

Regional SPS Balance Sheet for Central America

ANNEX 2: Overview of SPS-Related Technical Assistance

Research work for the Standards and Trade Development Facility

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Member	Food Safety	Animal Health	Plant Health	General
<p>Costa Rica</p>	<p>Canada: Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Audit Training (2005). EC: EU food standards and import requirements for fishery and aquaculture products (2006); EU food standards and import requirements for fruit and vegetables (2006); New Aid Programme (2007-2013): strengthening social cohesion and supporting regional integration. FAO: Development of an integrated system of quality assurance for food analysis laboratories in Central America (2004-2006); Establish internal quality standards for fishery products in the region (2007-2009). IICA: Training in HACCP for the agri-food industry (2002). OIRSA: Technical lectures (2001-2006); Training on GAP, GMP and HACCP (2001-2006); International course on official certification in food safety for food services (2001); Seminar on dairy product hygiene and production in Central America (2001);</p>	<p>FAO: Assistance for early detection of avian influenza in Central America (2006-2008). IICA: Hemispheric workshop on BSE (2001); International seminar on animal health equivalence and risk analysis (2002); Hemispheric conference for the surveillance and prevention of avian influenza (2006). OIRSA: Support by services of experts (2001-2006); Strengthening of surveillance services for prevention of foot-and-mouth disease and BSE (2001-2006); Program for the prevention, control, and eradication of avian diseases (2002-2006); Strengthening regional poultry health systems (2006). US: Brucellosis and tuberculosis containment and eradication technical training (2006). STDE: Support to preparation of traceability scheme for Costa Rican livestock (2006).</p>	<p>FAO: Integral management of coffee pest (<i>Broca</i>) and the prevention of its dispersion in the Brunca region in Costa Rica and Panama (2001-2003). IICA: Workshop wood packaging materials used in international trade (2004); IPPC workshop to review draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2004). IICA/NAPPO/IPPC Workshop to review draft international standards for phytosanitary measures. OIRSA: Four draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); Meetings for registration chiefs (2001); Establishment of med fly- free areas (2001-2006); FAO/OIRSA project on phytosanitary capacity building (2004). US: Teach new research techniques and conduct collaborative research (2005); USDA/FAS Transfer knowledge and skills of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (2005); Help to establish a clean stock program (2006).</p>	<p>Canada: Import Requirements (2002); SPS Workshop -Regional Central America (2002); CFIA Organization and Labeling Workshop (2003); Canadian International Development Agency project on SPS in Central America (2004). IADB: Assistance for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Central America on Technical Requirements for gaining market access under DR-CAFTA (TC-03-04-02-1-RG) (Regional: started in 2007); The program will benefit (i) over 5,000 entrepreneurs, officials, and professional workers in the public and private sectors in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, who will obtain information on the opportunities opened up by DR-CAFTA, as well as on market access technical requirements in each country and related support projects (1,000/country); (ii) 100 consulting service providers (20/country) trained in market access technical requirements; (iii) 100 technicians (20/country) trained to prepare pest risk analyses for the selected products to strengthen national phytosanitary surveillance networks; and (iv) 500 firms (100/country) that overcome non-tariff technical measures for market access, perceiving the benefits</p>

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Costa Rica	<p>Workshop on certification of programs on toxic residues and aquaculture traceability (2006). <u>US</u>: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - Safety of Food Additives (2003); Training on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) (2004); Conduct audit training for meat inspection (2004); Conducted audit training and inspection practice for targeted poultry plants (2005); FDA Provide technical assistance to food facilities (2005); Offer training on HACCP practices and policies (2005); Fund researchers to attend symposium on Mycotoxin Control Strategies (2005); FDA/CFSAN sent expert to the Executive Leadership in Food Safety Seminar (2005); USDA/FAS Provide food safety and regulatory enforcement (equivalence) training (2005); USDA/FSIS Provide poultry food safety and regulatory enforcement assessment (2005); Provide meat inspection training to meet international standards (2006).</p>			<p>of DR-CAFTA through services co-financed by the program. <u>IICA</u>: SPS Initiative for the countries of America (2002-2007); IPPC Technical Consultation on phytosanitary measures (2002); Hemispheric Meeting on International Border Control in Animal and Plant Health (2005); Regional workshop on the International Portal for Food Safety and Animal and Plant Health (2006); Support for the dissemination of information: CODEX-SPS Opinion Forum, AGROSALUD (2006); IICA-STDF Project: Develop institutional capabilities to consolidate countries' active participation in the SPS Committee (2007); Training program on understanding the three sisters (2007); Assistance in identifying regional needs and sources of cooperation; Strengthening capabilities and participation of national enquiry points; Studying of proposed standards notified by the countries to the WTO SPS Committee. <u>ILRI</u>: Enhancing beef productivity, quality, safety and trade in Central America (2003-2007).</p>

