SPS AFRICA COCOA PROJECT GHANA

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE INCEPTION
The main objective of the project is to maintain market access for cocoa beans from the West Africa Sub-region through capacity building in SPS in order to produce good quality cocoa that complies with the relevant international regulations and legislation on pesticide residues and other harmful substances.
In Ghana, the project commenced with the setting up of a *National Steering Committee* and a *Project Implementation Committee*. This report provides in some details the key activities that the project has undertaken since inception.
The Project Implementation Committee (PIC) was put in place on the advice of the National Steering Committee (NSC). It is chaired by Mr. Thomas Osei, Ag. Managing Director of Quality Control Company. Other members are Dr. Francis Baah, Head, Social Sciences and Statistics, CRIG; Dr. Sammy Lowor, Senior Biochemist, CRIG; Mr. William Azalekor, Entomologist, QCC; Mr. George Okyere, Senior Quality Control Manager, QCC and Mr. Francis Enyan, Deputy Quality Control Manager, QCC.
ACTIVITIES – 2

LAUNCHING OF SPS AFRICA COCOA PROJECT

The project was launched successfully at the College of Physicians and Surgeons Building, Ridge, Accra on Friday 9th September 2011.
Launching of
SPS Capacity Building - Mitigating
HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES RESIDUES IN
COCOA
to Maintain Market Access
ACTIVITIES -3

INAUGURATION OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
ACTIVITIES – 4

The development and pretesting of media materials such as posters, leaflets and flyers, development of content for sensitization on the media, and the planning of regional, district and community sensitization workshops.
COCOA AKUAFO, USE ONLY THESE INSECTICIDES TO CONTROL CAPSIDS ON YOUR FARM
COCOA AKUAFO, USE ONLY THESE FUNGICIDES TO CONTROL BLACKPOD ON YOUR FARM
COCOA AKUAFO, USE ONLY THESE HERBICIDES TO CONTROL WEEDS ON YOUR FARM
WAREHOUSE KEEPERS, OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING

- Allow Quality Control Company Ltd (QCC) staff to spray warehouse only when empty
- Allow cocoa into warehouse 24 hours after spraying
- Allow fogging of warehouse only after 4 pm
- Ensure that all vents and doors of warehouse are sealed off before, during and at least 8 hours after fogging
- Show interest in QCC disinfestation activities
- Report to QCC promptly any sign of pest infestation in and around the warehouse
WAREHOUSE KEEPERS, OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING

- Warehouse should be rain proof
- Keep only cocoa in the warehouse
- Warehouse should be well ventilated
- Keep warehouse and its surroundings clean and tidy always
- Stack cocoa away from walls
- Cocoa bags should always be placed on wooden gratings (pallets)
- Use only seasoned wood for gratings
- Gratings should be at least 3 inches (7.6cm) high
- Do not apply any pesticides on your own
- Do not live in the warehouse under any circumstance!
TRAINING
ACTIVITIES – 5

1ST EDES/COLEACP TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP AT BUNSO COCOA COLLEGE, 6 - 19 NOV 2011

2ND EDES /COLEACP TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP, BUNSO COCOA COLLEGE, 21 NOV – 3 DEC 2011
PARTICIPANTS AT THE 1ST EDES /COLEACP TRAINING WITH PIC MEMBERS
Workshop Aims

- Present the **methodology** for **two concepts:**
  1. Preparation of a '**Sectoral Guide**' to facilitate the introduction of a self-monitoring system for businesses in this sector
  2. The **Gap Analysis** conducted during the same project

- **Train you in running this type of 'project'** in various sectors, step by step
Workshop Organisation: Eight sections

1. Introduction, regulatory context and role of private operators
2. Self-monitoring principles and Sectoral Self-Assessment Guide concept
3. EDES methodologies and facilitation techniques
4. Process analysis and diagnosis
5. Audits and sampling plans in the context of self-monitoring
6. Risk analysis of the process
7. Traceability in the context of self-assessemnt
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Mr E. Owusu facilitating at one of the sessions
ACTIVITIES – 7

