

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 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 range of other organizations - including the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), 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 February 2009 in relation to the four areas of STDF's [Operating Plan for 2009](#): (i) coordination, (ii) project development, (iii) project funding, and (iv) information dissemination.

Coordination

4. The STDF Secretariat is preparing the organization of three major events in the second half of 2009. On 22-23 September, the World Bank Development Research Group and the STDF will organize an expert seminar in Washington, D.C., to discuss new developments in climate change and trade, and the implications for SPS risks. The event will address key issues related to climate change, including effects on agriculture trade and the regulatory reforms needed to adapt to these changes, as well as the expected SPS impacts. Presentations will consider how climate change may require countries to upgrade their SPS systems to deal with emerging challenges, and the implications for SPS technical cooperation.

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights or obligations under the WTO.

² More detailed information on the STDF and its activities can be found on the [STDF website](#).

5. On 29-30 September, the STDF will join forces with ECOWAS to co-host a donor workshop in Bamako, Mali, on the implementation of a regional action plan to control fruit fly in West Africa, in close collaboration with the World Bank, the European Commission (EC) and the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP). The meeting will gather donors, regional institutions with expertise in fruit fly control, national plant protection services and other concerned stakeholders from West Africa. The workshop will review findings and recommendations of ongoing preparatory work by COLEACP on priority actions and implementation arrangements and aim to mobilize resources to implement a coordinated response to control fruit fly in the region.

6. Finally, on 30 October, the STDF will organize a workshop in Geneva (back-to-back with the meeting of the SPS Committee) on the use of economic analysis to inform SPS decision-making. The workshop will discuss the cost / benefit ratio of investing in SPS systems in order to prevent animal diseases, plant pests and food safety problems, as opposed to the costs of control. Recent research analyzing economic aspects of investments in SPS capacity building in particular areas will be presented, as well as relevant lessons and experiences from developing countries.

7. As part of the preparations for the event on climate change and SPS risks, the STDF Secretariat participated in a seminar on "Food and Environmental Security: The role of food and agricultural trade policy" in Salzburg on 10-11 May 2009, organized by the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC). At a subsequent meeting of the ICTSD-IPC Platform "Climate change, agriculture and trade: Promoting policy convergence" on 12 May, the Secretariat made a presentation on the impact of climate change on food safety, animal and plant health and the development and implementation of standards. The meeting explored areas at the nexus of climate change, agricultural and trade policy in the run-up to the meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009.

8. The STDF also participated in a high-level meeting and training week organized by the European Communities to launch its "Better Training for Safer Food in Africa" (BTSF-Africa) Initiative at the African Union's (AU) headquarters in Addis Ababa, from 30 March to 2 April 2009. As part of the EC-funded "PAN-SPSO" programme³, the STDF and the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU/IBAR) will jointly organize two seminars in Nairobi (13-16 July) and Bamako (20-23 July), respectively, to provide in-depth training to SPS officials from the AU Commission and several regional economic communities. The training will be provided by officials from WTO, Codex, OIE and IPPC. Meetings have also been held with officials from the UK National Resources Institute (NRI) on collaboration to develop a tool for the assessment of potential impacts of SPS measures by developing countries (based on causal chain analysis techniques).

9. The STDF continues to strengthen the linkages with other trade-related and/or SPS-specific initiatives. As part of an Aid for Trade activity in Peru, funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the STDF was involved in examining the need for and provision of SPS-related technical cooperation. A balance sheet on outstanding SPS priority needs and a list of concrete technical assistance projects were presented at a National Aid for Trade Dialogue held in Lima on 3 March 2009, which identified enhancement of SPS performance as one of the Aid for Trade priority areas.

³ PAN-SPSO is a joint initiative of the AU/IBAR and the European Communities that aims to contribute to the reduction of poverty and enhanced food security in Africa through greater access of African countries to international markets for agricultural products. PAN-SPSO specifically seeks to facilitate effective involvement of African countries in the activities of the OIE, IPPC and Codex during the formulation of international standards.

10. Other potential areas of STDF coordination work, including possible research on impact and development of indicators, and exploration of the linkages between SPS and trade facilitation, will be further discussed at the STDF Working Group meeting on 25-26 June.

Project development

11. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism for future STDF programme development. PPGs help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs and are a mechanism for ensuring synergy with other on-going initiatives, in particular the Enhanced Integrated Framework (IF) and the Aid for Trade initiative. Greater reliance is placed on the use of PPGs to provide a basis for donor interventions and as a vehicle for the mobilization of funds. A total of 33 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception.