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<p>El Salvador</p>	<p>EC: EU food standards and import requirements for fishery and aquaculture products (2006); EU food standards and import requirements for fruit and vegetables (2006); New Aid Programme (2007-2013): foster social cohesion and human security, economic growth, regional integration and trade. FAO: Development of an integrated system of quality assurance for food analysis labs in Central America (2004-2006). IADB: Retooling Agro-enterprise (ES-L0119; in execution): Two new Departments (Food Safety and Traceability) inside the new Division of Food Safety, operating since 2004; Four new Departments inside the DGSVA (Risk Analysis, Quality Management, Accreditation and Legal Norms) operating since 2004; A Health System of Quality and Food Safety operating since 2005; and 100 producers of agro-food recognized by DGSVA applying Food Safety tools since 2007. Also, IADB is providing on going technical assistant on</p>	<p>FAO: Assistance for early detection of avian influenza in Central America (2006-2008). IICA: Hemispheric workshop on BSE (2001); International seminar on animal health equivalence and risk analysis (2002); Hemispheric conference for the surveillance and prevention of avian influenza (2006). OIRSA: Support by services of experts (2001-2006); Strengthening of surveillance services for prevention of foot-and-mouth disease and BSE (2001-2006); Program for the prevention, control, and eradication of avian diseases (2002-2006); Involvement in the classical swine fever eradication plan (2004-2009); Strengthening regional poultry health systems (2006). US: Perform brucellosis and tuberculosis containment and eradication technical training (2006).</p>	<p>IADB: Good Agricultural Practices for Rational Use of Pesticides (ES-T0074) (in execution): Producers enabled in the use, control and suitable handling of the pesticides to guarantee the food safety of vegetable products. Participation of 160 people:8 demonstrative parcels with GAP and traceability approach., 8 demonstrative parcels implemented and operating by the 8th month. IICA: Workshop wood packaging materials used in international trade (2004). OIRSA: Four draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); Meetings for registration chiefs (2001); Establishment of med fly- free areas (2001-2006); FAO/OIRSA project on phytosanitary capacity building (2004). US: Teach new research techniques and conduct collaborative research (2005).</p>	<p>Canada: SPS Workshop -Regional Central America (2002). IADB: Retooling Agro-enterprise (ES-L0119). (in execution.): A National Information System supporting Farming Sector (SIASA), operating since 2005; Mechanism to control and evaluate SIASA operating by the second semester of 2005; 10 Agribusiness Centers (AC) and 10 Information Centers (IC) operating since the first semester of 2005; 36,000 AC users and 36.000 IC users use, at least, one of the services offered by those centers since 2006. Assistance for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Central America on Technical Requirements for gaining market access under DR-CAFTA (TC-03-04-02-1-RG) (Regional: started in 2007). IICA: SPS Initiative for the countries of America (2002-2007); IPPC Technical Consultation on phytosanitary measures (2002); Hemispheric Meeting on International Border Control in Animal and Plant Health (2005); Regional workshop on the International Portal for Food Safety and Animal and Plant Health (2006); Support for the dissemination of information: CODEX-SPS Opinion Forum, AGROSALUD (2006);</p>

