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Strengthening phytosanitary compliance and public private partnership to boost seed trade in the Asia-Pacific region

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Scope

- To address key SPS issues affecting regional seed trade, promote regional coordination and encourage collaboration among the countries.
- To strengthen the capabilities of the NPPOs of 7 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam) of Asia to carry out effective phytosanitary processes specifically for seed.
- To promote public-private collaborations under one forum to enhance SPS related compliance.
- Three-year project (Nov 2022 – November 2025)





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Relevance to the IPPC

✓ **Using IPPC tools:**

- *PCE to be used where available for assessing the capacity gaps.*

✓ **Capacity Building on relevant ISPMs :**

- Pest Risk Analysis for seed pests (ISPM 2 and 11)
- ePhyto system in countries which do not yet have any process
- Guidelines on international seed movement recommended under ISPM38
- Third-party accreditation as recommended under ISPM45 to set up the example of public private partnership

✓ **IPPC participation in the project's Steering Committee**

✓ **Opportunities for learning and potential replication:**

- Portal of seed pests; public private partnerships between NPPOs and Seed Industries





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Main outputs

- Specific needs regarding existing infrastructure and capabilities of the NPPOs of the participating countries are identified
- A portal of phytosanitary requirements in English created and reviewed as necessary
- NPPO's knowledge on International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) built
- The implementation of ePhyto is further facilitated in the region
- Public-Public and Public-Private Partnership platform strengthened and recognized





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Success and challenges

- **The project has only recently started.**
- Key challenges have been identified which have direct relevance to the IPPC.
- Many countries in the project have not conducted their full PCE which makes it challenging to identify key capacity building needs.
- Countries' capacity needs have been assessed through a questionnaire designed for the purpose.
- A great sense of willingness has been observed both among NPPOs and private seed sectors to work together





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