The Future cooperation between FAO and NFSA-Egypt

Enhancement of Egypt’s food trade capacities through harmonized and improved national food control system

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Targeted enhancements of the FCS in Egypt

• Throughout the project implementation, FAO support to Egypt will address some of the gaps and needs as identified by the beneficiaries;
• Targeted enhancements will be achieved through the following outputs:
  – Review of specific aspects of Egypt’s food control system (import control functions), and action plans targeting specific gaps and needs in this area developed.
  – Imported food control capacities improved based on results of assessment.
  – National CODEX infrastructure and capacity strengthened for better engagement in regional and international food standards programs and the systematic reliance on Codex standards for standard setting.
Ongoing and planned activities

- Bilateral meetings were organized to understand the specific needs for development and to agree on subsequent work.
- Designation of a NPC,
- Action plan and expenditure plan developed,
- Activities will target NFSA’s food safety oversight and operations upgrade as well as the Codex infrastructure and operation strengthening.
Strengthening Imported food control capacities

• Assess the actual status, practices and capacities implementing food import controls and consultation with stakeholders and partners on their relative roles and responsibilities,

• Train CAs and develop a risk categorization framework for imported food and importers, to guide import inspection activities on a risk basis,

• Development and application by food businesses / importers of good importing practices (GIP).
Strengthening Codex infrastructure and operation

- Review current Codex national structure and its operations utilizing the FAO/WHO 2016 Codex programme diagnostic tool and identify Codex committees of priority/interest for Egypt
- Enhance the reliance of Egypt’s national food control system on international food safety and quality best practices:
  - Technical support and assistance toward a sustainable contribution and benefit from Codex committees of priority’s work (up to 3) for Egypt,
  - Development of online courses and material in Arabic on Codex proceedings and food safety