

Project title		Raise Up the Standards & Fund for the introduction of internationally recognized quality standards			
Location of the action	Cost of the action (EUR)	Lead manager or partner	Donors to the action (name)	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (from day/month/year to day/month/year)
Central Bosnia Canton, Central BiH Region	130.903,35	Lead manager	Royal Norwegian Embassy USAID/Sida FIRMA Ministry of Economy of CB Canton		01/01/2012 - 31/12/2013
Objectives and proposed activities for the action		<p>Overall objective To help companies from the CB Canton to manage for the time being the high testing costs and to stay competitive on local market, but also to become competitive on the EU market. The long-term effect will be increased employment in CB Canton.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a fund out of which companies from the CB Canton will be subsidized in obtaining necessary safety and quality certification. • Increase exports/achieve success on domestic market through the preparation and certification of quality management systems. • To allow companies to maintain current business on BiH markets and to continue their export to Croatian market once Croatia becomes the EU member; expand their business on the EU markets without restrictions. 			
Results of the action		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rules and procedures for fund management as well as selection criteria developed 2. Funds disbursed for gaining standards FSC CoC, HACCP and ISO 3. At least 15 companies supported 			