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Project Title: Enhancing the capacity of the Fruit and Vegetable Sector in Uganda to comply with Phytosanitary requirements for export to EU, other high-end markets and regional markets

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Project Code (if applicable): STDF/PG/543

1. Project Profile	
Recipient Region(s)/ Countries	Uganda
Donor/ Resource Partner	The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), The Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE) in Kampala, Uganda, Government of Uganda, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF).
Collaboration / Participating Organizations	The Department of Crop Inspection and Certification, (National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) in MAAIF).
Project Budget (detailed funds and/or in-kind)	Total Budget: USD 882 726 STDF Grant: USD 484 788 RNE Grant: USD 252 565 Uganda Government (MAAIF) In Kind: USD 145 373
Project Timing	2019-02 – 2022-09 (STDF Component) 2019-02 – 2022-07 (RNE Component)
2. Summary of Project (Scope, Relevance to the IPPC, Main outputs, Success and challenges)	
<p>The project's overall goal was to improve market access to the EU, other high-end and regional markets for Ugandan fresh fruits and vegetables (FFVs) by improving Uganda's compliance with international phytosanitary standards for production and export.</p> <p>This project enabled Uganda's NPPO to implement various IPPC articles and ISPMs such as: ISPM 6 (<i>Surveillance</i>), ISPM 8 (<i>Determination of pest status in an area</i>), ISPM 11 (<i>Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests</i>), ISPM 12 (<i>Phytosanitary certificates</i>) and Annex 1 of the IPPC, ISPM 14 (<i>The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management</i>), ISPM 17 (<i>Pest reporting</i>) and IPPC Article VIII paragraph 1(a), ISPM 23 (<i>Guidelines for inspection</i>) and ISPM 31 (<i>Methodologies for sampling of consignments</i>).</p> <p>During project implementation, reference was made to the NPPO's roles as the official institution/ entity established by Government to discharge functions specified by the IPPC, Article IV.1., Emphasis was made on NPPO role to carry out official prevention, introduction or spread of quarantine pests. Responsibilities of the NPPO (as in IPPC Text Article IV 2 (a–h): exports). This was key for building public-private partnerships (PPP) synergies and enhancing private sector self-regulation to compliment official phytosanitary controls.</p> <p>The project focused specifically on reducing interceptions of Capsicum. An end-of-project external assessment concluded that the project had achieved its purpose by reducing interceptions of Capsicum due to harmful organisms. By September 2022 there were only 3 cases of Capsicum interceptions due to harmful organisms (Hos) compared to 43 reported in 2018.</p>	
3. Project Supporting Materials [e.g. hyperlinks]	
<p>Twitter of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) of Uganda: https://twitter.com/MAAIF_Uganda/status/1638095327499567104?t=3BWhDiKVqEyVTjIsYjQUQ7Q&s=19</p>	

STDF website, Enhancing the capacity of the fruit and vegetable sector to comply with phytosanitary requirements for export to global markets (STDF/PG/543): <https://standardsfacility.org/PG-543>

4. List project technical resources (i.e. guides, training materials, tools) that could be useful and used by other stakeholders

- Sanitary and Phytosanitary certification farmer led training videos in collaboration with NPPO Uganda; <https://youtu.be/WE3inQHFz8c>;
- SPS Communication training videos for farmers growing fruits and vegetables delivered through a PPP (NPPO and farmers), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzRFyJjeoLQ>;
 - SPS certification and training videos for Fruits and Vegetable exporters to manage quarantine pests on exported produce. https://twitter.com/MAAIF_Uganda/status/1651582303313821697?t=MDSLSoK-2LaitSCaZEwkNA&s=09
 - Procedures for registration for export of fresh fruits and vegetables from Uganda disseminated; https://twitter.com/MAAIF_Uganda/status/1651579010608930817?t=ryahEN-b3pUjXhzi_EgRfA&s=09
 - Phytosanitary export certification procedures a component of the Communication Strategy
 - Farmer Pest Fact Sheets for Mango, Karella, Capsicum and Garden Eggs.
 - Official Border Point Inspection SPS certification procedures by NPPO for horticulture exports, <https://youtu.be/PfzImdubXds>;
 - E-Phyto certification; streamlined export procedures <https://youtu.be/r5D0aOR3WWk>;

5. Provide a list of project experts that could be recommended to other stakeholders and describe why

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6. List targeted beneficiaries [i.e. regions, countries, RPPOs, NPPOs and other institutions]

East Africa (EAC), Southern Africa (SADC)
European Union, North America including Canada, Asia,

Exporter Associations: HortiFresh, The Federation of Associations of Uganda Exporters (FAUEX), HOPE, Horticultural Exporters Association of Uganda (HORTEXA), Uganda Fruits and Vegetables and Exporters Association (UVEAPA), Uganda Horticulture Exporters and Processors Association (UHEPA) and Farmer groups of fruits and vegetables