12. At the STDF Working Group meeting in February 2009, two PPGs were approved:

- STDF 262: Renforcement du contrôle des maladies animales et préparation à l'accès des viandes sahéliennes aux marchés des pays de l'Afrique du Nord; and
- STDF 286: Accessing new markets by reducing phytosanitary risk through participatory research and expansion: the Clean Stock Program in ornamental plants in Costa Rica.

Project funding

13. A total of 36 Projects have been approved for STDF funding. At the STDF Working Group meeting in February 2009, two new projects were approved for funding:

- STDF 267: Devising a National GAP Programme and a Commercial GAP Standard in the Philippines; and
- STDF 287: Information sharing initiative on the actions to control fruit flies in Sub-Saharan Africa: publication of a newsletter (COLEACP).

14. An overview of the current status of STDF projects and PPGs is provided in Annex I. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 53% of project resources to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Other Low Income Countries (OLICs), as shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 indicates that 52% of the number of STDF Projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 16% to Latin America and the Caribbean, 14% to Asia, 12% to Global, and 6% to Other.

Figure 1:

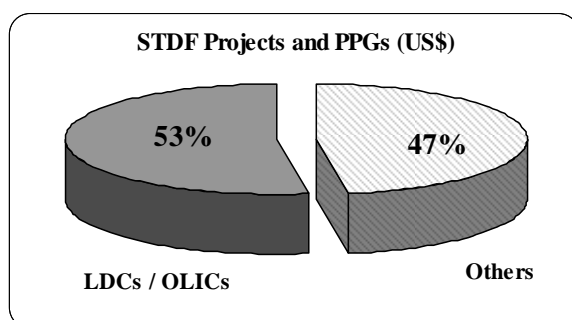
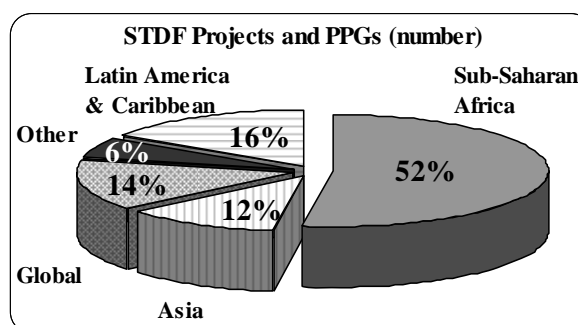


Figure 2:



15. 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 project proposals is 10 September 2009.

Information dissemination

16. The STDF developed a short film to raise awareness among policy and decision-makers about the importance of SPS issues and to promote SPS capacity building. With stories from Benin, Belize, Thailand and Viet Nam, the film illustrates how some countries are rising to the challenge of meeting food safety and animal and plant health requirements to be able to benefit from trade in food and agricultural products. In Belize, the film looks at efforts to control the Medfly pest, in Benin, the focus is on sanitary and hygiene problems in the shrimp sector, and in Thailand, Viet Nam and Geneva, the film addresses the impact of avian influenza on public health, livelihoods and trade, and explains how countries use the SPS Committee to share information and address their trade concerns. The 30 minute film will be available on DVD in English, French and Spanish.

17. A number of improvements and updates were made to the STDF website (www.standardsfacility.org) and additional changes are underway. These changes include the addition of new pages on the SPS needs of developing countries and sources of technical cooperation. Country SPS briefings, that compile information on SPS constraints and priorities for 19 countries, are available on the site. Partners and donors are encouraged to use the STDF website to exchange information on their work in the SPS area.

18. A new STDF publication on SPS-related capacity evaluation tools was published in February 2009. It provides information on sectoral tools developed by international organizations related to food safety, animal and plant health, as well as cross-sectoral tools and related methodologies. This publication is a useful reference for all those interested in evaluating capacity needs in the SPS area. The document is available in print and on the STDF web site (www.standardsfacility.org). The fifth issue of the tri-annual STDF newsletter has been published.

19. The STDF Secretariat participated in the Codex Regional Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA) held in Accra, Ghana from 24-27 February 2009 and in the 18th Geneva Week for non WTO-resident members and observers held in Geneva from 25-29 May 2009, where presentations were made on current and future STDF work. The STDF also participated in two regional WTO SPS seminars in Lesotho (8-11 June 2009, English-speaking SADC countries) and in Cameroon (16-19 June 2009, French speaking countries in West Africa). Finally, the STDF Secretariat made its yearly report on STDF operations in relation to LDCs at the LDC Sub-Committee meeting on 12 June 2009.

