Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP**

CPM FOCUS GROUP ON Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid – ACTION PLAN

*(Prepared by CPM Focus Group and IPPC secretariat)*

1. Background

1. The [Focus Group](https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/cpm-focus-group-reports/fg-safe-provision-of-food-and-other-humanitarian-aid/#:~:text=The%20Focus%20Group%20on%20Safe,CPM%2D20%20(2026).) on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid (FGSA) was established by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in 2022 (CPM-16). It is composed of nine members representing Latin America and the Caribbean, Southwest Pacific, Africa, Europe and Central Asia, North America and Near East and North Africa regions. It also includes representatives from CPM Bureau, Standard Committee and Implementation Committee, and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs).
2. **Table 1**. Composition of the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid as of October 2025.

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|  | **FAO Region** | **Member** | **Country/ RPPO** |
| 1 | Latin America and the Caribbean  | Nelson LAVILLE **(Chairperson)** | CAHFSA |
| 2 | Southwest Pacific  | Riten GOSAI (RPPO rep) | PPPO |
| 3 | Africa   | Luiza M. MUNYUA (RPPO rep) | AU- IAPSC |
| 4 | Southwest Pacific  | Olive Juliet JAY TO-ALESANA | Samoa |
| 5 | Africa  | Thomas Kimeli KOSIOM | Kenya |
| 6 | Europe and Central Asia | Marco TRAA | The Netherlands |
| 7 | North America   | Tanya STAFFEN | Canada  |
| 8 | Near East and North Africa   | Mr Ramez Ali DARWISH | Syria  |
| 9 | Africa | Shepherd KALUMBA | Zambia |
| - | CPM Bureau rep | Temarama ANGUNA-KAMANA | Pacific region |
| - | Standards Committee (SC) rep  |  Sophie Alexia PETERSON **(Vice-Chairperson)** | Pacific region |
| - | Implementation Committee (IC) rep | Lucien KOUAMÉ KONAN | Africa region |
| **IPPC Secretariat** |
|  |  IPPC Secretariat Coordinator | Adriana G. MOREIRA |  |
|  | IPPC Secretariat Technical Support |  Marina Elena MARTINO |  |

1. Following the extension of the FGSA mandate up to CPM-20 (2026)[[1]](#footnote-2), its Terms of Reference were reviewed and subsequently approved at CPM-18 (2024)[[2]](#footnote-3). As part of this extended mandate, several new tasks have been identified, including:

*The development of an Action Plan in collaboration with WOAH, CODEX, WFP and FAO (in the first instance), to facilitate work as the three sisters and more holistically address the issues raised by IPPC community members.*

1. Since CPM-19 (March 2025), the FGSA has convened once, meeting face-to-face in Nairobi, Kenya, in June 2025. This meeting, the third in-person session since the group’s establishment, was co-organized with Kenya’s National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO): the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS). Key stakeholders in attendance included representatives from the World Food Programme - Kenya, the FAO Subregional Office for Eastern Africa, the Seed Trade Association of Kenya, the Kenya Disaster Management Unit, and the Kenya Red Cross. The meeting had a broad media coverage in Kenya and East Africa television.
2. A central item on the agenda of the Nairobi meeting was the development of the Action Plan. The Focus Group, together with the key stakeholders in attendance of the meeting, engaged in in-depth discussions on the level and modalities of collaboration with partner organizations. Focus Group members emphasized the importance of working synergistically while aligning efforts within their respective areas of expertise. The group also considered ways to incorporate the One Health approach, particularly from a humanitarian aid perspective, and explored several potential mechanisms to facilitate effective collaboration.
3. The draft Action Plan (Appendix 1) is hereby presented to the CPM Bureau for its review. To note that it will be subsequently presented to the CPM-20 (2026) for its final approval, along with the final report of the focus group.

Recommendations

The SPG is invited to:

1. *provide* commentson the Action Plan for collaboration with partner organizations developed by the focus group.
2. discuss  how and by whom this Action Plan could be implemented.

**Appendix 1. Action plan for collaboration with WOAH, CODEX, WFP, and FAO - CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid**

**Aim**

1. To achieve an integrated and coordinated approach to tackle humanitarian aid regarding associated biosecurity issues (plant health, animal production, animal health and food safety).

**Purpose**

1. To ensure that all biosecurity regulations are pre-emptively and routinely complied with, as in normal trade, in order to facilitate the movement of humanitarian aid without undue delay.

**Introduction**

1. The IPPC community recognizes that the risks that aid movement poses is not only related to phytosanitary issues, but also to animal production, animal health and food safety. As a result, the CPM requested the focus group to develop an action plan to better engage, collaborate, understand activities of each organization on this topic of humanitarian aid. The implementation of this action plan will contribute to short- and long-term recovery for the purpose of protecting food security and economic prosperity, promote sustainable agriculture, and protect the environment.

