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Global SPS trends and initiatives

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STDF global partnership

Funding mechanism for SPS
projects/project development, based
on international standards

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Coordination and knowledge
platform, identification of good
practice



Funding mechanism

PPGs

Seed funding (up to US\$50,000)

Develop new projects

Use capacity evaluation / prioritization tools

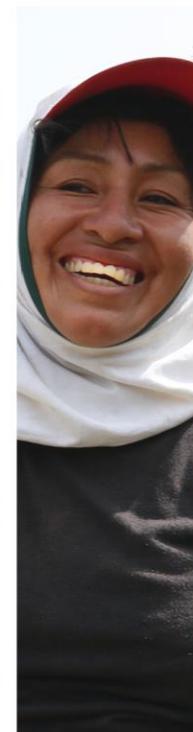
Feasibility studies

Projects

Identify, develop or share good practice

Include regional/global approaches

Innovative, replicable, collaborative, interdisciplinary



STDF project to improve animal identification & registration system (AIRS) in Mongolia (PG/534)

Problem: Lack of a reliable, operational AIRS, needed for livestock trade and animal disease control

STDF Project: Requested by MoFALI, implemented by FAO, from 2019-2022

Objective: Pilot the feasibility of an improved AIRS to inform future investments and upscaling

National commitment: MoFALI provided essential equipment (ear tags, applicators, etc.) - key to the project's success



Improved AIRS is ready to scale-up nationwide

New AIRS provides the foundations for improved animal disease control and export certification

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) developed, and two regulations updated and approved
- AIRS software and mobile app developed and tested in rural areas
- Over 400 herders, veterinarians and other stakeholders trained
- Over 195,000 animals registered and included in new AIRS
- Detailed technical recommendations submitted to MoFALI to inform future investments and up-scaling



www.standardsfacility.org/PG-534

Key lessons

1. Achieving a performing AIRS is long-term project
2. Prerequisites include: legislation; clarity on mandates; coordination mechanisms; functioning IT infrastructure and equipment; and long-term implementation plan backed up by sustainable funding model and multi-year budget
3. Government support and incentives key to ensure that AIRS delivers value to herders and industry in short-term and can be successfully rolled up nationwide longer-term
4. Use of new technologies and mobile app enabled herders in rural areas without Internet access to benefit
5. Collaboration across public and private sector, and with development partners and donors, key to connect and learn from related work, promote coherence and link up different information systems



STDF project to enable market access for Tajik honey and apricots (PG 447)

Problem: Market access barriers for apricots and honey due to inadequate control and monitoring system of agrochemicals

Project: requested by MEDT and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), implemented by ITC and FAO (2019-2022)

Project Baseline study showed:

- High levels sulphur dioxide beyond permitted levels in dried apricots
- Excessive amounts of veterinary medicines in honey samples that were either limited by MRLs or banned in Tajikistan and other markets



Increased capacity in competent authority to perform official controls in line with international requirements

The project:

- Developed an accurate database on agro-chemical and veterinary medicines
- Produced “Consolidated Tool on the National Regulatory, Control and Monitoring System for Tajikistan: Honey, Apricots and Beyond”
- Developed and incorporated two procedures into draft regulatory acts: (a) rules for application of pesticides to prevent bee poisoning; and (b) use of veterinary medicines to treat bee diseases.
- Developed a National Residue Monitoring Plan (NRMP)



Other key results

1. Competent authorities trained on the requirements for accessing the EU market; 330 apricot farmers and beekeepers trained and improved their understanding of SPS compliance and international trade
2. Application submitted in 2021 and 2022 to access EU market for honey (market access pending)
3. Study tour to Ukraine in October 2021; 12 beneficiaries from public and private sectors met with beekeepers, associations, honey processors and exporters, and competent authorities
4. Involvement of leading buyer of dried fruits (Noberasco from Italy) in project activities; creation of market linkages with Tajik suppliers

STDF project to improve food safety management in the Kyrgyz fruit and vegetable industry (PG 569)

Problem: KG joined Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in 2015, with transitional 3-year period of 3 to implement new EAEU SPS regulatory requirements