ANNEX 1

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

(a) Projects awaiting contracting

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 126	Support for the establishment of the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania	Assistance to the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues.	TAHA/ ITC	Tanzania	286,005	Jun-08	TBC	Pending. Contract with TAH signed. Contract between WTO and ITC requires signature.
STDF 155	Nicaragua-Market Oriented Training Service on Standards Application	Establish SPS professional training units, to develop training manuals, quality and good process controls for pilot products.	IICA	Nicaragua	527,435	Oct-08	TBC	Pending.
STDF 230	Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease in Coconuts	Build phytosanitary capacity to implement international standards to manage LYD in palms and thereby expand market access for coconuts.	FAO	Mozambique	385,528	Jun-08	Jun-09	Contract with FAO requires signature.
STDF 238	Development of accredited Good Practices and HACCP certification schemes for fresh and processed food products	Implement accredited inspection and certificates for GAPs, GMPs and HACCP recognized by the competent authorities.	TBC	Guatemala	397,419	Feb-09	TBC	Pending.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 267	Devising a national GAP programme and a commercial GAP standards in the Philippines	Stakeholder dialogue and market intelligence to promote GAPs / standards as a means to expand horticulture exports in the East Asian region	TBC	Philippines	210,000	Feb-09 (conditional)	TBC	Approved subject to confirmation of funding for separate capacity building component. Ongoing discussions in Manila to obtain funding.

(b) Ongoing projects funded by STDF

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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.	Centre de Recherche d'Agonkamey (CRA) /FAO	Benin	512,139	Nov-07	Jun-08 / Jun-10	Implementation ongoing.
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	499,480	Nov-07	Jul-08 / Jul 10	Implementation ongoing.
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.	YSEA / International Trade Centre (ITC)	Yemen Seafood Exporters Association (YSEA)	465,560	Jun-07	Aug-07 /Dec-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted by Working Group until 31-Dec-09.
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	Apr-06 / Jun-09	Project completed. Awaiting final report.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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.	IICA	Member countries of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	659,588	Oct-06	Oct-07 /Apr-10	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted until April 2010. Progress report and new disbursement plan submitted in Apr-09.
STDF 116	Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica	Develop a sustainable traceability system in the livestock sector which facilitates the management of the information related to agricultural units and epidemiological events.	IICA	Costa Rica	455,220	Oct-08	Mar-09 /Feb-11	Contract signed. Inception report received in Apr-09.
STDF 127	Support for SPS information systems in Benin	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin.	Benin Chamber of Commerce /FAO	Benin	449,365	Nov-07	Sep-08 / Aug-10	Implementation ongoing.
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/IPPC	South Pacific Forum Members /FAO	272,645	Oct-06	Aug-07 /Jul-09	Implementation ongoing. Request received for extension until 31-Dec-09.
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	692,340	Mar-07	Jun-08 / Jan-10	Implementation ongoing.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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.	MSU /World Bank	Plant health services and horticulture exporters in Rwanda	642,545	Jun-06	May-07 /May-09	Implementation ongoing. Final project report received.
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) / UNDP	Mali	560,304	Jun-06	Jan-07 / Dec-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension of implementation period approved to end Dec-09.
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	434,698	Mar-07	Apr-08 / Mar-10	Ongoing work to implement training activities.
STDF 171	East African Phytosanitary Centre	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre.	CABI /FAO	Kenya and East Africa	729,375	Nov-07	May-08 / May-10	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 246	Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia.	FAO	Cambodia	199,360	Jun-08	Apr-09 / Apr-10	FAO mission to Cambodia (May-09). Implementation ongoing.
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.	CIRAD/ World Bank	8 West African countries	313,220	Oct-08	Apr-09 / May-10	Implementation ongoing. Inception report received in May-09.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 287	Information sharing initiative on the actions to control fruit flies in Sub-Saharan Africa: publication of a newsletter	Information newsletter on fruit fly.	COLEACP	All Sub-Sahara African countries	97,800	Feb-09	Jun-09/ Apr-11	Project contracted. Implementation by COLEACP to commence in Jun-09.

