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FAO/WHO PROJECT AND FUND FOR ENHANCED PARTICIPATION IN CODEX

Report of the Administrator

1. As mentioned in the Fourth Progress Report (document ALINORM 04/27/10F, para. 3), the present document gives an up-to-date picture of the applications received for 2004. Information concerning the application procedure was sent to all Codex Contact Points, as well as through FAO and WHO official channels.
2. Since the Trust Fund became operational on 1 March 2004, the Administrator has received 103 applications. Of these, 8 could not be retained: 3 (Egypt, Guyana, Romania) were received after the deadline; 3 (Comoros, Palau, Tajikistan) were from countries that are not Codex Members;* and 2 (Cyprus, Qatar) were from non-eligible countries.
3. A list of the 95 applications being considered for funding in 2004 is given in *Table 1*. *Table 2* contains a list of countries supported by the Trust Fund as of 28 June 2004. *Fig. 1* shows the number of eligible countries per Codex region, and the number of applicants from each region, respectively. *Fig. 2* shows the regional distribution of applications being considered for support. *Fig. 3* shows the percentage of LDCs among the 95 applicants.
4. The response to the first call for applications was overwhelming. This, combined with the numerous requests for information from Member and non Member countries, shows that the Codex Trust Fund meets a real need.
5. The Administration of the Codex Trust Fund acted quickly in order to facilitate the participation of applicants in the Codex meetings that have taken place since March 2004. The Trust Fund has already funded 37 countries: 40% are least developed countries, and 19% participated for the first time in Codex activities. By the end of 2004, it is expected that around 90 countries will have benefited from the support of the Trust Fund.

* These countries were advised to contact the Codex Secretariat for guidance on procedure to join.

6. The new opportunities offered by the Trust Fund have enhanced coordination within the governments of applicant countries and improved consultation between governments and FAO and WHO country representatives. Moreover representatives of the two organizations, at country and regional level, have provided the Trust Fund Administration with valuable help in the application review procedure. They have also transmitted the underlying principles of the Trust Fund, and helped to solve logistical problems connected with participation in Codex meetings.
7. One of the most important criteria is the demonstration of coordination between governmental entities. It will be necessary to reinforce the application form for 2005 in order to ensure that adequate information is supplied by countries. For 2004, in almost half of cases, additional information was sought from applicants with the help of FAO and WHO regional and country representatives. In cases where such clarification cannot be obtained, there is a risk that the application may be deemed not receivable.
8. All countries are strongly urged to ensure that the Codex Secretariat has the latest contact information for the Codex Contact Point, as failure to reach the Contact Point for logistical reasons may jeopardize the application process.

Table 1. Countries being considered for funding in 2004

CODEX REGION	COUNTRY		
Africa	Benin*	Guinea*	Nigeria
	Botswana	Guinea-Bissau*	Rwanda*
	Burkina Faso*	Kenya	Senegal*
	Burundi*	Lesotho*	Seychelles
	Cameroon	Liberia*	Sierra Leone*
	Central African Rep.*	Madagascar*	Swaziland
	Congo, Rep. of	Mali*	Togo*
	Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritania*	Uganda*
	Dem. Rep. of Congo*	Mauritius	United Rep. of Tanzania*
	Ethiopia*	Morocco	Zambia*
	Gabon	Mozambique*	Zimbabwe
	Ghana	Niger*	
Asia	Bangladesh*	Indonesia	Philippines
	Bhutan*	Lao People's Dem. Rep.*	Sri Lanka
	Cambodia*	Mongolia	Viet Nam
	China	Myanmar*	
	India	Nepal*	
Europe	Armenia	Moldova, Rep. of	Serbia and Montenegro
	Kazakhstan	Poland	The Former Yugoslav
	Lithuania	Russian Federation	Rep. of Macedonia
			Turkey
Latin America and the Caribbean	Argentina	Ecuador	Nicaragua
	Belize	El Salvador	Panama
	Bolivia	Grenada	Paraguay
	Chile	Guatemala	Peru
	Colombia	Haiti*	Suriname
	Costa Rica	Honduras	Uruguay
	Cuba	Jamaica	Venezuela
	Dominican Rep.		
Near East	Algeria	Kyrgyzstan	Syrian Arab Rep.
	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	Saudi Arabia	Tunisia
	Jordan	Sudan*	
South-West Pacific	Cook Islands	Papua New Guinea	Tonga
	Kiribati*	Samoa*	Vanuatu*
	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Solomon Islands*	

* LDCs.

Table 2. Countries supported by the Codex Trust Fund, March-June 2004

Committees/Commission	Countries
CC on Food Hygiene 29 March-3 April 2004 (Washington, USA)	1. Indonesia 2. Papua New Guinea
CC on Pesticide Residues 19-24 April 2004 (New Delhi, India)	1. Ghana
CC on General Principles 3-7 May 2004 (Paris, France)	1. Burundi* 2. Congo DR* 3. Tonga 4. Uganda *
CC on Food Labelling 10-14 May 2004 (Montréal, Canada)	1. Burundi* 2. Cameroon
CAC 28 June-2 July 2004 (Geneva, Switzerland)	1. Bhutan* 2. Botswana 3. Chile 4. China 5. Congo, Rep. of 6. Costa Rica 7. Côte d'Ivoire 8. Cuba 9. Guinea Bissau* 10. India 11. Jamaica 12. Lesotho* 13. Mali* 14. Mauritania* 15. Morocco 16. Niger* 17. Paraguay 18. Samoa* 19. Solomon Islands* 20. Sudan* 21. Syria 22. Tunisia 23. Uganda* 24. United Republic of Tanzania* 25. Uruguay 26. Vanuatu* 27. Viet Nam 28. Zimbabwe

* LDCs.

