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Getting in touch about the IPPC CPM Focus Group on safe provisions of food and other humanitarian aid

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Background

During an **emergency situation**, for example when **natural disasters** happen, conditions at borders can be very abnormal and contracting parties and their national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) usually face challenges to **effectively manage pest risk**.



Reduction or absence of (for example):

- inspection and diagnosis: lack of personnel due to inability to travel or diverted to emergency
- equipment and infrastructure being inaccessible: e.g. water, electricity, roads and ports





Background (cont'd)

During an **emergency situation**, usually the affected country (recipient) receives **humanitarian aid** from other countries (donors).



It has been recognized that the **provision of aid supplies could bring pests** which can cause **mid- and long-term impacts** on the economy, environment and communities.

To recall that, in emergency crisis situations, **affected countries can be temporarily constrained** in their ability to implement their **phytosanitary responsibilities**.





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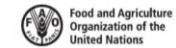
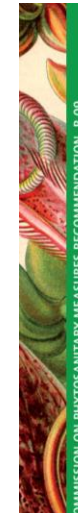
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What is the IPPC doing?

The IPPC recognizes the necessity for international co-operation to prevent the global spread of plant pests, as outlined in Article IV of the Convention text.

IPPC has an adopted CPM Recommendation on “Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (R-09)”: it applies the principle of phytosanitary **preparedness** and **response** to the provision of urgent **disaster-relief assistance** and encourages recipient and exporting countries to develop adequate response plans and use guidance available in adopted standards.



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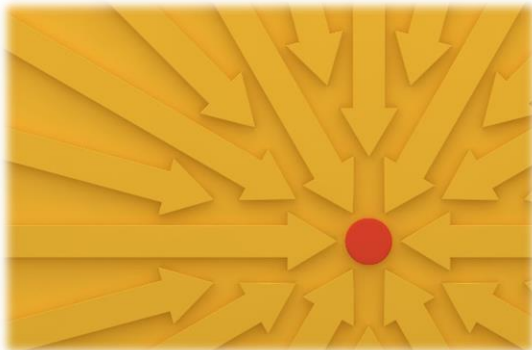
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What is the IPPC doing?

However, the IPPC community acknowledges that more is needed.

Given the:

- predicted increase in frequency of natural disasters
- potential man-made disasters, and
- the historical incidence of pest introductions through humanitarian aid





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What is the IPPC doing?

CPM-16 (2022) established a **CPM focus group** on this matter to:

- support the objectives of the IPPC strategic framework 2030;
- to enhance global food security and;
- to protect the environment from the impacts of plant pests and, where appropriate, environmental pests.



→ It came from countries request to **try to address the gaps in phytosanitary processes**, with the intention to **potentially develop an international standard** on this topic.



CPM focus group on “safe aid”

“Saving lives is of the utmost importance, noting that there are other considerations to be made regarding the provisions of safe movement of aid.”



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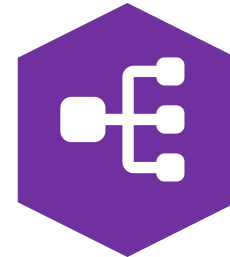
CPM focus group on “safe aid” at their face-to-face meeting in Nadi, Fiji 2023



CPM focus group on “safe aid” key focuses



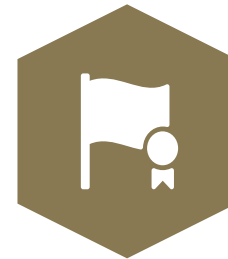
Gaps in the current
suite of ISPMs



Elaborate an action plan in
collaboration with WOAHA, CODEX
and WFP



Complexity of the topic:
there is a need for a suite of
materials and tools



Develop communications
and advocacy material



Donor agencies (e.g. WFP,
FAO) and partners
engagement



Developed of a revised draft
Specification for an ISPM (currently
under consultation period)



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CPM focus group on “safe aid” – following CPM 18



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- CPM-18 (2024) extended the mandate of the focus group until CPM-20 (2026).
- Additional tasks were included in the group’s terms of reference.
- Financial contributions received from Australia.
- IPPC secretariat issued a call for additional experts (May-June).
- Tentative next meeting: 07-11 October 2024.



What's next? - Stay tuned!

- 1 | Revision of the draft Specification for an ISPM, and discussions on having an IPPC standard (to CPM-19, 2025).
- 2 | Webinar on “Safe Provisions of food and other humanitarian aid” (TBD).
- 3 | Development of communications and advocacy material.
- 4 | Development of an Action Plan in collaboration with WOAHA, CODEX, WFP and FAO.
- 5 | Consider further the need of other support and implementation material on this topic.
- 6 | **Question:** What is the potential role of your RPPO, and IPPC RPPOs in general, in supporting the work of the focus group and this topic?
- 7 | **Question:** What is the potential role of your NPPO and how do you see this topic in the IPPC community?



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Thank you

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