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El Salvador	<p>“Good Agricultural Practices for Rational Use of Pesticides” (ES-T0074). Producers have been trained for use, control, and safe handling of pesticides. IICA: Training in HACCP for the agri-food industry (2002). OIRSA: Technical lectures (2001-2006); Training on GAP, GMP and HACCP (2001-2006); International course on official certification in food safety for food services (2001); Seminar on dairy product hygiene and production in Central America (2001); Seminars on the Monitoring of dairy products and Good Practices for the production of honey (2005); Workshop on certification of programs on toxic residues and aquaculture traceability (2006). US: Conduct technical training on the principles of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) (2005); Teach new research techniques and conduct collaborative research (2005); FDA Provide technical assistance to cheese and dairy plants (2005); Sponsor US Food Safety system audit by food experts from Latin America (2006);</p>			<p>IICA-STDF Project: Develop institutional capabilities to consolidate countries' active participation in the SPS Committee (2007); Training program on understanding the three sisters (2007); Assistance in identifying regional needs and sources of cooperation; Strengthening capabilities and participation of national enquiry points; Studying of proposed standards notified by the countries to the WTO SPS Committee. MCC: Compact signed to improve the lives of Salvadorans through strategic investment. Priorities include agricultural production and rural business development. Projects funded include technical assistance to farmers (2006-2011). OIRSA: Support of intraregional trade (2001-2006); VIFINEX project (2001-2006); Technological Masters' Degree Program in SPS (2001-2006); OIRSA-IADB Project in support of agricultural trade through the harmonized implementation of SPS in Mesoamerica (2003); Regional seminar on the traceability of animals and food of animal and plant origin (2005); Support on SPS within the context of the Central American Customs Union (2006); Series of symposia on Equivalence between Northern and Southern Regions of the Americas;</p>

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El Salvador	Perform lab assessment to identify training needs (2006); Provide meat inspection training to meet international standards (2006); Provide Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) training (2006).			Series of training and dissemination in the area of agricultural health and trade. US: USDA/FAS Implement Food for Progress program (2005); USAID Enhance SPS Capacity (2005); Train SPS regulators on SPS regulations (2004); Train government officials on equivalence topics (2005); USAID Provide economic prosperity training program (2005).

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<p>Guatemala</p>	<p>Canada: Food Safety Agency Advisory Mission (2005); Food Safety Agency Advisory Follow Up Mission (2005). EC: EU food standards and import requirements for fishery and aquaculture products (2006); EU food standards and import requirements for fruit and vegetables (2006); New Aid Programme (2007-2013): foster social cohesion and human security, economic growth and trade. FAO: Development of an integrated system of quality assurance for food analysis labs in Central America (2004-2006). IADB: Food and Agriculture Sector Program (GU-L0070; in execution). Project on food safety: dairy farms are freed of brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis; diagnosis and technical assistant about sanitary and environmental aspect of some slaughterhouses of pork; etc. IICA: Training in HACCP in alliance with the World Bank.</p>	<p>FAO: Assistance for early detection of avian influenza in Central America (2006-2008). IICA: Hemispheric workshop on BSE (2001); International seminar on animal health equivalence and risk analysis (2002); Hemispheric conference for the surveillance and prevention of avian influenza (2006). OIRSA: Support by services of experts (2001-2006); Strengthening of surveillance services for prevention of foot-and-mouth disease and BSE (2001-2006); Program for the prevention, control, and eradication of avian diseases (2002-2006); Strengthening regional poultry health systems (2006). US: Brucellosis and tuberculosis containment and eradication technical training (2006).</p>	<p>IICA: Workshop wood packaging materials used in international trade (2004). OIRSA: Four draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); Meetings for registration chiefs (2001); Establishment of med fly- free areas (2001-2006); FAO/OIRSA project on phytosanitary capacity building (2004). US: USDA/APHIS Conduct port visit and training to government officials (2006); USDA/FAS Transfer knowledge and skills of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (2005). Spain: Forestry genetic resources (2004); Genomics and genetic improvement of plant species (2004).</p>	<p>Canada: SPS Workshop -Regional Central America (2002). IADB: Food & Agriculture Sector Program (GU-L0070; in execution): project on Phytosanitary and Food Safety Services: improvement of services provided by MAGA's Unit for Norms and Regulations: Phytosanitary Inspection Programs (Baseline 1998 = 1 program), 6 (by 31 Dec 2007); Two programs for early detection of plagues: 2 (by 31 Dec. 2007); Farming production certification with GAP and good manufacturing practices (1998 = 0); 6 (by 31 Dec 2007); Norm proposal for unprocessed food control, harmonized with CODEX Alimentarius: 8 (by 31 Dec. 2007). Also, Project on Assistance for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Central America on Technical Requirements for gaining market access under DR-CAFTA (TC-03-04-02-1-RG) (Regional: started in 2007). IICA: SPS Initiative for the countries of America (2002-2007); IPPC Technical Consultation on phytosanitary measures (2002); Hemispheric Meeting on International Border Control in Animal and Plant Health (2005); Regional workshop on the International Portal for Food Safety and Animal and Plant Health (2006);</p>

