

Ghana

Support period: 3 years

Start date: December 2016

Budget:

- Total budget of project (from all sources): USD\$ 156,000.00
- Total budget requested from CTF: USD\$ 150,000.00

Payment of project funds is in tranches against deliverables based on an action plan and detailed budget. The results framework is summarized below.

Project goals and related outcomes:

- Goal 1 – Obtain high level recognition and support for Codex and food safety activities
 - Resources to support national Codex work, including participation in priority Codex sessions secured.
 - Understanding and awareness on the importance of Codex to advance national food safety, health protection and trade interest among interested stakeholders improved.
- Goal 2 – Achieve effective and proactive engagement of all stakeholders in Codex related activities.
 - Knowledge of Codex purpose, scope of work and processes among government officials and all other key stakeholders improved.
 - Enhanced inter-agency and stakeholder participation and contribution to Codex activities.
- Goal 3 – Strengthen national structures and processes for managing Codex activities at national level and supporting participation at international level
 - Better preparation of national positions and delegates for Codex sessions.
 - Procedures and working processes for the national Codex system established.
- Goal 4 – Improve scientific and technical capacity of national experts to contribute to the scientific basis of Codex
 - Knowledge of national experts on the process for developing the scientific basis of Codex standards and how it is used in Codex Committees enhanced.
 - Capacity developed to undertake scientific work (including risk assessment) and contribute data, technical comments and participate in the international standards development and associated scientific work in subject areas of priority concern.
 - Enhanced ability of national experts to analyse national technical data and information related to standards development and related discussions at the international level.

Expected outputs and activities:

- Output 1 – Political and economic support secured from policy and decision makers for Codex activities in the country

- Activity 1.1 – Develop advocacy and other communication materials for awareness creation and stakeholder engagement workshops and meetings
 - Activity 1.2 - Organize and run stakeholder consultations
- Output 2 – Knowledge and understanding of technical Codex issues promoted and competencies in procedural aspects of Codex participation built at national level
 - Activity 2.1 - Improve understanding and knowledge of Codex issues, procedures and negotiation/facilitation skills
 - Activity 2.2 - Develop a national Codex website.
- Output 3 - National structures and processes for managing Codex activities at the national level strengthened to support participation in Codex sessions
 - Activity 3.1 – Develop at national Codex procedural manual
 - Activity 3.2 – Development and implementation of a “twinning” programme to learn from a country with a well-established national Codex structure.
- Output 4 – Scientific and technical capacity of national experts to contribute to the scientific basis of Codex improved.
 - Training on sampling and analysis for experts.
 - Generation of data on inorganic arsenic in husked rice to support revision of relevant MLs
 - Generation of data on methylmercury in fish (tuna)
 - Development of understanding of AMR-related issues in Codex.