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ACTIVITIES OF THE STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY PROGRAMME IN THE REGION

BACKGROUND

In addition to FAO and WHO activities in food quality and safety complementary to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, this document provides additional information on SPS-related capacity building activities carried out by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) for information. Projects developed or being developed by the STDF Programme and the beneficiary regions or countries are given in the Annex to this document. Further information on activities of the STDF Programme relevant to the CCLAC region will be provided by the Secretariat of the Standards and Trade Development Facility.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

OVERVIEW OF THE STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

Note by the Secretariat¹

Overview

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global programme in capacity building and technical co-operation established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). It assists developing countries to comply with food safety, animal and plant health (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS) measures in international trade. Other international organizations such as the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), donors and developing countries also participate.
2. The STDF has two main aims:
 - to assist developing countries enhance their expertise and capacity to analyze and to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, improving their human, animal and plant health situation, and thus ability to gain and maintain market access; and
 - to act as a vehicle for co-ordination among technical co-operation providers, the mobilization of funds, the exchange of experience and the dissemination of good practice in relation to the provision and receipt of SPS-related technical co-operation.
3. Applications for STDF funding may be made at any point in the year but should be received 45 days prior to each Working Group meeting to be considered at that time. Forthcoming deadlines for submission of applications to be considered at the STDF Working Group meetings in 2009 are scheduled for 19 December 2008, 24 April 2009 and 16 October 2009. More detailed information on the STDF can be found on the [website \(www.standardsfacility.org\)](http://www.standardsfacility.org).

Operating Plan for 2008-09

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

Coordination

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

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.

6. Within the framework of the Aid of Trade Initiative², the STDF organized regional workshops on the mobilization of capacity building resources in the area of food safety, animal and plant health. These took place in Cambodia (20-21 May 2008), Uganda (28-29 May 2008) and Guatemala (11-12 June 2008). The workshops were the culmination of a year-long project in the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-region, East Africa and Central America to synthesize the results of existing SPS capacity evaluations, develop an inventory of technical assistance and identify "gaps" still not being addressed.

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

8. The outcomes of these workshops were evaluated at the STDF Working Group meeting in June 2008. A discussion paper outlining further possible Aid for Trade activities will be discussed at the next STDF Working Group meeting in October 2008.

9. The STDF will participate in an Expert Working Group meeting organized by UNIDO in Kigali, Rwanda, 8-9 September 2008 and in an LDC Ministerial Conference in Cambodia 19-20 November on Aid for Trade: Industrial Agenda for LDCs. The STDF will present a study on SPS constraints faced by eight LDCs (Benin, Cambodia, Laos, Lesotho, Rwanda, Senegal and Yemen) which impede their export opportunities. The objective is to set the scene for further reflexion on how to mobilize and streamline Aid for Trade resources to improve SPS systems in LDCs.

10. A further Aid for Trade initiative underway is a SPS country survey in Peru. The STDF will collaborate with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) on a field study to examine the need for and provision of SPS-related technical co-operation in Peru. The aim of the research is to strengthen the link between "supply" and "demand" of SPS-related technical assistance, notably by identifying gaps when they exist and catalyzing the further provision of assistance as necessary. It is expected that the study will be completed by November 2008.

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

12. The STDF organized an information session on private standards on 26 June 2008. Representatives of the Africa Observer Project, the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), International Certification and Risk Services (CMi) and the World Bank made presentations. Issues considered included: (i) initiatives to make developing countries' voices heard in the private standards area; (ii) advancements in the recognition of equivalence between schemes; (iii) options to reduce the costs of certification; and (iv) opportunities to promote dialogue among private standard holders, suppliers, certifiers and other interested parties. A summary of the workshop can be found in document G/SPS/R/50. Information about the workshop, including the presentations and podcasts of some sessions, is available on the [SPS gateway](#) of the WTO website.

13. The STDF is planning to organize a meeting in the first half of 2009 on initiatives to combat fruit flies in West Africa. The meeting will provide an opportunity for concerned national and regional organizations, donors and other stakeholders to discuss mechanisms to control fruit flies and mobilize funds for a multi-year Action Plan for this purpose. The meeting will gather technical experts in fruit fly as well as decision makers from West African countries and donors active in the region. The meeting will be centred around the EC study on the damages inflicted by fruit flies on West Africa fruit production and Action Plan for a coordinated regional response. The EC study was validated by ECOWAS Member States in a meeting organized in Mali in August 2008.

