

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME FACILITY (TCPF)

Ukraine

Description of assistance to be rendered in the context of the TCPF

TCP Facility project code: TCP/UKR/3201 (D)

Component No: 5

Title of the assistance/component: Assessment mission to identify issues and needs related to scientific and analytical capacity for food safety control measures.

Objectives:

- To assist the Ukrainian Laboratory for Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products (ULQSAP) to meet the needs of the Government of Ukraine in the area of scientific analytical support to assess quality and safety of agricultural and food products in line with EU and WTO/SPS requirements.

Activities:

- 1) Review all major food quality and safety control issues - including the significant food hazards for which analytical capacity is required and the current infrastructure governing the working relationship between laboratory services and official control operations.
- 2) Review existing status and operations of the ULQSAP within the actual and perspective governmental and international trade food safety needs – cover its analytical support for official food monitoring activities, potential to conduct food contamination studies and potential as a training centre.
- 3) Conduct a national workshop with all key food quality and safety control stakeholders to identify major new food safety issues and constraints, including in the development of the ULQSAP as National Reference Laboratory and discuss possible solutions. Venue: Kiev. Estimated 15 participants; Duration: 1 day. Objective of the workshop is to identify major new food safety issues and constraints in the development of the ULQSAP and discuss possible solutions.
- 4) Support the identification of specific activities to assist ULQSAP to meet the needs of the Government in the area of scientific analytical support to assess the quality and safety of agricultural and food products in line with EU and WTO/SPS requirements.
- 5) Develop project proposal(s) for the priority activities identified to provide assistance to the ULQSAP.
- 6) Identify potential donors interested in supporting projects in the field of food safety.

Expected outputs:

- Comprehensive assessment report on food safety issues, constraints and needs related to scientific and analytical capacity for food safety control measures, including the status and operations of the Ukrainian Laboratory for Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products within the actual and perspective governmental and international trade food safety needs.
- Identification of priority activities to strengthen ULQSAP support to scientific analytical capacity in Ukraine to achieve safer and better quality food and agricultural products.
- A project proposal(s) to support the strengthening of the specific activities identified to be presented to interested potential donors.

Lead Technical Unit: AGNS

Other FAO participating unit: AGA / SEU

Approximate budget: USD33,500

Expected duration: 3 months