5-DAY EDES/COLEACP TRAINING ON CAPACITY BUILDING IN SELF-ASSESSMENT METHODS AND GAP ANALYSIS PROCEDURES

Limuru, Kenya for English-speaking ACP experts, 28 NOV – 2ND DEC 2011
PARTICIPANTS AT THE 5-DAY EDES/COLEACP TRAINING IN KENYA
SCENES OF THE WORKING GROUP AT THE EDES/COLEACP TRAINING, KENYA
Topics covered included:

- The regulatory context and role of private operators
- Self-monitoring principles and sector self-assessment guide concept
- EDES methodology and facilitation techniques
- Process analysis and diagnosis
- Audit and sampling plans in the context of self-monitoring
- Risk analysis
- Traceability in the context of self-assessment
- Preparation, distribution and the management of a sector self-assessment guide
The workshop equipped our participants with skills to analyze SPS systems, build self-assessment guides and self-monitoring systems, and evaluate quality assurance systems among others.
Quality Control Company of Ghana Cocoa Board, the implementer of the Ghanaian component of SPS Africa Cocoa Project deemed it right to equip the various players in the Cocoa industry with the requisite knowledge on counterfeit and illegal pesticides.
Participants were drawn from pesticide suppliers, pesticide dealers, farmer groups, Plant protection and Regulatory Services Division of Ministry Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Standards Authority, Ghana Cocoa Board, Police, Customs, Immigration, the Bar and the Bench
EVALUATION

AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR, THE PROJECT WAS EVALUATED BY A TEAM FROM THE ICCO, LONDON. Their key findings:

- Ghana was on course in respect of the implementation of key activities
- The team was impressed by the project structures put in place including the PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE and NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
- There was the need for Ghana to speed up the implementation process to ensure that all activities were carried out.
ACTIVITIES YET TO BE CARRIED OUT

- ACTIVITIES OF COMPONENTS
- THREE (3)
- FOUR (4)
- FIVE (5) - MAINLY RESULTS EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP
COMPONENT THREE ACTIVITIES

COMPONENT THREE: Enhancing institutional capacity in-country to monitor and enforce adherence to SPS standards in cocoa

Activity 3.2
Formulation/updating of relevant domestic regulatory and legislative provisions on SPS standards, adapting them to international requirements
COMPONENT 3
Activity 3.3
Technical materials for raising awareness will be produced and distributed to customs officers, quarantine, immigration, plant protection officials, etc.
ACTIVITIES YET TO BE COMPLETED

- ACTIVITY 3.5
  - Establishing and/or enhancing the capacity of national residue laboratories to carry out product and residue analyses

- ACTIVITY 3.6
  - Strengthening of national licensing procedure for evaluation of new pesticide products
ACTIVITIES YET TO BE COMPLETED

- **COMPONENT 4** [Strengthening regional collaboration to enhance institutional capacity in individual countries on SPS Standards in cocoa]
  - **ACTIVITY 4.1**
    - Harmonization and compliance with relevant regional/international provisions
  - **ACTIVITY 4.2**
    - Enforcement of relevant regulations in cross border trade in pesticide products
ACTIVITIES TO BE COMPLETED

- COMPONENT 4
  - ACTIVITY 4.3
    - Create an appropriate framework where participating countries can address cross-border issues (smuggling)
  - ACTIVITY 4.4
    - Collaboration with key regionally-operating stakeholders
ACTIVITIES TO BE COMPLETED

- COMPONENT 5: EVALUATION
  - Activity 5.1: Project results evaluation and dissemination workshop

- COMPONENT 6: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION (On-going activity)
The key challenge remains cash inflows to ensure that project activities are implemented as planned. Changes in the original project budget for Ghana have resulted in the project having to rely largely on internal funds for many of its activities.
The implementation of the planned activities of the project is on course. The NSC and PIC are committed to ensuring that all SPS Africa Cocoa Project objectives were met. The main challenge remains the timely release of all committed funds.
Thank you