² Aid for Trade aims to help developing countries, particularly least-developed countries, develop the trade-related skills and infrastructure that is needed to implement and benefit from WTO agreements and to expand their trade. The Aid for Trade initiative was launched at the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference in December 2005.

Project development

14. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism for future STDF programme development. PPGs aim to turn good ideas into projects. As such, they can help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs. To date, a total of 27 PPGs have been approved. A target of 12 PPGs to be funded through the STDF has been set in the Operating Plan for 2008-09.

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

16. The main criterion in awarding preparation grants is the likelihood that the project developed may receive funding. Final project funding may be provided by the STDF or from another funding source (e.g. a bilateral donor). Much greater emphasis is being placed on the use of PPGs to provide a basis for donor interventions and as a vehicle for mobilizing funds for projects developed by the STDF. A list of PPG funded is provided in Annex 1.

Project funding

17. The STDF funds technical cooperation activities which:

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

18. Information on how to apply, eligibility criteria and application forms can be found in the [STDF Operational Rules](#). An overview of the current status of STDF projects is provided in Annex 1.

Information dissemination

19. The STDF is developing a short film to raise awareness about the importance of SPS capacity for international trade and economic development. The film will provide an introduction to SPS issues and their impact on trade and showcase examples from three countries that have been affected by SPS issues. The selection and contracting of a production company to support this work is in progress following a tender process, and identification of case study countries is underway. Filming will be carried out in the case study countries from August onwards and on the margins of the SPS Committee meeting in October 2008. It is hoped that the film will be finalized by mid-2009.

Evaluation

20. An evaluation of the STDF will start is being undertaken by an independent evaluator. The objective of the evaluation is to review the performance of the STDF in accordance with the STDF Operating Rules. It will mainly look at the impact of STDF activities. A first independent evaluation of the operation of the Facility was completed in December 2005; the present evaluation should be completed by mid-November 2008.

ANNEX 1

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

1 September 2008

(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	Assist the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues	TBC	Tanzania	268,755	Jun-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	TBC	Pending
STDF 246	Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia	FAO	Cambodia	250,000	Jun-08	TBC	Pending
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	Jun-08	TBC	Pending

(b) On-going 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.	TBC	Benin	470,575	Nov-07	Jun-08 / Jun-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 127	Support for SPS information systems in Benin	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin.	FAO, Benin Chamber of Commerce	Benin	363,858	Nov-07	Jul-08/Jul 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	461,359	Nov-07	Jul 08/Jul 10	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 171	East African Phytosanitary Centre	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre.	Kenya Plant Health Inspection Service, University of Nairobi, CABI, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	Kenya and East Africa	843,240	Nov-07	May-08 / May-10	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 170	Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal	Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project supports Integrated Framework (IF) Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS).	FAO	Nepal	321,600	Mar-07	Mar-08 / Mar-10	Implementation ongoing.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 134	Capacity building to improve fish trade performance of selected West African countries	Improve knowledge and awareness of SPS issues in the fisheries sector in five West African countries.	FAO	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	469,000	Mar-07	Mar-08 / Feb-10	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 69	Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products	Assist the Yemen Seafood Exporter's Association to improve the quality and safety of Yemeni seafood products.	International Trade Centre (ITC)	Yemen Seafood Exporters Association (YSEA)	462,804	Jun-07	Sep-07 / Aug-09	Implementation ongoing. (Approval rescinded in Mar-07 due to implementation delays of over one year).
STDF 173	Assessing capacity building needs of food control systems in developing APEC Member Economies	Train food safety regulators from developing member economies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) using FAO's food safety capacity evaluation tools.	WTO	Food safety authorities in selected APEC member economies	96,500	Mar-07	Aug-07 / Apr-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 108	Developing institutional capacity of countries in the Americas to participate in the SPS Committee	Promote more active and effective participation in SPS Committee through a regional review of SPS compliance structures and practices.	WTO	Member countries of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	585,588	Oct-06	Oct-07 / Feb-09	Implementation ongoing.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 133	Building capacity to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool in the Pacific	Train National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the South Pacific to evaluate their services using the PCE tool.	FAO	South Pacific Forum Members	261,780	Oct-06	Aug-07 / Jul-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 145	Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)	Increase Rwanda's exports of fruit, vegetables and flowers in international and regional markets. Project developed based on IF DTIS.	World Bank	Plant health services and horticulture exporters in Rwanda	526,674	Jun-06	May-07 / Apr-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 146	Strengthening phytosanitary controls in Mali (with a focus on mango exports)	Expand international market access for fresh produce from Mali through improved phytosanitary control capacity. Project developed based on IF DTIS.	Ministry of Commerce (IF focal point)	Mali	508,000	Jun-06	Feb-07 / Feb-09	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 114	Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production	To recover and consolidate export market access through implementation of an effective system to reduce aflatoxin contamination in the Brazil nut production chain.	WTO	Brazil (results will be shared with partners in Peru and Bolivia)	619,664	Feb-06	Jul-06 / Jul-08	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 65	Develop a private/public safety control system for the horticultural export sector in Guinea	Assist the public and private sector to meet official and commercial standards for fruit and vegetable exports through development of a safety control system. Project developed based on IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Guinea	600,000	Sep-05	Dec-05 / May-08	Implementation ongoing.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 79	Quality information on SPS issues – a prerequisite for capacity building	Improve the sharing of information on Codex, OIE and IPPC standards (and supporting scientific evaluations) through the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health (IPFSAPH).	FAO	All developing countries	470,000	Sep-05	Jun-06 / May-08	Implementation ongoing.

