

# Independent Ex-post Evaluations of STDF projects

## Recommendations & Lessons Learned



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### STDF/PG/116 - A Movement Control System for Cattle in Costa Rica

- Final publication to disseminate impact, raise awareness and ensure project sustainability
- Elaborate suitable indicators for follow-up
- Aligned with national long-term strategy (national priority)
- Tailor-made to country conditions, requirements, resources
- Stakeholders participation/cooperation (private sector)
- Flexibility in project development and implementation

### STDF/PG/134 – Capacity Building for fish trade in 5 African Countries

- Two types of evaluations are recommended for any TA project: immediate (post-operational) and longer term evaluation
- Needs should be reassessed at the start of the project as required=>progressive learning, take into account prior capacity building (CB) activities
- Value-chain projects are useful to integrate all actors in any given sector => support PPPs, vertical integration, creation of cooperatives
- One project cannot address all needs=> provide beneficiaries with roadmaps for future CB, include clear recommendations for future actions in final reports.
- Diversification of markets and products can be a good engine to upgrade SPS capacity => value chain analysis can provide a good starting point SPS capacity gaps combined with a more systematic capacity evaluation using tools developed by international organizations.

### STDF/PG/246 – Action Plan to improve SPS Capacity in Cambodia

- A robust and useful Action Plan with policy options/priorities and indicative costs for projects submitted in July 2010; endorsed by the Min. of Commerce in Jan. 2011; no specific follow up actions since; limited return on investment
- Commitment of beneficiary to give formal consideration to output (overlap with ADB SPS-project, inter-Min. rivalry)
- On-going coordination with donor community towards implementation; build plan into budget
- Design, specifications and costing of suggested priority projects should be part of STDF TOR