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A. INTRODUCTION

This is the third Progress Report on the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund and covers the first six months of 2018.

B. TECHNICAL SECTION

• Support to countries selected in Round 1

Project implementation continued in the four countries being supported from Round 1. Planned activities in 2018 include the following:

Ghana

- Training of subject matter experts who are not members of the subcommittees and working groups of NCC to gain competence to enhance participation in Codex work when necessary.
- Workshop for stakeholder engagement on contaminants in food.
- Training workshop on Codex for NCC Members and new Members of Codex Sub-Committees.
- Hands-on training for staff of Metallic Contaminants Laboratory of GSA in the analysis of fish and husked rice for methyl mercury and inorganic arsenic respectively.

Kyrgyzstan

- Organize and run national advocacy event for 40 policy/Decision-makers from the sectors of Healthcare, Agriculture, Business, Food industry and Trade.
- Organize and run the 2018 annual national Codex seminar.
- Develop procedural and regulatory documentation for the organization and functioning of Codex activities in Kyrgyzstan.
- Develop advocacy and communication materials for awareness raising.
- Conduct the study on review of legislative base regarding Codex of the Kyrgyz Republic on compliance for international Codex standards.

Madagascar

- Capacity building for members of the National Committee and decision-makers on the remit, function and review of operational documents such as the rules of procedure
- Define priority committees and the Codex programme for Madagascar
- Capacity building of the liaison office (Contact Point staff), in particular on knowledge management and the acquisition of both scientific and Codex documents and journals
- Implementation of database on the group of scientific experts
- Prepare and develop communication tools and communication strategy for days and fairs
- Add data to the new web site
- Regional awareness raising campaigns

Senegal

- Ensure coordination and follow-up activities of the national Codex committee
- Capacity building for the NCAC group of scientific experts for effective participation in and contribution to priority committees and work (call for data) of joint FAO/WHO expert bodies
- Contribute to preparation and outreach of standards on fisheries and groundnut sectors
- Organize discussion groups to build the capacity of fishery and local grain sector workers on the use of Codex standards

The following **mentoring/partnering/coaching activities** took place in 2018:

- ❖ Switzerland supported the development and implementation of the training course that took place in Senegal in April 2018.
- ❖ Netherlands is supporting Ghana in understanding contaminants monitoring and how contaminants surveillance is planned and implemented. On the margins of Ghana's participation in CCCF12, the two countries engaged in an exchange of knowledge on methylmercury contamination in fish, methods for testing for contaminants, and a visit to the offices of the Dutch food consumer product safety authority was organized (see video at <https://youtu.be/2ZHB-uO7r3o>).

The Codex Trust Fund expresses its sincere appreciation for the in-kind support from the Netherlands and Switzerland in the above activities.

• Results from Round 2 “Call for Applications”

Recommendations of the Technical Review Group (TRG) were sent to the CTF Steering Committee in January 2018. The Steering Committee deliberated at their 22nd meeting which took place in three sessions between 18 January and 8 February 2018 and decided that seven single country applications plus one group application would be supported from Round 2 applications. Countries to be supported are as follows: Cabo Verde, Burkina Faso, FYR of Macedonia, Guinea, Honduras, Mali and Rwanda. Bhutan, India and Nepal will be supported through a group project. These countries/group of countries have been contacted by the lead FAO or WHO officer who has been designated to lead the project for the country/group of countries. Steps are being taken to move from the application to the development of a summary project document that will serve as a roadmap for implementation in phases, and monitoring of project progress. Upon receipt of the complete summary project document, the first tranche of funds will be released to the country/group of countries.

All countries that applied to the Codex Trust Fund in Round 2 received written feedback from the Codex Trust Fund Secretariat based on the assessment of the TRG. The written feedback is meant to assist countries in improving their applications should the country/group of countries decide to revise and re-submit in a subsequent application round. Assistance can also be sought from FAO and WHO regional food safety officers.

