

Standards and Trade Development Facility

Project Document - STDF 9. Rev 1

1. Project title	Model Programme for Developing Food Standards within a Risk Analysis Framework: Pilot application in Asian and Pacific Countries
2. Requesting government/agency	FAO- Food Quality and Standards Service
3. Collaborating government(s)/agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO- Western Pacific and South East Asia Regional Offices • Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) (has agreed to act as a consultant to direct the development and delivery of the course content)
4. Project objectives	<p>In response to needs expressed by FAO member countries, this programme is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the capacity of low income countries to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Develop their own food standards ii) Participate in the Codex standard- setting process; and iii) Understand and comply with, in the development of these standards, international obligations under the relevant WTO Agreements. • Provide a model for implementation of this programme in other regions of the world.
5. Project activities Itemise main elements here and attach a detailed work plan, dissemination plan and evaluation plan	<p>Activity 1: Needs assessment and analysis of participating countries. (Month 1-3)</p> <p>Activity 2: Development of a training programme (Month 4-8)</p> <p>Activity 3: Implementation of a one-week training program (Month 9).</p> <p>Activity 4: Survey, evaluation of the course, and refinement of this project for application in other regions (Month 12). <i>Further details attached.</i></p>
6. Private sector participation Detail the role, if any, that will be played by the private sector in the project	<p>Each country involved will be required to include at least one representative of the private sector food industry in the needs assessment and analysis. The training program emphasizes the importance of involving all stakeholders, including the private sector and consumer groups, in drafting of standards and in effective national Codex committees.</p>
7. Project outputs Specify outputs in detail and show relationship to key STDF objectives including capacity enhancement, improved market access and trade opportunities, linkages to country or regional program development priorities, public-private co-operation, innovativeness, demonstration effects, etc.	<p>This model programme, including the training materials made available to the participating countries will result in the following outcomes from each of the regions where implemented:</p> <p><u>Trained staff:</u> Government regulatory officials responsible for developing food standards would be the principal beneficiaries of the training, and in turn, these participants will also have the skills to train others in standards development.</p> <p><u>Capacity enhancement:</u> This project will contribute to the improvement of many priority areas identified by low income countries, in particular:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes for developing standards which demonstrably conform with the WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement; • Mechanisms for developing and improving formal advisory and consultation processes among governments and between government and the private sector; • Capacity for officials to negotiate on international food standards issues; and • Provision of a forum for member governments to share their experiences, possibly encouraging ongoing information exchange. <p><u>Development of robust, transparent, and appropriate food standards:</u> This project will assist countries in establishing methods, processes, and infrastructures for the development of food standards. Development of such standards will contribute to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased market access and trade opportunities through increased safety and verification of the safety of food; and • Increased public health and safety through improved food safety
<p>8. Project inputs Specify total project cost. Attach detailed breakdown of proposed uses of funds.</p>	<p>Total project cost- US\$96 536 Requested from STDF- US\$69 536 <i>Detailed project inputs attached.</i></p>
<p>9. Non-STDF contributions Specify any financial contributions expected from sources other than STDF.</p>	<p>See attached project inputs for detailed information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAO Regular Program budget ▪ WHO Regular Program budget
<p>10. Timetable Show proposed commencement and conclusion dates (maximum project duration two years)</p>	<p>Anticipated Project Commencement: September 2004 Anticipated Project Conclusion: September 2005</p>

Model Programme for Developing Food Standards within a Risk Analysis Framework: Pilot application in Asian and Pacific Countries- Project document Annex

Project Activities and Work plan:

Activity 1: Needs assessment and analysis of participating countries. (Month 1-3)

A short survey will be developed and distributed to low income countries to provide information to better tailor Activity 2 to meet the specific needs and capacity of participating countries.

Activity 2: Development of a training programme (Month 4-8)

Based on the results of the needs assessment and subsequent analysis, a one-week training programme and relevant materials will be developed. This training program will aim to build the capacity of the participants to develop food standards through lectures and practical work by the participants on case studies and in working groups to develop appropriate standards during the week. The core of the training programme will include the following components:

Part 1: Introduction to risk analysis, international trends, and its relevance in establishing food standards

Part 2: Defining risk analysis and its components- the theory.

Part 3: Risk management and developing a food standard- theory sessions with practical case studies and working groups

- A. Identifying the need for a food regulatory measure
Establishing the legal framework and criteria for assessing standards and determining acceptable level of risk
Identifying risks: adverse health risks, economic, social, scientific, ethical
Categorizing and evaluating the risks: likelihood and consequences
- B. Identifying stakeholders, timelines, and resources
Involving the community and consulting effectively
- C. Considering issues: scientific, regulatory, international obligations
- D. Developing options and assessing regulatory impact/ competition policy aspects
- E. Drafting a standard
- F. Notifying stakeholders about proposed standard and undertaking further consultation
- G. Analyzing issues and revising standards
- H. Final decision making (legislative process or other political consideration)

Activity 3: One-week training program (Month 9)

One participant from each of eight (8) low and lower middle income countries in the South Pacific and two participants from each of six (6) low income countries in Asia to be sponsored to attend.

Activity 4: Survey, evaluation of the course, and refinement of project for application in other regions (Month 12).

The survey will be conducted 3 months after the conclusion of the training course and will ask countries and participants to report on progress in implementing written procedures and protocols that are developed and discussed at the training course. The results of the project evaluation will be used to further refine the course materials and content to be utilized in other regions of the world.

Project Inputs:

1) Inputs to be provided by FAO through regular program funding:

Development, distribution, and compilation of needs analysis and assessment surveys
in kind support- \$10 000

FAO staff person to work on course development and delivery -2 weeks
in kind support - \$6 000

2) Inputs to be provided by WHO through regular program funding:

Assistance with development, distribution, and compilation of needs analysis and assessment surveys
in kind support- \$5 000

WHO staff person to work on course development and delivery -2 weeks
in kind support - \$6 000

3) Inputs to be provided by FAO through STDF funding:

Salary for consultant to direct the development and delivery of the course content
\$15 000

Production and publication of course materials
\$7 200

Funding of South Pacific participants to the training course to be held in China (venue could be moved as appropriate):
6 days DSA* \$100/ day = US\$600/ participant

Air flight from South Pacific to China= US\$ 2400/ participant
8 participants* \$3000/ participant=
\$24 000

Funding of participants (2 per country) from Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar
6 days DSA* \$100/ day = US\$600/ participant

Air flight from Asian countries to China= US\$ 600/ participant
12 participants* \$1200/ participant=
\$14 400

Funding of FSANZ personnel to the training course to be held in China:
6 days DSA* \$100/ day = US\$600/ participant

Air flight from South Pacific to China= US\$ 2400/ participant
1 participants* \$3000/ participant=
\$3 000

Development, distribution, and compilation of evaluation survey of the course. **\$2 000**

Project Servicing Cost (6%) **\$3 936**

TOTAL FAO/STDF Contribution (US\$)	\$69 536
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