



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

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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.

### **STDF/PG/842**

#### **Status**

On-going

#### **Start Date**

01/11/2022

#### **End Date**

31/10/2025

#### **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)