(c) Completed projects funded by STDF

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 13	Development of Regional Action Plans to Enhance Veterinary Capacity in East and West Africa	Develop regional strategies to strengthen veterinary capacity in East and West Africa with emphasis on improved surveillance, reporting, control and implementation of international standards.	OIE, FAO	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	305,000	Sep-04	Oct-06 / Apr-07	Completed.
STDF 120	Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures.	WTO	India	244,050	Feb-06	Dec-06 / Dec-07	Completed
STDF 15	Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels	Develop a training programme and core group of trainers to deliver training for veterinary officials.	OIE, WTO	OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, Commonwealth of Independent States (OIS) and Latin America.	130,614	Sep-04	Sep-04 / Dec-07	Completed.
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. Information available on IPPC website (https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND01ODQ1NSY2PWVuJjMzPSomMzc9a29z).

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
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. Report distributed at Jun-07 WG meeting.
STDF 37	Assistance to developing countries in the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) 15	Train officials on implementation of ISPM 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) to ensure minimal trade disruptions.	IPPC, FAO	171 delegates (representing 79 countries and 6 regional plant protection organizations) attended workshop.	332,000	Sep-04	Nov-04 / Mar-06	Completed. Training materials available on IPPC website (https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=N D000TEyNyY2PWVuJjMzPSo mMzc9a29z)
STDF 14	Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services	Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document.	OIE	IICA	37,000	Nov-03	May-06	Completed.
STDF 20	Country-based plans for SPS-related development	Carry out baseline studies of SPS capacity and apply cost-benefit analysis to examine returns on investment in terms of foreign trade and an improved SPS situation.	WTO	Peru and Uganda	170,862	Sep-03	Nov-04 / Mar-07	Completed. Update of information being undertaken by Prom Peru. Independent evaluation to be contracted.

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	WTO	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	291,218	Sep-04	Dec-04 / Apr-07	Completed. Awaiting final project report. Independent evaluation to be undertaken.
STDF 9	Model programme for developing food standards within a risk analysis framework	Strengthen capacity of low income countries in the Asia Pacific Region to develop food standards based on international requirements and participate in Codex	FAO	Asia Pacific countries	70,848	Nov-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Project completed.
STDF 10	Support to pilot activities for national implementation of the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health in Turkey and Uganda	Establish national windows for IPFSAPH through training and the development of a handbook	FAO	Turkey and Uganda	59,400	Sep-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Completed. Independent evaluation planned.
STDF 5	STDF Database	Establish a database covering the period 2001-03 to: i) help reduce duplication and gaps in activities; and ii) track SPS-related technical assistance flows and trends.	WTO	Database	73,474	Jun-03	Jul-03 / Dec-05	Project completed. Database available on STDF website (http://stdfdb.wto.org). Report submitted to SPS Committee (G/SPS/GEN/726).

