

SPS PROJECT

Support to the Caribbean Forum of ACP States in the Implementation of Commitments Undertaken Under the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA): Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Year 1 - Plan of Action and Implementation Schedule

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			Q3 - 2014	Q4 - 2014	Q1 - 2015	Q2 - 2015
COMPONENT 1. Develop model legislation, protocols, standards, measures and guidelines in the areas of agricultural health and food safety (AHFS) including fisheries						
1.1 Finalization of plant protection and animal health model legislation						
1.1.1 Validation of Draft Bills on plant health and animal health to the competent legal authorities for review and recommendations to the Heads of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review existing model legislation with respect to international requirements and also country requests (include meeting with AHFS directorate and CCS/CAHFS); Send updated DRAFT to countries for review; Host regional workshop to validate model legislation; Send final model to countries; Present model to Heads of Government; Determine use of model bill (Years 2 and 3) 	Linkage with FAO TCP (BDOS, GRN, ANU, DOM) - development of legislative framework for traceability and recall.				
1.1.2 Review the existing plant and animal health legislation for the DR and consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review existing legislation with respect to international requirements and also country requirements; Host national workshop to validate model; Finalize and CNMSF sends to Government; Determine use of model bill (Years 2 and 3) 					

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1.2 Development of model food safety legislation						
1.2.1 Initiate review of draft model food safety Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing model legislation with respect to international requirements and also country requirements; include meeting with AHFS directorate and CCS/CAHFSA; Send updated DRAFT to countries for review; Host regional workshop to validate model; Send final model to countries; Present model to Heads of Government; Determine use of model bill (Years 2 and 3) 	Linkage with FAO TCP (BDOS, GRN, ANU, DOM) - development of legislative framework for traceability and recall.				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host technical Meetings relating to legislative framework 					
1.3 Development of Model Fish Health and Fisheries Products and Related Legislation						
1.3.1 Review and draft fish health and fisheries products and related legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing model legislation with respect to international requirements and also country requests; include meeting with AHFS directorate and CCS/CAHFSA; Send updated DRAFT to countries for review; 	Linkage with FAO TCP (BDOS, GRN, ANU, DOM) - development of legislative framework for traceability and recall.				
1.3.2 Organize national and regional consultations to review the draft model fish health and fisheries products and related legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host national and regional workshop to validate model; Send final model to countries; Present model to Heads of Government; Determine use of model bill (Years 2 and 3). Note for the OECS - Sub-Regional Workshop. 	Linkage with FAO TCP (BDOS, GRN, ANU, DOM) - development of legislative framework for traceability and recall.				

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1.3.2 Organize national and regional consultations to review the draft model fish health and fisheries products and related legislation (Con't)	_ Host industry workshop to sensitize stakeholders to model bill.					
1.4 Relevant protocols/standards/ guidelines and accompanying regulations developed						
1.4.1. Review and assessment of existing supporting regulations	_ Review existing regulations in relation to model legislation developed and specific requests by Member States.	Linkage with FAO relating to model regulations developed for plant and animal health legislation for Bahamas and Suriname. Information will be used in the conduct of this activity.				
1.4.2 Preparation, drafting and finalization of accompanying Plant, animal, food safety and fisheries supporting regulations in consultative meetings with Member States	_ Review existing regulations in relation to model legislation developed and specific requests by Member States.					
	_Host Regional workshop to present regulations to company legislation. (Conducted at the regional legislation workshop)					
	_ Support Regional consultation for draft ISPMs	Conducted in collaboration with the IPPC				
	_ Host workshop on development of protocols/systems for traceability and certification.	Linked to 3.1.1 (Capacity Building)				

