Support to the National Service of Agrifood Health and Service (SENASA) of Honduras

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CONTEXT

• Support to the National Service of Agrifood Health and Safety (SENASA) originated in the institution’s participation in National Trade Facilitation Committee of Honduras (NTFC):

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1:
Reduction of time and cost in customs dispatch to expedite trade crossing borders.

STRATEGIC RESULTS:
• Reduction of clearance time
• Reduction of cost for trade operators
• Simplified procedures

STRATEGIC RESULTS:
• Coordination between institutions
• Simplification and harmonization of processes
• Use of technology

Base for the support provided to SENASA
SUPPORT PROVIDED

- New import licenses system

Development of IT modules to issue import licenses for plant products, animals, veterinary products and pesticides.

81% Time reduction to issue an import license

BEFORE: 60 HOURS

NOW: 11 HOURS

Increase in the number of issued licenses. 13%

Estimated savings of US$ 5.2 million per year for the private sector
SUPPORT PROVIDED

- Coordination between Customs and SENASA

Development of IT modules that interconnect Customs with SENASA to allow for integrated border inspections.

36% Time reduction for the clearance of goods at Puerto Cortés

BEFORE: 8.8 DAYS

NOW: 5.6 DAYS

Estimated savings of US$ 10.7 million per year for the private sector
SUPPORT PROVIDED

- New online payments system
  - More secure
  - Increased traceability
  - Interconnected with the Ministry of Finance
SUPPORT PROVIDED

• Capacity building

18
Training sessions developed on topics related to: leadership, proactivity, change management, users service, and more.

136
Agricultural officers strengthened their skills to provide a better service

3,700
Person-hours of training
SUPPORT PROVIDED

• Updated regulations

Review and update of:

- Regulations for the registration, control, inspection, approval and certification of food establishments
  - Under review prior to sending for international consultation with the WTO

- Regulation on the registration, use and control of pesticides and related substances
  - In international consultation with the WTO

- Agricultural quarantine regulations
  - Under review after international consultation with the WTO