

# RETA 8386: PROMOTING COOPERATION IN SANITARY AND PHYTO-SANITARY MEASURES FOR CAREC



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## **Background**

- ❖ **SPS measures ensure food safety and prevent spread of plant/animal diseases.**
- ❖ **Poorly designed SPS measures can harm competitiveness and constrain trade.**
- ❖ **WTO SPS Agreement considered as international best practice.**



## **Key Issues**

- ❖ **Regulatory framework for SPS in CAREC countries not consistent with international best practice.**
- ❖ **SPS laboratory infrastructure need to be upgraded and modernized.**
- ❖ **Coordination at the border between SPS agencies and customs needs to be improved.**



# **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

- **Promote SPS reforms and modernization consistent with international standards.**
- **Identify and prioritize investment needs to modernize SPS measures and their application**

# PROJECT COMPONENTS AND KEY ACTIVITIES

## Review of regulatory framework

- Identify SPS regulations and procedures that contribute most to trade facilitation.
- Analyze gaps between SPS agreement (international standards) and existing regulatory framework in each country.
- Recommend harmonization of selected regulations.

## Inventory of laboratory assets

- Assess SPS laboratory infrastructure in CAREC countries.
- Identify critical investments needed to modernize and upgrade laboratories.

## Border Management Strategy

- Evaluate relations among SPS and other border agencies.
- Identify key BCPs for priority handling of goods subject to SPS control .
- Evaluate use of technology for SPS control and to link SPS agency systems with Customs.



# Key Tasks

- **Regulatory assessment**
  - **Assess if, and which, legislation and technical requirements to import food, animals and plants constitute a barrier**
  - **Is the type, frequency and method of control appropriate to the risk**
  - **If legislation and enforcement mechanisms meet international standards on paper, to what extent are they implemented/practiced**



# Key Tasks

- **Laboratory capacity assessment**
  - **List of equipment and infrastructure required to ensure safety of food and health of animals and plants.**
  - **Determine how much of required equipment and infrastructure are in place.**
  - **Investment plan to upgrade SPS facilities.**



# Key Tasks

- **SPS border services management assessment**
- **Establish key elements of SPS border management strategy.**
- **Assess current border control and border management regulations.**
- **Recommendations for effective SPS border management strategy particularly coordination with other agencies.**





# Status of Implementation

- Consulting team has conducted field visits and consulted with CAREC SPS authorities.
- Questionnaires were distributed, collected and analyzed.
- Draft report
- Concluding workshop to present findings and recommendations and solicit feedback from participants
- Revision of report to integrate comments
- Final report



# Next Steps

- Finalize study – incorporate results of workshop and distribute to relevant agencies
- Based on the study, CAREC SPS reform agenda in place
- Identify investment needs for the CAREC “Regional Upgrades of SPS measures for Trade (RUST)” project
- Fact finding mission to initiate discussion with governments and help countries invest in their SPS facilities and reforms.



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**Thank you!**