Kyrgyz food processors and farmers face major challenges in adopting modern risk-based food safety management systems

Project: requested by the Association of Fruit & Vegetable Enterprises (AFVE), implemented by FAO from Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2023



Capacity development in progress

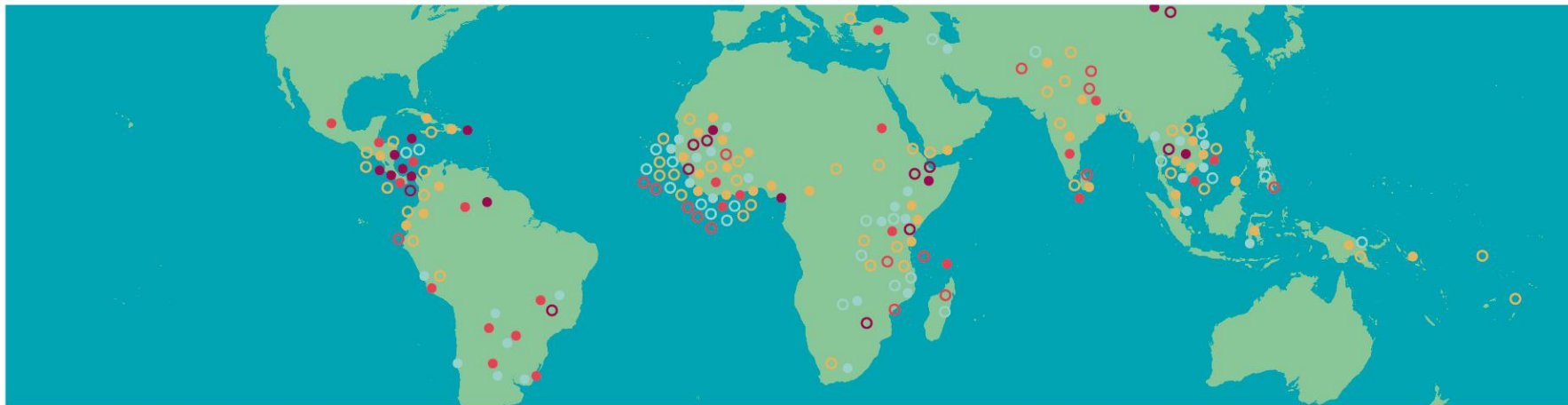


Output 1: Enhance capacity of Kyrgyz fruit and vegetable industry to adopt GAP, GHP & HACCP

Output 2: Increase capacity of Kyrgyz service providers on risk assessment, GAP, GHP & HACCP - in line with international standards

Output 3: Enhance capacity of competent authorities to inspect and certify GAP and HACCP based system in Kyrgyz fruit and vegetable processing industries

How to apply for funding?



Browse web pages for aims & eligibility criteria: standardsfacility.org

View examples of previous PPGs and projects

Read guidance note for applicants

Developing country contribution based on [OECD DAC list](#)

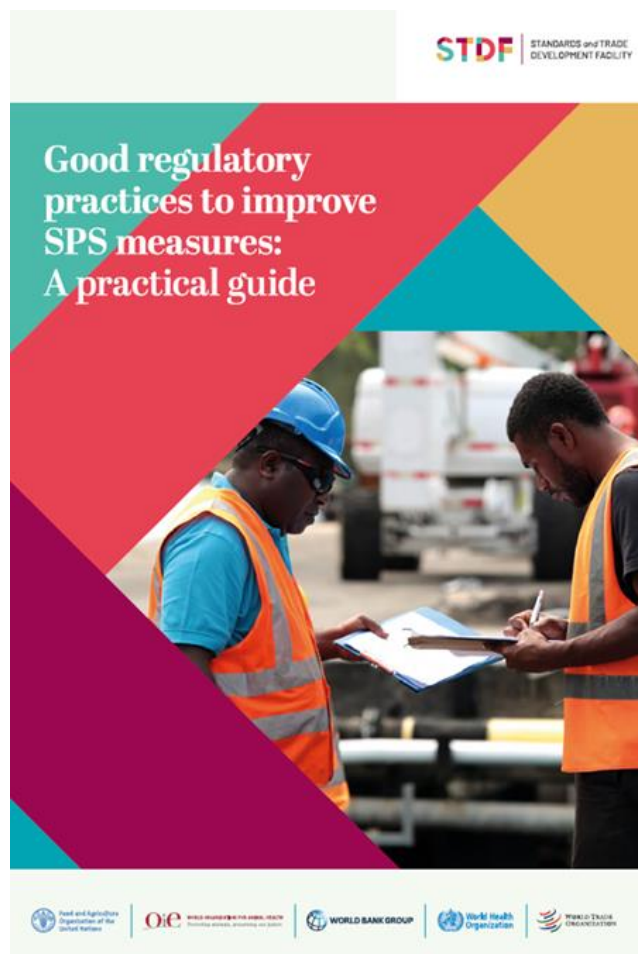
Consult stakeholders in the country/region – work with FAO