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Component 2. Develop effective national and regional coordination mechanisms in the support of the SPS regime						
2.1 Strengthening or establishment of national coordination and implementing mechanisms						
2.1.1 National Institutional coordination mechanism models prepared and presented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and revise existing mechanism with national specialists; Develop possible systems; Present to AHFS directorate in countries; Garner support and obtain approval for implementation 	Currently under the OECS SPS 10th EDF Project- situational analysis being conducted relating to coordination of AHFS systems in the OECS. This activity under the SPS proeject will be conducted in collaboration with the OECS and build on this information.				
2.1.2 Application of PVS tools (assessment and analysis of AHFS services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host national consultations to determine AHFS needs of member states. 	This activity was conducted at the beginning of the project to determine national needs.				
2.1.3 Support to national coordination bodies (CODEX, IPPC, OIE, SPS) and attendance to selected SPS, Codex, IPPC and OIE meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Member States at international meetings relating to SPS matters (e.g. CODEX, IPPC, OIE, SPS, special international fisheries meetings) 					

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2.2 Operationalizing Regional coordination and implementing mechanisms						
2.2.1 Establish and initiate prioritized programme of work for the regional SPS coordinating mechanisms (such as CNMSF, CAHFS)	_ Support operationalisation of CAHFS - Board meeting, Working Group meeting and attendance at international meetings					
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2.2.2 Information technology platform established for regional communication include CNMSF (forward and backward linkages with hub)	_ Host consultations with Regional fora and AHFS Institutions to determine information needs and current status of strategy for information sharing					
2.2.3 Support the technical regional AHFS fora: CVOs, Plant Health Directors, CaribVET, CGPC etc.	_ Support annual meetings of CPHD forum as well as working group meetings	Co-funding with USDA and FAO				
	_ Support annual meeting CaribVet/CVOs as well as working group meetings	Co-funding with FAO and CIRAD				
	_ Support annual meeting CPCG as well as working group meetings	Co-funding with FAO				

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2.3 Data collection, management, monitoring and evaluation and reporting systems established for the national regulatory agencies						
2.3.1 Determine the data acquisition, management, and M&E needs for AHFS and Fisheries CA/Inspection Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of the data management systems - status, needs and required resources – survey of MS 	Linkage with OECS SPS project - development of knowledge management strategy for AHFS in the OECS.				
2.3.2 Organize national and regional consultations to review the proposed data management system for management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the inspection services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct national and regional consultations. NB. Linkage with OECS knowledge management strategy for AHFS. 	Linkage with OECS SPS project - development of knowledge management strategy for AHFS in the OECS.				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support participation of Member States in training on knowledge management. 					
3.1 Training programmes for animal health, plant health and food safety developed and delivered for competent authorities and regulatory agencies						
3.1.1 Risk Analysis, surveillance training in all AHFS disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct national training relating to <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> Tropical Race 4 – Banana/Plantain growing countries (major countries Year 1 - Bz, Guy, Hai, DR, DOM, SLU, SVG. Year 2 additional Member States) 	Collaboration with the FAO				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support One-health leadership programme (2 year programme; 4 modules). (cost for 22 persons + facilitators and mentors) 	Collaboration with PAHO, UWI, FAO				

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3.1.1 Risk Analysis, surveillance training in all AHFS disciplines (Con't)	_ Support Rabies diagnostics training	CaribVet - Public Health Working Group				
	_ Support the development of protocols and guidelines for <i>Salmonella</i> training	CaribVet - Public Health Working Group				
	_ Support training in Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).	Collaboration with the CPHD - safeguarding working group.				
	_ Host Regional workshop – development of surveillance systems for high consequence pests in the Caribbean - Regulatory personnel trained and manual developed. (Use prioritized pest list from CPHD to determine target pests).	Collaboration with the CPHD - safeguarding working group. Co-funded with the USDA.				
	_ Develop public awareness materials to prevent leptospirosis in animals and people	Collaboration with CaribVet				
	_ Train-the-Trainers workshop in disease prioritization, using the CaribVET tool.	Collaboration with CaribVet - Epigroup				
	_ Develop protocols/manual for national traceability and certification systems	Linked to 1.4 (Legislative framework)				

