

# Piloting a vTPA programme to improve food safety outcomes in Africa

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Competent authorities are increasingly considering and using voluntary third-party assurance (TPA) programmes to better inform their risk profiling of food businesses, and more effectively target resources within their national food control systems. Using voluntary TPA programmes can help competent authorities and food business operators to improve food safety outcomes, while allowing each to operate within their defined roles and responsibilities.

The PPG developed two regional pilot projects to pilot and assess how voluntary TPA programmes may be used in practice in West Africa and East Africa, based on the Codex Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of Voluntary Third-Party Assurance Programmes ([CXG 93-2021](#)) adopted in 2021.

The [West Africa project](#) (implemented by UNIDO) focuses on horticulture in Mali and Senegal. The East Africa project (implemented by Land O'Lakes Venture 37) focuses on horticulture in Rwanda and aquaculture in Uganda.

The PPG was implemented in close collaboration with relevant government agencies and the private sector in Mali, Senegal, Rwanda and Uganda. It was linked to a PPG in Central America ([STDF/PPG/682](#)), which developed a regional project to pilot the use of the vTPA approach in Belize and Honduras.

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## Beneficiaries

Mali

Senegal

Rwanda

Uganda

## Implementing Entities

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