection	Area-wide management of pest fruit flies in an Indonesian mango production system.	Research, technical assistance	Indonesia
Plant protection	Project to improve mango value chains.	Research, technical assistance	Pakistan
Plant protection	Evaluation of prospects for biocontrol of invasive weeds in the Pacific.	Research, technical assistance	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
Plant protection	Project to enable improved plant biosecurity practices in Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand.	Research, technical assistance	Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand
Plant protection	Project to strengthen integrated crop management research in the Pacific islands in support of sustainable intensification of high-value crop production.	Research, technical assistance	Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga
Plant protection	Project to identify appropriate strategies for reducing virus and weevil losses in sweet potato production systems in Papua New Guinea and Australia.	Research, technical assistance	Papua New Guinea
Plant protection	Integrated disease management of sugarcane streak mosaic in Indonesia.	Research, technical assistance	Indonesia
Plant protection	Biological control of galling insect pests of eucalypt plantations in the Mekong region.	Research, technical assistance	Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand
Plant protection	Project to build a resilient mango industry in Cambodia and Australia through improved production and supply chain practices.	Research, technical assistance	Cambodia
Plant protection	Project to improve income and nutrition in eastern and southern Africa by enhancing vegetable-based farming and food systems in peri-urban corridors.	Research, technical assistance	Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania
Plant protection	Integrated disease management strategies for the productive, profitable and sustainable production of high quality papaya fruit in the southern Philippines and Australia.	Research, technical assistance	Philippines

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Plant protection	Evaluation of fruit fly populations surrounding an area-wide management zone.	Research, technical assistance	Indonesia
Plant protection	Integrated management of Fusarium wilt of bananas in the Philippines and Australia.	Research, technical assistance	Philippines
Plant protection	Optimisation of the single drop genomics assay to detect food pathogens.	Research, technical assistance	Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic
Plant protection	Project to provide assistance in managing weeds in Vanuatu, through the development of weed management strategies, prioritisation, and the importation of safe and effective biocontrol control agents.	Advice, technical expertise, training, equipment, grants	Vanuatu
Plant protection	Project to provide assistance in managing weeds in Papua New Guinea, through the development of weed management strategies, prioritization, and the importation of safe and effective biocontrol control agents.	Advice, technical expertise, training, equipment, grants	Papua New Guinea
Plant protection	Project to prioritise weed biocontrol in four Melanesian countries and provide support for the development of weed biocontrol projects in each country.	Advice, technical expertise, training	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
Plant protection	Pacific Regional Agricultural Market Access Program (PRAMA). The program provides a mechanism to assist with facilitating export market opportunities for horticultural and other agricultural commodities. It assists Pacific Island countries to meet import quarantine requirements of key trading partners to facilitate improved rural livelihoods through functioning markets.	Grants, training	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Plant protection	Agricultural productivity initiative to support the strengthening of the Solomon Islands Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock's cocoa extensions systems.	Research, technical assistance	Solomon Islands
Plant protection	Project to improve mandarin and orange productivity value-chains in Pakistan by widening the range of varieties, enhancing the supply of elite, disease-free planting material and improving orchard management techniques and capacity building of research and extension.	Research, technical assistance	Pakistan
Plant protection	Project to improve field and laboratory diagnostic capability and knowledge and incursion management capacity for exotic citrus pests and diseases.	Research, technical expertise	Bhutan
Plant protection	Project to provide training in irrigation management in a range of fruit crops.	Training	Pakistan
Plant protection	Project to further develop the Papua New Guinea sweet potato value chain.	Technical expertise, training	Papua New Guinea
Food safety and plant protection	Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme.	Advice, technical expertise, training	Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Viet Nam, Sri Lanka, Thailand

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Food safety and plant protection	Project to identify governance deficiencies in the management of biosecurity treatment systems and implement sustainable remedial strategies through the development of appropriate biosecurity methodologies, systems and training programs.	Advice, technical expertise, training	Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Viet Nam, Sri Lanka
Food safety and plant protection	Project to improve vegetable industry profitability by improving adoption of integrated crop management practices and finding science-based solutions to crop management problems.	Research, technical expertise	Philippines
Food safety and plant protection	Program to manage all aspects of the introduction, documentation, quarantine and distribution of designated bread wheat, durum wheat, faba bean, lentil, chickpea, barley and field pea germplasm.	Technical expertise	India, Mexico, Syria
Food safety	Progression of the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum's work on harmonising import maximum residue levels (MRLs) across APEC economies. To facilitate this work, Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) hosted the 1st Expert Workshop on the Harmonisation of Pesticide MRLs for Imported Foods in APEC.	Technical expertise	APEC members