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3.1.2 Inspection procedures and techniques, diagnostics and identification in all AHFS disciplines	_ Support Plant Quarantine training . Support provided to 8 Member States.	Collaboration with UWI, USDA, OECS Secretariat CPHD Forum.				
3.1.3 Training in GAPs, GMPs, GLP, HACCP, good fisheries practices and good animal rearing practices etc.	_ Train GAP assessors - conduct of 5 day training course to assess farms for GAP readiness and to assist farmers to adopt GAP practices.	Collaboration with EU BAM projects in DOM, SLU, ANU, SVG – building capacity for local GAP certification.				
3.1.4 Internships, attachments and medium-term academic training	_ Support post graduate training in pesticide risk management and other relevant areas.	Collaboration with Caribbean Pesticide Coordinating Group (CPCG).				
3.2 Training programmes developed and delivered across the value chain for industry stakeholders						
3.2.1 Training in international SPS requirements	_ Conduct assessment of in-actions relating to SPS matters (5 Member States used as case studies; including the DR)					
	_ Host seminar and panel discussion at the CWA to sensitize policy makers and other key industry stakeholders on SPS matters and Regional economic development. Exhibition will also be mounted.					

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3.2.2 Training in GAPs, GMPs, HACCP and good fisheries practices and animal rearing practices	_ Train VC Facilitators (from the industry)	10th EDF - APP Project Collaboration (Component 3 - Marketing and agribusiness development)				
	_ Develop pesticide training manual for farmers, vendors, pest control operators. (building on existing manuals)	Support to the work of the Caribbean Pesticide Coordinating Group (CPCG)				
3.2.2 Training in GAPs, GMPs, HACCP and good fisheries practices and animal rearing practices (Con't)	_ Develop 3 videos on chemical safety.	Support to the work of the Caribbean Pesticide Coordinating Group (CPCG)				
	_ Host National trainings for value chain stakeholders; arrange visits by stakeholders to potential markets to gain an in-depth knowledge of market requirements.	Linkage with 10th EDF TBT project - CALEDINA assessment relating to quality infrastructure. Also link with CaFAN and CNFO				
3.3 Strengthening and enhancing laboratory systems and networks						
3.3.1 Establish/strengthen national and regional laboratory networks	_ Host Regional workshop to draft possible networking strategy for national and regional laboratories (private and public).	Collaboration with 10th EDF TBT Project - CROSQ. Secondary data will be used including studies conducted by CARICOM, OECS, CROSQ				

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3.3.2 Rationalization of use of labs in Region	_ Host Regional workshop on accreditation and the selection of Conformity Assessment Bodies to accredited.	Collaboration with 10th EDF TBT Project - CROSEQ. Secondary data will be used including studies conducted by CARICOM, OECS, CROSEQ				
	_ Support training for laboratory staff in member states					
3.4 Identifying Private industry standards impacting key export areas and analyzing them with a view to capacity building						
3.4.1 Analysis of impact of private industry standards and implementation of related capacity building	_ Assess the use of private industry standards in the Region and the limitations for adoption/impact for non-adoption.					
3.5 Establishing national and regional environmental monitoring programmes						
3.5.1 Assess the status of fish quality along the fish value chain and develop a programme for quality assurance and safety.	Collect data along the value chain and develop food safety operational manuals (field/environmental, laboratory, market, trade) to support the activities of designated persons and/or entities responsible for the safety of fishery products in countries.					

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3.5.2 Review and develop programmes and plans for environmental monitoring for fisheries and agriculture	Review current programmes and plans for environmental monitoring for fisheries and agriculture					
3.6 Establishing national (aquaculture) and farm level residue monitoring programmes						
3.6.1 Review existing residue monitoring programmes for aquaculture in the CARIFORUM Member States.	Collect baseline data towards the development of monitoring programmes in Member States					
3.6.2 Design model farm and national level residue monitoring programmes	Utilize baseline data towards the development of monitoring programmes in Member States					

