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RESILIENCE, ADAPTATION, AND INNOVATION:
STRENGTHENING GLOBAL SPS CAPACITY



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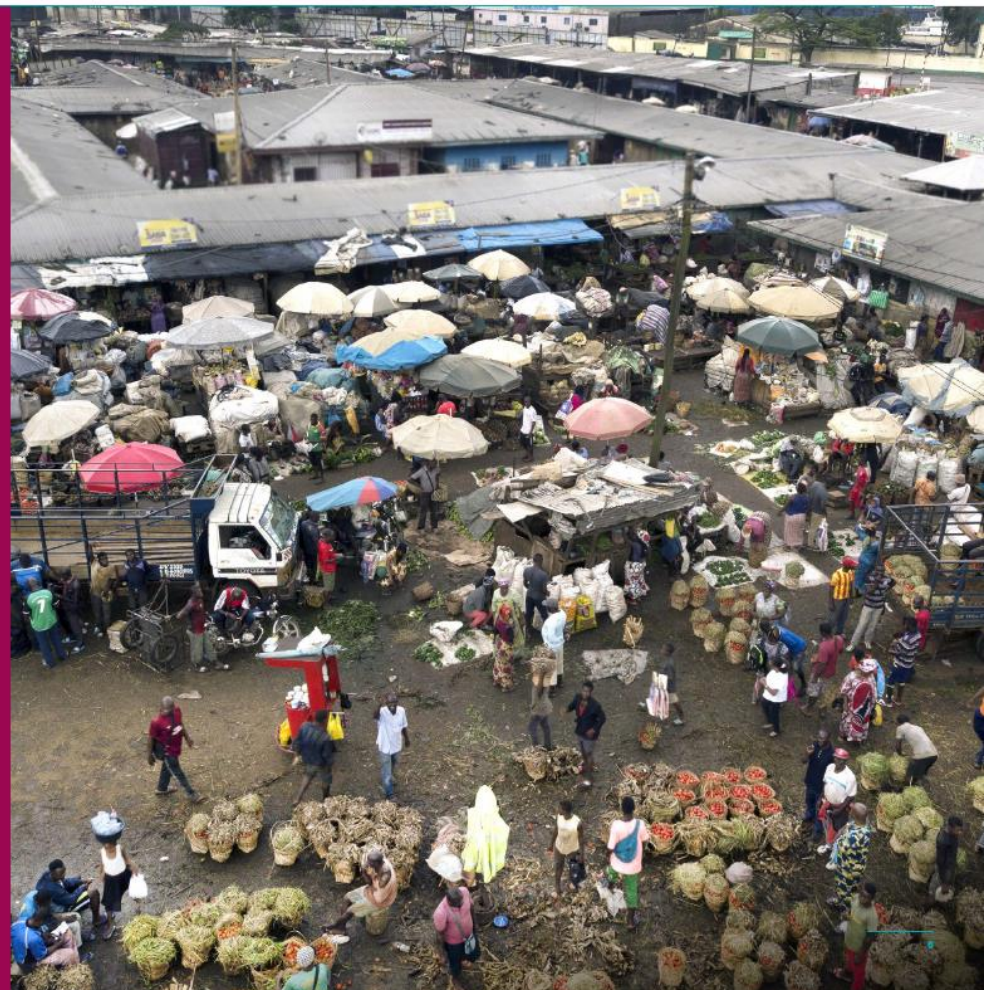
Project Grants *and* Project Preparation Grants

The STDF provides funding to develop and deliver innovative, cross-cutting SPS projects. STDF projects help public and private sector stakeholders in developing countries improve food safety, animal and plant health to facilitate safe trade. Projects often work as catalysts onboarding diverse partners and funding to support longer-term impact.

STDF's 2020-2024 Strategy Supports:



in addition, the Strategy contributes:





Knowledge Work

STDF's knowledge work aims to broadly support SPS capacity development and cuts across thematic topics including food safety, animal and plant health, and trade. It identifies and promotes good practices to improve SPS capacity development outcomes, convenes members and other relevant organizations and draws on their technical expertise. Thematic work streams are supported by peer review or practitioners' groups and can be linked to STDF projects on the ground, acting as a further catalyst.





Global Platform

The STDF Global Platform convenes and connects diverse public and private sector organizations across agriculture, health, trade and development to exchange experiences, identify opportunities for collaboration, and promote a more coherent approach to SPS capacity development. As part of this platform, the Working Group allows members to share and learn from each other's work, helping to disseminate, influence and scale up good practices more widely.



lessons learned



THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE WORK

COVID-19 abruptly affected the status-quo of how we work. It forced governments, organizations, and businesses to fundamentally adapt to a new, fast-changing, digital world. Meetings, conferences and one-to-one interaction moved to a virtual realm. The STDF managed to successfully engage its members in new meaningful, and catalytic ways.

The new methods used provided opportunities for greater inclusivity, increased inter-sessional communication and more diverse participation, as well as improved efficiency and coordination. These lessons, tools and methods will provide valuable insight and experiences for the future work of the STDF partnership.



COVID-19 REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR SPS INVESTMENTS AS A GLOBAL PUBLIC GOOD

COVID-19 offered a tragic but powerful reminder of the ease and speed with which pests and diseases can cross borders and the critical role of global supply chains. The pandemic illustrated not only the need to reduce trade costs, but also the interconnections among food, agriculture and the environment. Strengthening food safety, animal and plant health systems through a One Health approach is a clear priority for the future.

Though the world seemed to stop, trade in food clearly could not. Reflecting on this key lesson, the STDF strengthened its position as a thought leader in promoting the use of international standards as well as a provider of partnership-focused interventions to strengthen SPS capacity as a global public good.



GREATER ADOPTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

The global pandemic cleared the way for new and cutting-edge technologies to be implemented in every sector around the world. Whether it was small software innovation or bold ideas on automation, blockchain and robotics, there was a strong boost in the promotion and adoption of technologies.

Innovative technologies developed through the STDF were remarkable and set a precedent for effective innovation in the SPS area. Projects such as ePhyto and eVet advanced the acceptance and implementation of electronic SPS certification. Around the world, other new technologies are being tested to streamline inspection, control and surveillance of pests and diseases.



INCREASED VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE PARTNERSHIP MOVING FORWARD

2020 has shown us first-hand the power that international cooperation and effective partnerships have in aiding global recovery from devastating shocks. The crisis pointed to the continued interest in and value of STDF's global multi-stakeholder approach in improving food safety, animal and plant health capacity.

Going forward, the STDF will continue convening global experts from across agriculture, health, trade and development, drawing on their technical expertise to drive catalytic SPS improvements in developing and least developed countries, and influencing SPS capacity development more broadly.

STDF GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

FOUNDING PARTNERS



INCLUDING

CODEX

Codex Alimentarius Commission Secretariat

IPPC

International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat

DONORS IN 2020

Government agencies for agriculture, development, food, foreign affairs and trade:

