

# Improving Asia-Pacific seed trade through compliance and partnerships

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Seed trade is assuming greater significance in the Asia-Pacific region. However, there are several phytosanitary concerns affecting the safe trade of seed in developing and least developed countries. The most prominent issues include:

- Seed-transmitted pest lists not being updated, affecting the pest risk analysis process (ISPM 2).
- No ePhyto solution in place.
- Lack of compliance with the international standard on the movement of seeds (ISPM 38).
- Lack of coordination between national plant protection organizations and the private sector.

This PPG developed a project proposal to strengthen phytosanitary compliance and public-private partnerships for enhancing seed trade in the Asia Pacific region.

The successful implementation of this PPG led to the approval of [STDF/PG/755](#), which is ongoing.

STDF/PG/755 aims to increase seed trade and market access for the Asia-Pacific region by increasing the capacity of national plant protection organizations to meet relevant phytosanitary standards.

## **STDF/PPG/755**

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Completed

### **Start Date**

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\$27,328

### **STDF Contribution (US\$)**

\$27,328

### **Beneficiaries**

Cambodia

Lao PDR

Myanmar

Thailand

Viet Nam

### **Implementing Entities**

Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)