**Result**

1. To fulfil CPM request to have more active engagement and collaboration.

1. Key activities

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| **Proposed strategic guiding questions** | **Key activities** |
| 1. How can the IPPC community effectively engage with WOAH, CODEX, WFP, and FAO to promote coordinated biosecurity measures during the provision of humanitarian aid—without compromising its core phytosanitary mandate?
 | * 1. Establishment of a linkage with the organizations with the support of the IPPC secretary
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| * 1. Take opportunities in the existing forums (the quadripartite CODEX, FAO, WOAH) to inform them about the risks related to humanitarian aid not only for plant health, but also for their areas
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| * 1. Establishment of an informal cooperation to advocate jointly
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| * 1. Promotion of advocacy activities, including webinar, video and the e-learning modules to those organizations
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| * 1. Actively request reports to CPM from WOAH, CODEX and WFP combined with information on disease outbreaks related to humanitarian aid
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| * 1. IPPC Observatory joint study on outbreaks or incursions animal disease, food safety and plant health linked to aid movement (with WOAH and CODEX as contributing authors)
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| 1. What mechanisms can be established to align the implementation of the recommendation on humanitarian aid with the standards, tools, and practices of other organizations (e.g., WOAH Terrestrial Code, CODEX guidelines, WFP logistics)?
 | * 1. Ask to WOAH, CODEX to investigate whether a CPM recommendation equivalent document be developed for their sectors in relation to humanitarian aid provision
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| * 1. Request WOAH, CODEX, WFP to collaborate by providing insights to the IPPC during the review of the CPM Recommendation 09
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| * 1. Seek insights through a discussion paper from WOAH, CODEX and WFP on the draft ISPM during the consultation period
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| * 1. Seek WOAH, CODEX and WFP to send reports to be provided at the CPM session on what those organizations are doing with regard to humanitarian aid in their areas (food safety, animal health, capacity building)
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| * 1. Request a side meeting with WOAH and CODEX reps at the margins of CPM-20 science session to give an introduction
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| * 1. Engage with WOAH, CODEX and WFP counterparts within countries and regions to advocate for collaboration and partnership
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| * 1. Investigate other existing mechanisms or platforms with relevant stakeholders along the aid supply chain that could be used to promote the importance of phytosanitary considerations in the movement of aid
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| * 1. Investigate joint coordinated capacity development activities
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| 1. What specific joint actions, communication channels, and knowledge exchange mechanisms should be included in the action plan?
 | * 1. Seek report on what those organizations are doing in their area (food safety, animal health, capacity building)
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| * 1. Advocate to be part of regional FAO forum agendas (e.g. SIDS, World Food Forum and others)
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2. Strategic objectives

1. Strengthen inter-organizational collaboration and governance mechanisms
2. Align risk management procedures for biosecurity in humanitarian aid
3. Facilitate timely information exchange and joint assessments
4. Promote coordinated capacity development across sectors
5. Safeguard the IPPC mandate while supporting holistic biosecurity

3. Stakeholder Engagement Plan

* Target groups: NPPOs, veterinary authorities, food safety regulators, humanitarian logisticians
* Engagement methods: Regional consultations, technical workshops, written feedback on drafts
* Outreach tools: Joint newsletters, multilingual guidance briefs, webinars, field demonstrations

4. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework – proposed timelines pending

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| **Phase** | **Activity** | **Tools** | **Responsibility** |
| Baseline (Q2 2025) | Mapping of collaboration status | Survey, document review | IPPC Secretariat |
| Mid-Term (Q2 2026) | Progress review workshop | Self-assessment, partner review | Coordination Group |
| Final (Q4 2027) | Evaluation and reporting | Independent consultant, partner input | IPPC Secretariat |

5. Risk Management

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| **Risk** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Mitigation** |
| Organizational dilution of visibility of phytosanitary concerns  | Medium | High | Shared leadership roles and consensus-based decision-making |
| Being required to implement a framework or a system that is not suitable for the phytosanitary context | High | High | Shared leadership roles and consensus-based decision-making; there must be room for phytosanitary-related needs (e.g. systems and procedures) |
| Conflicting mandates or standards | High | Medium | Clarification of scope of the different stakeholders  |
| Limited field-level uptake | Medium | High | Involvement of national authorities early in process |
| Not achieving agreement for implementation of the action plan | Medium  | High | Advocate CPM that is needed |
| The other “SPS-sisters” do not need to be involved  | Medium | Medium | Use other entry points or mechanisms to achieve our needs |

1. CPM- 18 report available here: <https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/cpm/cpm-sessions/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. FGSA updated ToR: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/93621/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)