Enabling developing countries to implement traceability: Support provided by the STDF

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What is the STDF?

• A partnership of 5 international organizations (OIE, FAO, WB, WHO, WTO)
  ➢ Donors
  ➢ Observer organizations
  ➢ Developing country experts

• Secretariat hosted by the WTO

• Decision making process:
  ➢ Operational: Working Group (2 meetings/year)
  ➢ Strategic: Policy Committee (1 meeting every other year)
What does the STDF do?

- **Coordination mechanism** among providers of **SPS technical cooperation** to strengthen coherence, avoid duplication and enhance results
  - **Knowledge platform** for sharing experiences, identification and dissemination of **good practice**, discussion of **cross-cutting topics**
  - **Funding** for development and implementation of projects that support compliance with international SPS requirements to gain and maintain market access
Main implementation challenges faced by developing countries in implementing traceability

- Inadequate policy, regulatory (and sometimes institutional) frameworks
- Lack of technical and financial support by Governments to producers
- Inadequate infrastructure for information and communication
- Low capacity among producers (basic GAP/GHP practices and recordkeeping skills, lack of incentives)
- Production systems are not favourable to traceability (smallholdings, remoteness, difficult geographic contexts, etc.)
How can the STDF assist you?

- Promoting good practice (e.g. PPP publication, project reports and evaluations)
- Project Preparation Grants
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Advice/support on SPS project development

• Project preparation grants (PPGs)
  – Application of capacity evaluation / prioritization tools, feasibility studies, project formulation
  – Grants ≤ US$50,000
  – Synergies with other initiatives
  – Mobilization of donor funds

• Guidelines on project design and formulation (with EIF)

• Since 2004, STDF has financed 71 PPGs (47 in LDCs)
Development of a traceability and identification system (AITS) of livestock in Mongolia (STDF/PPG/534)

- Take stock of country’s context in relation with AITS (production systems, animal recording activities, past experience, institutional and legal framework, etc.)
- Stakeholder consultation (scope and aim of AITS, roles and responsibilities)
- Formulate a project proposal taking into account the findings
Projects to improve SPS situation and enhance market access

• Focus on projects that:
  – identify, develop and/or disseminate good practice
  – include regional/global approaches
  – are innovative, collaborative, inter-disciplinary
• Public – private sector collaboration encouraged
• STDF contribution ≤ US$1 million, 3 year duration or less
• Since 2004, STDF has financed 75 projects (32 in LDCs)
Examples of STDF projects related to traceability

- SPS risks management in the mango sector in Mali (STDF/PG/283)
  - Review of existing legislation
  - Preparation of traceability kits for producers and handlers
  - Training to smallholders on recording and traceability (300 growers, 20 packing stations)
  - Georeferencing and mapping of orchards in the Bougouni and Sikasso areas
Examples of STDF projects related to traceability

- Development and Implementation of a Movement Control System for Cattle in Costa Rica (STDF/PG/116)
  - Preparatory phase (situation analysis and development of procedures, software application, outreach activities, etc.)
  - Pilot testing in the Brunca region, validation of tools and procedures and introduction of necessary adjustments for nationwide implementation
  - Full scale implementation

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How to request STDF support?

- Review eligibility criteria on STDF website
- Read Guidance Note for Applicants
- Download application form
- Consult relevant stakeholders in country/region
- Contact STDF Secretariat with questions
- Submit application by e-mail

Requests considered two times per year - next deadline is **25 December 2015**
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