Next deadlines: **24 February and 11 August 2023**

Send concept for feedback: STDFSecretariat@wto.org

Submit application form online

STDF knowledge work: identifying and using good practices to improve SPS capacity



Practical briefings, guides, videos etc. on:

Trade facilitation/reducing SPS-related trade cost

Electronic SPS certification

Public-private partnerships

Evidence based approaches to prioritize
SPS investments

Good regulatory practice (GRP)

Looking ahead: future trends & developments

Food systems approach, One Health

Digitalization and new technologies

Regional trade and integration

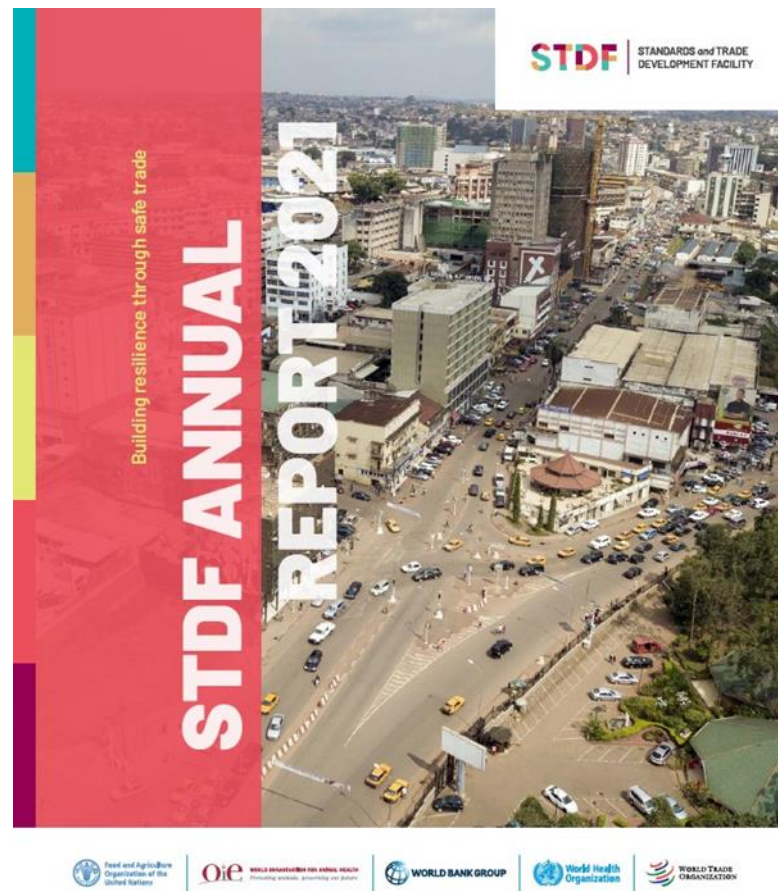
MSMEs and jobs

“Greening” of trade - environmental
assessment of STDF work in 2023 (invasive
species, climate change, pesticides)

Gender equality and inclusion

WTO MC-12 SPS Declaration

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