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Guatemala	<p>OIRSA: Technical lectures (2001-2006); Training on GAP, GMP and HACCP (2001-2006); International course on official certification in food safety for food services (2001); Seminar on dairy product hygiene and production in Central America (2001); Workshop on certification of programs on toxic residues and aquaculture traceability (2006).</p> <p>US: USDA/FSIS meat and poultry inspection training seminar (2005); Conduct technical training on the principles of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) (2005); Offer training on HACCP practices and policies (2005); Provide meat inspection training to meet international standards (2006).</p> <p>Spain: Technical Assistance Programs developed for the Ministry of Health and Consumption. (2002); Course on Official Control of Foodstuffs (2004); International Course on "Quality Assurance and Safety of Agricultural Products, Rules, Systems and Experience in Spain" (2004).</p> <p>Sweden: Development of an overall policy on the TBT SPS Agreements (1998-2006).</p>			<p>Support for the dissemination of information: CODEX-SPS Opinion Forum, AGROSALUD (2006); IICA-STDF Project: Develop institutional capabilities to consolidate countries' active participation in the SPS Committee (2007); Training program on understanding the three sisters (2007); Assistance in identifying regional needs and sources of cooperation; Strengthening capabilities and participation of national enquiry points; Studying of proposed standards notified by the countries to the WTO SPS Committee. ILRI: Enhancing beef productivity, quality, safety and trade in Central America (2003-2007). OIRSA: Support of intraregional trade (2001-2006); VIFINEX project (2001-2006); Technological Masters' Degree Program in SPS (2001-2006); OIRSA-IADB Project in support of agricultural trade through the harmonized implementation of SPS in Mesoamerica (2003); Regional seminar on the traceability of animals and food of animal and plant origin (2005); Support on SPS within the context of the Central American Customs Union (2006); Series of symposia on Equivalence between Northern and Southern Regions of the Americas; Series of training and dissemination in the area of agricultural health and trade.</p>

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Honduras	<p>EC: EU food standards and import requirements for fishery and aquaculture products (2006); EU food standards and import requirements for fruit and vegetables (2006); New Aid Programme (2007-2013): strengthening social cohesion, sustainable management of natural resources, poverty alleviation in rural areas and the development of a global public security and justice policy. FAO: Development of an integrated system of quality assurance for food analysis labs in Central America (2004-2006); Establish internal quality standards for fishery products in the region (2007-2009). IADB: Revitalization for the Rural Economy (HO-L0144; completed): project on strengthening of food safety services. IICA: Training in HACCP in alliance with the World Bank. OIRSA: Technical lectures (2001-2006); Training on GAP, GMP and HACCP (2001-2006); International course on official certification in food safety for food services (2001);</p>	<p>FAO: Assistance for early detection of avian influenza in Central America (2006-2008). IADB: Revitalization for the Rural Economy (HO-L0144; completed): project on sanitary surveillance and eradication campaigns to prevent diseases; quarantine sites; epidemiological surveillance, etc. IICA: Hemispheric workshop on BSE (2001); International seminar on animal health equivalence and risk analysis (2002); Hemispheric conference for the surveillance and prevention of avian influenza (2006). OIRSA: Support by services of experts (2001-2006); Strengthening of surveillance services for prevention of foot-and-mouth disease and BSE (2001-2006); Program for the prevention, control, and eradication of avian diseases (2002-2006); Strengthening regional poultry health systems (2006). US: Brucellosis and tuberculosis containment and eradication technical training (2006).</p>	<p>FAO: Support for the recovery of areas affected by the coconut lethal yellowing disease (2006-2007). IICA: Workshop wood packaging materials used in international trade (2004); Fruit fly Program in Nicaragua and Honduras. OIRSA: Four draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); Meetings for registration chiefs (2001); Control of the pine beetle in Nicaragua and Honduras (2001); Establishment of med fly-free areas (2001-2006); FAO/OIRSA project on phytosanitary capacity building (2004). US: Train and transfer knowledge of conducting pest risk assessments (PRA) (2006). IADB: Revitalization for the Rural Economy (HO-L0144). (completed): Strengthening of Phytosanitary and Food Safety Services: Phytosanitary surveillance system for plagues and diseases prevention (7 control posts); 8 Phytosanitary campaigns for plagues and diseases prevention.</p>	<p>Canada: Dairy Imports (2001); SPS Workshop -Regional Central America (2002). IADB: Revitalization for the Rural Economy (HO-L0144; completed): Strengthening of SENASA: a system to update fees in accordance with real cost increment (SENASA financial sustainability); a system for accreditation and certification of professional services; implementation of SENASA's internal communication network; update of SENASA's Website; technical personnel trained in: HACCP, GMP, GAP, ISO 9000, 14000 and 1727; 3 Laboratories rehabilitated with infrastructure and equipment. Also, Project on Assistance for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Central America on Technical Requirements for gaining market access under DR-CAFTA (TC-03-04-02-1-RG) (Regional: started in 2007). IICA: SPS Initiative for the countries of America (2002-2007); IPPC Technical Consultation on phytosanitary measures (2002); Hemispheric Meeting on International Border Control in Animal and Plant Health (2005); Regional workshop on the International Portal for Food Safety and Animal and Plant Health (2006); Support for the dissemination of information: CODEX-SPS Opinion Forum, AGROSALUD (2006);</p>

