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**PRIORITIZATION AND COORDINATION OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES
IN KENYA**

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1.0 STRENGTHS

- Food safety regulators distributed at all levels of the food supply chain
- Legislations in place for enforcement of the food laws
- Standards and regulations in place
- Human resource with relevant professional orientation
- Promotion of quality assurance in food supply chain
- Certification services in place
- Recognition of need to improve coordination of food safety and control activities

2.0 WEAKNESSES

- Uncoordinated food safety and control activities
- Poor harmonization of standards and regulations
- Inadequate protection of local consumers
- Inadequate capacity building in food safety principles
- Inadequate laboratory services
- Inadequate surveillance system
- Lack of consumer awareness programmes

3.0 LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF RESULTS

- Collaborative training efforts among food safety agencies
- Training of trainers in food safety issues
- Refresher courses for food safety personnel

4.0 PRIORITIZATION FOR LIMITED TIMEFRAMES

- Risk analysis
- HACCP
- General training in food safety including foods derived from Biotechnology, Food security (intentional contamination)
- Monitoring of the food service sector
- Monitoring data management

5.0 NETWORKING WITH OTHER PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS

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