



Enhancing Phytosanitary Systems for Healthy Plants, Safe & Sustainable Trade”



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Sub-theme:

Capacity building in phytosanitary systems for the regulatory bodies and the industry

Title:

TRASE: Capacity building programmes towards strengthening regulatory and industry capacity on Phytosanitary surveillance, Inspection & Market compliance in East African Community.

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TRASE - Introduction

- A 5-year USDA/FAS investment (2019 -2024) to improve intra-regional and international trade in the EAC by improving SPS systems among Partner States (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi)
- TRASE builds on prior SPS investments in the region, notably the East African Trade Hub
- Primary focus is unlocking regional trade but with an eye on expanding regional and global trade via systems, standards, trainings, etc.
- Guided by a Steering Committee made up of the EAC Secretariat, USG, Ministries of Trade and private sector partners



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TRASE objectives



Increase intra and international trade by \$250m



Improve regional SPS coordination



Increased domestication of approved EAC measures



Strengthened SPS institutional framework, including private sector engagement



Key phytosanitary issues in EAC.



- Weak SPS coordination at national and regional level
- Weak SPS management systems that compromise safe trade.
- Lack of transparency on country pest status and mitigation measures
- Weak regional SPS laboratory systems
- Weak early warning, inadequate preparedness and emergency response
- Unclear coordination mechanisms between especially on emergency response approaches.
- Lack of documented systems/ protocols to monitor the establishment and maintenance of pest freedom and appropriate buffer zones
- Visit : <https://www.landlakesventure37.org/insights-hub/east-african-community-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-assessment-reports>



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Ongoing interventions - Phytosanitary

- Support for domestication of EAC Harmonized Phytosanitary Measures
- Support for domestication of EAC Harmonized Aflatoxin Regulatory Limits and EAC Feed
- SPS Institutional Capacity Building to strengthen regulatory oversight and PPPs
 - Develop national surveillance, notification & emergency response plans
 - Capacity building of inspectors on ISPMs 8 & 14
 - The Horticulture Farm Assurers program



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Ongoing interventions - Phytosanitary

- Strengthen coordination & implementation of the SPS inspection service
 - Review inspection SOPs, facilitate collaboration between regulatory agencies
 - Train inspectors on risk analysis & risk-based inspection systems
 - Train FBOs on risk analysis and SPS management
- Laboratory capacity building program



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Harmonisation & domestication of phytosan measures in line with EAC SPS protocol



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The EAC harmonized pesticide registration measures

Strengthen private sector advocacy, campaign against counterfeit products, and regional MRLs



EAC SPS Protocol



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Recommendations

PPP approach to

- National surveillance and emergency response
- Pest risk management
- GAPs through the Farm Assurers' program
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