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Honduras	Seminar on dairy product hygiene and production in Central America (2001); Workshop on certification of programs on toxic residues and aquaculture traceability (2006). US: Cochran Fellowship on Food Safety and Inspection of Fruits and Vegetables (2004); International Train-the-trainer Good Agricultural Practices (2004); Conduct audit training and inspection practice for targeted poultry plants (2005); Provide meat inspection training to meet international standards (2006); Food Safety Fellows Training (2005); FDA Provide technical assistance to dairy facilities (2005); FDA-CFSAN sent expert to the Executive Leadership in Food Safety Seminar (2005); Sponsor US Food Safety system audit by food experts from Latin America (2006).			Develop the list of subject areas and priority activities of the SPS National Committee (2006); IICA-STDF Project: Develop institutional capabilities to consolidate countries' active participation in the SPS Committee (2007); Training program on understanding the three sisters (2007); Assistance in identifying regional needs and sources of cooperation; Strengthening capabilities and participation of national enquiry points; Studying of proposed standards notified by the countries to the WTO SPS Committee. ILRI: Enhancing beef productivity, quality, safety and trade in Central America (2003-2007). MCC: Compact signed to reduce poverty by alleviating impediments to economic growth. Priorities include increase the productivity of small and medium sized farmers. Projects funded include training in the production of high value horticultural crops (2005-2010). OIRSA: Support of intraregional trade (2001-2006); VIFINEX project (2001-2006); Technological Masters' Degree Program in SPS (2001-2006); OIRSA-IADB Project in support of agricultural trade through the harmonized implementation of SPS in Mesoamerica (2003);