(c) Completed projects funded by STDF

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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	45,100	Jun-03	Jul-03 / Dec-05	Completed. Report submitted to SPS Committee (G/SPS/GEN/726).
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	Completed. Final project report on STDF website.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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 to be undertaken.
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	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	329,400	Sep-04	Oct-06 / Apr-07	Completed. Independent evaluation planned. Consultant identified.
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 countries	39,960	Nov-03	May-04/ May-06	Completed and evaluated.
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	OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, Commonwealth of Independent States (OIS) and Latin America.	130,614	Sep-04	Sep-04 / Dec-07	Completed and evaluated.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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.	Abt. Associates Inc.	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	291,218	Sep-04	Dec-04/ Apr-07	Evaluation completed (Paraguay) and to be discussed by the Working Group in June.
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 and evaluated.
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 and evaluated.
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 completed. Awaiting Feed Manual. Part of project funds not yet disbursed.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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	572,742	Sep-05	Dec-05/ Feb-09	Completed in Dec-08. Awaiting final report.
STDF 89	International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop	Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NPPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA).	FAO	Officials (29) from developing and least developed countries	147,000	Sep-05	Oct-05/ May-07	Completed and evaluated.
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.	CIRAD	Brazil (results will be shared with partners in Peru and Bolivia)	619,664	Feb-06	Jul-06 / Nov-08	Implementation ongoing. External evaluation contracted.
STDF 120	Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures.	Regulatory Affairs Services GmbH and Canadian Food Inspection Agency	India	95,060	Feb-06	Nov-06 / Oct-07	Completed and evaluated.
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.	FSANZ	Food safety authorities in selected APEC member economies	97,500	Mar-07	Aug-07/ Apr-09	Completed. External evaluation contracted.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget in US\$	Approval date	Status
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 was invited to resubmit project for funding.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)¹

(a) **PPGs awaiting contracting**

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
STDF 262	Strengthening veterinary services and promoting market access of animal products from Sahel countries to North African markets	Review of regional strategy to strengthen veterinary services	CILSS (Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel)	Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso	Feb-09	Pending. Discussions with beneficiary to commence implementation.

¹ All PPGs are funded from the STDF. The budget for PPGs is US\$20,000 unless otherwise indicated.

(b) PPGs currently being implemented

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
STDF 165	Improving fruit production SPS controls in Madagascar	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production.	CTHA	Madagascar	Mar-07 and Nov-07	Implementation ongoing. The study has been validated. Waiting for final project document.
STDF 191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework.	CARANA Corporation	Sierra Leone	Jun-07	Final report submitted. Validation workshop to be held in May 2009. Ongoing discussions with the AfDB and the EIF focal point to determine funding source.
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.	Tidiane Traore	Burkina Faso	Apr-08	Implementation on-going. Mission to Burkina Faso (Apr-09) to validate the sesame strategy.
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.	CABI	Cameroon and other African countries	Jun-08	Implementation ongoing. Final report expected in Jun-09.
STDF 242	Elaboration of SPS needs expressed in the IF DTIS	Assess SPS human resource and infrastructure needs based on the IF DTIS and formulate a proposal to improve the competitiveness of the litchi and lobster sectors.	WTO	Comoros	Jun-08	Implementation on-going. Final project report due in Jul-09.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
STDF 268	Harmonization of the Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework for SPS control Management System	Strengthening the relevant legislation and improving institutional coordination to raise confidence among trading partners.	NRI University of Greenwich	Tanzania	Oct-08	Consultant identified and contracted. Mission of consultant planned to Tanzania in July/August.
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.	CATIE	Costa Rica	Feb-09	Contract signed. Final report and project proposal due on 31-Oct-09.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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).
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).
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).

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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).
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).
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).
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).
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	Project approved at WG meeting (Oct-08). Ongoing.
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	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-08). Ongoing.
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	Project approved at WG meeting (Nov-07). Ongoing.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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	Project approved at WG meeting (Oct-08).
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	Project approved at WG meeting (Nov-07). Ongoing.
STDF 234	Design of Lao GAP scheme	Create institutional infrastructure to ensure market access for agricultural products from Lao PDR.	WTO	Lao PDR	Jun-08	Final project submitted to the STDF for funding.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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	Project funded by ComMark Trust in Malawi. Zambia UNIDO submitted project for funding.
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 United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and implemented by ComMark Trust.
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.	TBC	Cape Verde	Jun-07	Completed. Approved in principle by the WG. Funding sought outside the STDF.

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STDF 105	Compartment- alization	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization.	OIE	Brazil and Thailand	Jun-07	Ongoing efforts to secure external funding for project STDF 265 (formerly STDF PPG 105) entitled "Compartmentalization for avian influenza and Newcastle disease in the commercial poultry sector in Brazil" approved in Oct-08.
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.	WTO / Burundi Standards Bureau	Burundi	Mar-07	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07). Decision to seek non-STDF funding.
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.	WTO	Nigeria	Mar-07	Completed. The project proposal was not approved at the Oct-08 WG. Changes to be made to the project document by the applicant and alternate sources of funding to be sought.
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.	FAO	Republic of Moldova	Apr-08	Funding for project being sought by FAO.

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

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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	Sep-04	Initial laboratory survey completed but no final project document submitted.
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.
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.
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) but not contracted within one year.
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.

(f) 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.