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FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on  
Food and Agriculture (FTPP II)

# Improving national food safety systems and regional cooperation

## Cooperating for safer food in the region

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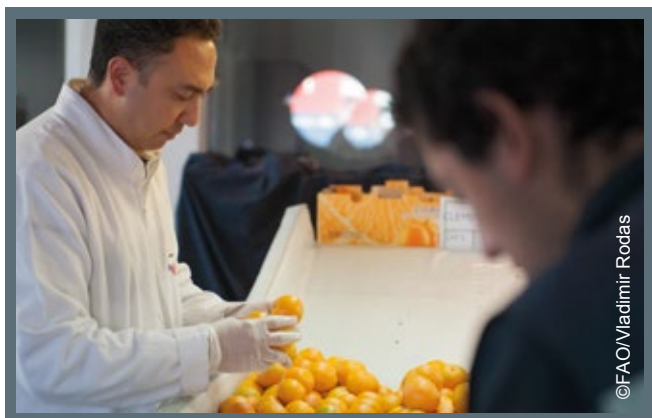
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Unsafe food is a global threat to human health and economies. According to annual World Health Organization estimates, **food-borne diseases cause 600 million illnesses and 420 000 deaths**. Unsafe food also represents a huge burden on economies due to disruptions or restrictions in agri-food trade, loss of food and incomes, and wasted natural resources.

From production to consumption, managing food safety risks is a continuous process of adaptation and improvement. Collaboration among food supply chain actors, underpinned by robust governance, agreed international standards and harmonized regulations, is essential to food safety. Competent authorities must implement these regulations and guiding materials, and ensure effective coordination of activities, while businesses must guarantee safe food production and distribution.

**This project will focus on strengthening food safety control systems in five countries in the region – Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkey – and fostering regional cooperation.**

**The project countries have made significant changes and improvements in their food control systems in recent years. Recognizing the specific context of each national food safety control system, the project will focus on providing support for each country tailored to their needs, as well as on several common challenges from a regional perspective.**



# PROJECT AT A GLANCE

## Objective:



Strengthened official food safety controls and risk communication in recipient countries, providing an enabling environment for public and private sectors to address priority food safety risks



## Target countries:

Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkey



## Duration:

1 January 2021 –  
31 December 2023



## Budget:

USD 650 000



The project will represent a step forward towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals, supporting the countries in improving their food safety systems to ensure safe food for all.

# SCOPE OF THE PROJECT



The project will support the recipient countries to:

- **strengthen institutional arrangements and working processes** for official food safety controls, consistent with the risk analysis framework;
- **improve knowledge and practical skills** in food safety risk communication, as well as response capacities for food safety emergencies;
- **increase the capacities of national food safety authorities** to implement risk-based inspection and support the capacity development of food business operators on food safety management;
- **increase the capacities of food business operators and public authorities of selected value chains** in the area of food safety management practices, in order to reduce food safety risks.

Concretely, the project will improve collaboration between the different actors in order to provide an enabling environment for the development of a food safety culture. It will also improve communication among food safety authorities on food safety risks as well as with consumers and food chain actors, and strengthen the implementation of risk-based food safety control and inspections.

To achieve the expected results, the project will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences among the participant countries, and bring Turkish expertise and experience in these areas to other project countries.

In addition, the project will promote synergies, communication and knowledge transfer with other completed and ongoing food safety projects, allowing for the efficient use of capacity development resources and working to harmonize approaches in the region.

# About the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes

The objectives of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes are to provide support to ensure food security, rural poverty reduction and sustainable forest management, combat desertification and preserve ecosystems in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and other countries of mutual interest.

Established in 2007, the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP) has benefited from trust fund contributions totalling USD 10 million, financed by the Government of Turkey and represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

During the first phase of the programme, 28 projects were implemented in 16 countries between 2009-2015. In 2014, Turkey and FAO commenced the second phase of the FTPP along with the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP) with an additional fund of USD 20 million, bringing Turkey's total contribution to USD 30 million.

Under this new phase, a range of projects will be implemented in the areas of:

- food security and nutrition;
- agricultural and rural development;
- protection and management of natural resources;
- agricultural policies;
- food safety;
- sustainable forests, land and natural resource management and land degradation neutrality; and
- institutional reform, training and national capacity enhancement.



**Reaching out to Central Asia, the Caucasus and beyond**



**Turkey provided financial support totalling USD 30 million to date**



**28 projects have been implemented to date**



**The new phase of the partnership programmes involves 19 projects**

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