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Nicaragua	<p>EC: EU food standards and import requirements for fishery and aquaculture products (2006); EU food standards and import requirements for fruit and vegetables (2006); New Aid Programme (2007-2013): consolidate democracy, invest in human capital, guarantee macroeconomic stability and integrate Nicaragua more closely into the world economy. FAO: Development of an integral system of quality assurance for food analysis labs in Central America (2004-2006); Establish internal quality standards for fishery products in the region (2007-2009). IADB through the Program NI-L0182 has provided technical assistant on tuberculosis and brucellosis. IICA: Training in HACCP for the agri-food industry (2002). OIRSA: Technical lectures (2001-2006); Training on GAP, GMP and HACCP (2001-2006); International course on official certification in food safety for food services (2001); Seminar on dairy product hygiene and production in Central America (2001);</p>	<p>FAO: Assistance for early detection of avian influenza in Central America (2006-2008). IADB: Improvement of Plant, Animal and Forest Health Services Program (NI-L0182: in execution): Expansion and Strengthening of Farming Services: Manual for certification published by third trimester of 2005. Manual for hatos free of tuberculosis and brucellosis: 1 (by 30 Nov 2007); Farms free of tuberculosis and brucellosis: 616 (by 30 Nov 2007); Poultry-raising farms under monitoring systems: 455 (by 30 Nov 2007); Farm shrimp fisher under monitoring program of diseases: 100 (by 30 Nov 2007). IICA: Hemispheric workshop on BSE (2001); International seminar on animal health equivalence and risk analysis (2002); Hemispheric conference for the surveillance and prevention of avian influenza (2006).</p>	<p>IADB: Improvement of Plant, Animal and Forest Health Services Program (NI-L0182). (in execution): Expansion and Strengthening of Farming Services: Centers of plagues and/or controlled phytosanitary diseases. 581 (by 30 Nov 2007). IICA: Workshop wood packaging materials used in international trade (2004); Fruit fly Program in Nicaragua and Honduras. OIRSA: Four draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); Meetings for registration chiefs (2001); Control of the pine beetle in Nicaragua and Honduras (2001); Establishment of med fly-free areas (2001-2006); FAO/OIRSA project on phytosanitary capacity building (2004). US: Teach new research techniques and conducted collaborative research (2005); Fruit fly eradication program (2007-2009); Citrus leprosis control program (2007); National Plant Health Monitoring Program (PROVISAVE) (2007-2008).</p>	<p>Canada: SPS Workshop -Regional Central America (2002). EC: Support program for export to the EU. IADB: Improvement of Plant, Animal and Forest Health Services Program (NI-L0182; in execution): Strengthening of Farming Services: Re-enhancement of three places for quarantine (one by 30 Nov 2007); New places for farming quarantine (one by 30 Nov 2007); Area under monitoring of plagues. En 2006: 1200 ha. En 2007: 2000 ha. Educational Campaign on sanitary matters: Training for agro-industries (Average per year) 72 (by 30 Nov 2007); 270 trainings on food safety and consumer's protection for exports and producers (average of qualifications four years) from 2005: 80 (30 by Nov 2007). Institutional Support: Following up of strategies and national actions on food safety; Publication of legal norms (8 during 2007); Fees for services delivered by DGPSA updated in according with real cost (currently there is a draft report); Manual describing functions of positions at DGPSA. Reviewed and updated biennially (70% in progress). Also, Project on Assistance for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Central America on Technical Requirements for gaining market access under DR-CAFTA (TC-03-04-02-1-RG) (Regional: started in 2007).</p>

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Nicaragua	<p>Workshop on certification of programs on toxic residues and aquaculture traceability (2006). US: Conduct audit training for meat inspection (2004); FDA Provide technical assistance to food facilities (2005); Sponsor US Food Safety system audit by food experts from Latin America (2006); Provide meat inspection training to meet international standards (2006); Conduct poultry assessment to identify training needs (2006); FDA Provide technical assistance to dairy facilities (2006); Training on GAP and Traceability (2007-2009); Eradication of shrimp diseases program (2007-2008). Spain: Course on "Food, Health and Consumer Rights" (2004).</p>	<p>OIRSA: Support by services of experts (2001-2006); Strengthening of surveillance services for prevention of foot-and-mouth disease and BSE (2001-2006); Program for the prevention, control, and eradication of avian diseases (2002-2006); Strengthening regional poultry health systems (2006). US: Classical swine fever eradication program (2007-2009); National Animal Health Monitoring Program (PROVESA) (2007-2008)</p>		<p>IICA: SPS Initiative for the countries of America (2002-2007); IPPC Technical Consultation on phytosanitary measures (2002); Hemispheric Meeting on International Border Control in Animal and Plant Health (2005); Regional workshop on the International Portal for Food Safety and Animal and Plant Health (2006); Support for the dissemination of information: CODEX-SPS Opinion Forum, AGROSALUD (2006); IICA-STDF Project: Develop institutional capabilities to consolidate countries' active participation in the SPS Committee (2007); Training program on understanding the three sisters (2007); Assistance in identifying regional needs and sources of cooperation; Strengthening capabilities and participation of national enquiry points; Studying of proposed standards notified by the countries to the WTO SPS Committee. ILRI: Enhancing beef productivity, quality, safety and trade in Central America (2003-2007). MCC: Compact signed to increase incomes of rural farmers in Leon and Chinandega. Priorities include improve access to markets. Projects funded include developing improved production techniques (Cassava and Red beans) (2005-2010).</p>

