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PROJECT 65:

A model for the development of a private/public safety control system for the horticultural sectors in Guinea

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STDF WORKING GROUP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

STDF Project number	65: A Model for the development of a private/public safety control system for the horticultural sector in Guinée Conakry, West Africa
Date of Working Group approval	September 2005
Date of start of implementation / supervision activities	November 2005; Duration of the project: two years (extended to 30 June 2008)
Overall status report	<p>Describe the current status of implementation in comparison with the activities, timetable and budget set out in the project document:</p> <p>Following the 05 training workshops organized last year (2007), between Jan-June 2008, the following activities were implemented:</p> <p>Assisted Coopérative Agro-pastorale de Burquiah; one of three pilot farm's under the project, to upgrade its skills and competences in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) to attain GlobalGAP certification of its horticultural products. Coopérative Agro-pastorale de Burquiah is already EurepGAP certified through the project;</p> <p>To strengthen national certification capacity in the horticultural sector, IMO; a Swiss-based internationally accredited auditors and certification body, prepared and delivered a trade-related capacity building training workshop on GlobalGAP. Key stakeholders; selected pilot farms, Ministry of Trade and Industry, CAFEX, Centre National de Contrôle de Qualité, participated in the workshop, held in Conakry, from 31 March to 02 April 2008; and</p> <p>IMO prepared an audit report on GlobalGAP for Kalo Enterprises; a Potato Producers Association. Kalo Enterprises, through the project, is upgrading its on-farm facilities and assurance systems to achieve GlobalGAP certification of its horticultural products.</p> <p>Outline any implementation problems encountered and actions taken to resolve them.</p> <p>The pre-audit phase was conducted by IMO; a Swiss-based internationally accredited auditors and certification body. The certification process for the pilot farms under option 1 went well. However, option 2 may be delayed given the necessary investments which need to be done to comply with GlobalGAP protocols (building warehouses, toilets, implementing all non-conformity points, etc). The demanding requirements of GlobalGAP were such that Fabik Banana Coopérative had to withdraw from the project because of resource constraints and lack of skills.</p> <p>This situation (withdrawal) underlines and reiterates the call - made by the 03 pilot farms and trainees in 2007 - to increase the funds allocated to each pilot farm to the tune of US\$30,000 (or US\$90,000 total) in order to get certification.</p> <p>Describe project activities in the past six months and any relevant outputs</p> <p>Inspection activities for the Coopérative Burquiah and Kalo Enterprises will take</p>

	<p>place from 3 to 9 October 2008 to check their conformity points to comply with GlobalGap certification;</p> <p>A mission took place from 27 to 30 August 2008 to visit the farm and control the specific infrastructure and equipment directly related to sanitary and financed by the project; meet with the beneficiaries, the national project management unit (NPMU) and its national coordinator;</p> <p>The "Manuel de Procédure" for national auditors was finalized and distributed to the beneficiaries;</p> <p>A webmaster was identified and recruited to redesign and developed the SPS Portal in order to make it operational and effective;</p> <p>Equipments for the laboratories have been identified in Switzerland and South Africa and UNCTAD's procurement Section is in the process of completing the administrative procedures;</p> <p>Upgraded safety assurance schemes and GAP competencies of Coopérative Agro-pastorale de Burquiah towards attaining GlobalGAP certification for agricultural products;</p> <p>Through the commissioning and delivery of the training workshop on GlobalGAP to increase the capacity of national certification and standards, IMO produced a 70-page report <i>IMO Cours GlobalGap</i>, as well as other training modules; and</p> <p>IMO prepared an audit report: <i>Pré-audit se la base des point des contrôle et critère de conformité GlobalGAP chez l'Entreprise Kalo</i>, Soumbalako (Mamou), Guinée, and other training materials.</p>
Achievements / Impact	<p>Outline any impact which the project may be having. Impact can be quantitatively measured or qualitatively judged.</p> <p>Of the 03 pilot farms, only Coopérative Agro-pastorale de Burquiah exports pineapples to France. However, with the pre-audit reports completed for Kalo Enterprises and, the high potential for GlobalGAP certification, this situation is expected to improve in terms of:</p> <p>Increased market access for horticultural producers linked with the pilot farms;</p> <p>Increase the overall national competencies to better understand and address or comply with SPS requirements and retailers' agri-food safety standards at all levels;</p> <p>Being able to meet stringent market entry requirements - SPS compliance, food safety and quality requirements - means better terms of trade for both the producers (income) and government (export revenue). This contributes towards addressing the MDGs' number one objective: poverty reduction, given the extensive linkages the 3 pilot farms have with over 1,500 small horticultural farmers.</p>
End date	<p>State the project end date: 31 December 2008.</p> <p>Project needs to be extended to December 2008 to fully achieve the goal of the</p>

	project, especially as it pertains to the resource investments required of the pilot farms to attain GlobalGAP certification and to buy the necessary equipments for the laboratories.
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