• Communication

The Codex Trust Fund Secretariat launched the CTF Community website in January 2018. The CTF Community was established to serve as a platform where CTF-supported countries can share knowledge, tips, experiences and materials developed aimed at strengthening engagement in Codex activities at national, regional and global levels. The platform includes discussion fora where countries can share queries they have on specific subjects, or launch a topic that they wish to discuss with other countries. Another unique feature is the Community Library where CTF-supported countries and the CTF Secretariat can upload document and materials produced in project countries. The aim of the library is to share these documents and materials as widely as possible with Codex members for inspiration and for adaptation and use in their own countries. For example, Ghana is working on a Codex procedural manual. Once this is complete it can be uploaded into the Community Library and other countries who are interested in developing a Codex procedural manual can have a look at the Ghanaian model as a starting point for their own reflection. The same holds true for advocacy and communication materials that are being produced in countries, national Codex websites, videos, educational material etc.

We encourage all Codex member countries to sign up for the CTF Community website at <https://workspace.who.int/sites/CodexTrustFund/Community/SitePages/Welcome.aspx> .

The CTF Secretariat is preparing a document to highlight activities carried out in countries being supported from Round 1 during 2017 and lessons learned. A full colour formatted version with photos from countries will be prepared in English with text only versions in French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. The document will be disseminated widely at CAC41.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation of CTF2**

The draft monitoring and evaluation framework for CTF2 was discussed by the Steering Committee at its 26th meeting on 7 May 2018. The M&E framework will begin to be used in 2018 and 2019 and will remain a living document that can be revised and updated as the Codex Trust Fund moves forward to ensure that it captures the essential outputs, outcomes and expected impacts of the programme.

C. FINANCIAL SECTION

- **2018-2020 Financial Projections**

The balance of funds carried forward from 2017 to 2018 was US\$ 1,024,579. Contributions that have been recorded as received in WHO and FAO during the period from 1 January to 30 April 2018 and contributions expected between May and December 2018 (based on firm written pledges or completed paperwork for contributions) appear in Table 2 below. The estimated available funds for 2018 will total approximately US\$ 2,493,237.

Table 2
Contributions received 1 January-30 April 2018 and expected May- December 2018

Donor	Amount expected/received	Amount expected/received	Agreement period FAO & WHO ¹
	(in contribution currency)	(in US\$)	
Canada	CAD 100,000	81,037	2018 (WHO)
European Union	EUR 237,500	249,737	2018 (WHO)
Germany	EUR 50,000	59,241	2018 (WHO)
Ireland	EUR 500,000	597,372	2018 - 2023 ² (FAO)
Japan	US\$ 46,643	46,643	2018 (FAO)
Malaysia	US\$ 10,000	10,000	2018 (WHO)
Netherlands	EUR 400,000	424,628	2018 (WHO)
Total approximate funds received or expected		1,468,658	

The Steering Committee at its 21st meeting held by teleconference on 29 November 2017 established a provisional budget at US\$ 1,342,300 for the Codex Trust Fund for 2018. The breakdown of expected expenditures for 2018 appears below.

Expected expenditures may be modified as a function of funding available and/or decisions of the Steering Committee to revise budgetary lines:

- \$482,115 for staff and administrative costs of the Codex Trust Fund Secretariat;
- \$860,185 for costs associated with implementing projects in countries (including direct financial support to country projects) and delivering the programme (4 projects from Round 1 and 8 projects from Round 2);
- \$0 for costs associated with monitoring and evaluation.

Final expenditures in 2018 will reflect the pace at which new countries being supported from Round 2 come on line, as well as the speed of implementation in countries from Round 1. At the time of writing all Round 1 countries were behind schedule in implementation and no countries from Round 2 had yet finalized their summary project document which is a requisite for moving to the first phase of activities in a country. These

¹ Organization mentioned in brackets indicates organization to whom contribution for CTF was made.

² This contribution is to be used within the time frame 2018-2023.

delays will likely lead to a risk of underspending on direct financial support to country projects in 2018. FAO and WHO are working closely with countries to reduce these delays. Other areas that are likely to see reduced expenditure are staff travel costs (due to the postponement of Regional Coordinating Committees to 2019) and administrative costs.