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Nicaragua				<p>OIRSA: Support of intraregional trade (2001-2006); VIFINEX project (2001-2006); Technological Masters' Degree Program in SPS (2001-2006); Regional seminar on the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); OIRSA-IADB Project in support of agricultural trade through the harmonized implementation of SPS in Mesoamerica (2003); Regional seminar on the traceability of animals and food of animal and plant origin (2005); Support on SPS within the context of the Central American Customs Union (2006); Series of symposia on Equivalence between Northern and Southern Regions of the Americas; Series of training and dissemination in the area of agricultural health and trade. US: PROALCA (I) - TRADE (2002); Strengthening Private Sector in Formulation of Agricultural Policies (2002); Consultation on Dairy Requirement (2004); Train SPS regulators on SPS regulations (2004); USAID Provide economic prosperity training program (2005) WTO: Regional workshop (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006).</p>

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<p>Panama</p>	<p>EC: EU food standards and import requirements for fruit and vegetables (2006); New Aid Programme (2007-2013): strengthening social cohesion and supporting regional integration. FAO: Development of an integrated system of quality assurance for food analysis laboratories in Central America (2004-2006). IADB: Competitiveness and Trade Development Program (PN-L1014; in execution; approved by Dec 2007): Reengineering of MINSA; and Modernization of AUPSA. IICA: Training in HACCP in alliance with the World Bank. OIRSA: Technical lectures (2001-2006); Training on GAP, GMP and HACCP (2001-2006). Spain: Cooperation and Coordination Agreement on Animal Health with Panama. (2003). US: USDA/FSIS conduct 3 week meat and poultry inspection seminar (2005).</p>	<p>FAO: Assistance for early detection of avian influenza in Central America (2006-2008). IADB: Competitiveness and Trade Development Program (PN-L1014; in execution; approved by Dec 2007): Reengineering of MIDA and MINSA to improve services for exporters; Certification of sanitary services; Evaluation, mitigation and eradication of diseases; etc. IICA: Hemispheric workshop on BSE (2001); International seminar on animal health equivalence and risk analysis (2002); Hemispheric conference for the surveillance and prevention of avian influenza (2006). OIRSA: Support by services of experts (2001-2006); Strengthening of surveillance services for prevention of foot-and-mouth disease and BSE (2001-2006); Program for the prevention, control, and eradication of avian diseases (2002-2006). US: Brucellosis and tuberculosis containment and eradication technical training (2006).</p>	<p>FAO: Integral management of the coffee pest (Broca) and prevention of its dispersion in the Brunca region of Costa Rica and Panama (2001-2003); Modernization of the phytosanitary system (2005-2006). IADB: Competitiveness and Trade Development Program (PN-L1014; 9.8 millions for Trade Development to be split into 5 activities, one on SPS; in execution; approved by Dec 2007): Evaluation, mitigation and eradication of plagues; etc. IICA: Workshop wood packaging materials used in international trade (2004). OIRSA: Four draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (2001-2006); Meetings for registration chiefs (2001); Establishment of med fly- free areas (2001-2006); FAO/OIRSA project on phytosanitary capacity building (2004). US: Taught new research techniques and conducted collaborative research (2005).</p>	<p>Canada: SPS Workshop -Regional Central America (2002). FAO: Modernization of the national sanitary and phytosanitary system (2007-2008). IADB: Competitiveness and Trade Development Program (PN-L1014 in execution; approved by Dec 2007): Reengineering of MIDA and MINSA to improve services for exporters; Certification of laboratories; Designing and implementation of tariffs and fees for services in accordance with costs; Legislative framework in accordance with international norms; System of quick alert, crisis management and product recovery. IICA: SPS Initiative for the countries of America (2002-2007); IPPC Technical Consultation on phytosanitary measures (2002); Hemispheric Meeting on International Border Control in Animal and Plant Health (2005); Regional workshop on the International Portal for Food Safety and Animal and Plant Health (2006); Support for the dissemination of information: CODEX-SPS Opinion Forum, AGROSALUD (2006); IICA-STDF Project: Develop institutional capabilities to consolidate countries' active participation in the SPS Committee (2007); Training program on understanding the three sisters (2007);</p>

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