Piloting a vTPA programme in East Africa to improve food safety in horticulture and fisheries

This project pilots the use of a Voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) Programme in Rwanda (horticulture) and Uganda (fisheries) to improve food safety, based on the Codex Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of Voluntary Third-Party Assurance Programmes (CXG 93-2021). The pilot would complement two other ongoing pilot projects, generating additional data and evidence on the use of the vTPA approach in developing countries, and promoting dialogue and learning across West Africa and Central America. The project will also assess and make use of data and information from vTPA Programmes to support ongoing food safety reform processes, including the move towards a more risk-based inspection system that will further strengthen dialogue and cooperation with small-scale producers and food business operators, as part of efforts to modernize and strengthen food safety management.

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On-going

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Project Value (US$)
$888,457

STDF Contribution (US$)
$699,013

Beneficiaries
Rwanda
Uganda

Implementing Entities
Land O’Lakes Venture 37 (V37)

Partners
Ministry of Trade and Industry (MINICOM) Rwanda
Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) Rwanda
Rwanda Inspectorate Competition and Consumer Protection Authority (RICA)
Rwanda Standards Board (RSB)
National Export Development Board (NAEB)
Horticulture Exporters Association of Rwanda (HEAR)
Ministry of Agriculture
Animal Industry & Fisheries (MAAIF)
Uganda
Ministry of Trade
Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC) Uganda
Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS)
Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU)
Uganda Fish Processors and Exporters Association (UFPEA)
Walimi Fish Cooperative Society (WAFICOs)
Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)