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget in US\$	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF 100	Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde	Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards.	To be determined.	Fish processing sector in Cape Verde		Jun-07	To be confirmed (TBC)	Approved in principle by the WG. Funding sought outside the STDF.
STDF 113	Strengthening SPS controls in Burundi	Enhance the capacity of the Burundi Bureau of Standards (BBN) including training on SPS compliance for public and private sector officials.	To be determined.	Burundi	513,000	Mar-07	TBC	Project approved by WG. Funding secured.
STDF 66	Project preparation grant in Mozambique	Improve SPS compliance for horticulture exporters in regional and international markets. Project based on IF DTIS.	UNCTAD	Mozambique	20,000	Mar-05	TBC	Project funded by United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID).

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget in US\$	Approval date	Status
STDF 64	Facilitating livestock trade in Djibouti	Facilitate livestock trade from Djibouti through training for private and public sector veterinary officials. Project based on IF DTIS.	FAO	Djibouti	560,000	Sep-05	Approval withdrawn at Mar-07 WG meeting. Applicant invited to resubmit project for funding.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)³**(a) PPGs awaiting contracting**

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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 lychee and lobster sectors.	TBC	Comores	Jun-08	Pending
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.	TBC	Cameroon and other African countries	Jun-08	Pending
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	GTZ	Burkina Faso	Apr-08	Pending

(b) PPGs currently being implemented

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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	Implementation on-going
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	Implementation ongoing

³ All PPGs are funded from the STDF. The budget for PPGs is US\$20,000 unless otherwise indicated.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
STDF 105	Compartment- alization	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization.	OIE	Brazil and Thailand	Jun-07	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework.	TBC	Sierra Leone	Jun-07	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 172	Expanding Nigeria's food exports through enhanced SPS capacity	Enhance Nigeria's capacity in the SPS area and improve the country's ability to export high-value food products.	TBC	Nigeria	Mar-07	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 165	Improving fruit production SPS controls in Madagascar	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production.	TBC	Madagascar	Mar-07 and Nov-07	Implementation ongoing.
STDF 116	Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica	Assist in the development of the animal health directorate's National Epidemiological Surveillance Programme by introducing a traceability system for livestock farms.	WTO	Costa Rica	Feb-06	Ongoing.
STDF 52	Post-harvest contamination in Malawi and Zambia	Develop a project proposal to address post-harvest contamination problems in the paprika and groundnut sectors in Malawi and Zambia. Project based on IF DTIS.	WTO	Malawi and Zambia	Mar-05	Ongoing.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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	Jun-08	Approved.
STDF 171	Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence	Revise a project document to establish a Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence in Kenya. If funded the project would address issues raised in the IF DTIS reports for Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda.	WTO	Kenya	Mar-07	Ongoing.
STDF 155	Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application	Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness.	Michigan State University (MSU)	Nicaragua	Oct-06	Completed
STDF 127	Strengthening the capacity of the Benin Chamber of Commerce to track SPS-related development in exports markets	Establish an information centre within the Benin Chamber of Commerce to ensure that firms are aware of SPS measures affecting their existing or planned exports.	WTO	Benin	Jun-06	Ongoing.
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 113	Project preparation grant to survey food safety needs in Burundi	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" to survey the food safety situation in Burundi and develop a trade-related project.	WTO/ Burundi Standards Bureau	Burundi	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07). Decision to seek non-STDF funding.
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).

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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 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 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 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).
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).
STDF 66	Project preparation grant in Mozambique	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Mozambique	Mar-05	Project funded by DFID.

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

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
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 38	Agricultural Health and Food Safety Laboratory Needs Assessment for CARICOM Countries	Survey laboratory capacity in CARICOM to develop a project to assist in development of a regional strategy on laboratory infrastructure.	CARICOM	Caribbean countries.	Sept-04.	Initial laboratory survey completed but no final project document submitted.
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.
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.

(e) PPGs revoked by the Working Group

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