

Project Evaluation Series

**Evaluation of the project
“Institutionalisation of food safety in
Bangladesh for safer food”**

Project code: GCP/BGD/054/USA

Management response

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<p>Recommendation 1.</p> <p>FAO should support BFSA in conducting a self-assessment of the food control system in Bangladesh to identify priority areas for improvement, and to plan sequential and coordinated activities to reach the expected outcomes using the ‘Food Control System Assessment Tool’ (FAO and WHO, 2019). By repeating the assessment on a regular basis, Bangladesh will be able to use this tool to monitor their progress.</p>	Accepted	<p>As the project implementation has been completed, currently FAO has no resources to implement the suggested actions.</p> <p>Certainly, FAO country office will support BFSA on this initiative that will be helpful to monitor the food control system on a regular basis.</p>	FAO Bangladesh	31/12/2023	Yes
<p>Recommendation 2.</p> <p>FAO should support BFSA in building a multi-disciplinary risk assessment team. Core competencies for such a team might include epidemiology, biostatistics, microbiology, toxicology, data science and food science. This team, through an advanced training cycle in risk assessment methodologies, could constitute the platform for scientific expertise in food safety.</p>	Accepted	<p>FAO Bangladesh will continue to support BFSA in building a multidisciplinary team involving subject matter specialists as indicated in the recommendation.</p> <p>After completion of the project, FAO has no resources to implement the suggested actions, but the Organisation will continue its effort to mobilize the necessary funds.</p>	FAO Bangladesh	31/12/2023	Yes
<p>Recommendation 3.</p> <p>The evaluation recommends for FAO to consider the following areas of work for future support to BFSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. data literacy activities that will promote the creation of a data ecosystem for a data-driven food control system; ii. collaboration such as the twinning projects supported by the European Commission – this type of project will allow BFSA to 	Accepted	<p>FAO has been supporting BFSA through different projects. To provide additional support, FAO will continue efforts to develop concept notes and mobilise additional resources. Once resources will be available, FAO will mobilise expertise and undertake the suggested activities.</p> <p>Alrready some support to BFSA is being continued through other projects namely GCP/BGD/063/EC and TCP/BGD/3802/C1.</p>	FAO Bangladesh	31/12/2023	Yes

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<p>establish close contacts with food safety agencies that have experience and expertise in providing scientific advice to inform food-safety policy makers; and</p> <p>iii. test and evaluate how a voluntary third-party assurance (vTPA) programme can be implemented in Bangladesh – although Output 3 of this project addressed the issue of third-party certification, there are still many obstacles to overcome to create a true public– private partnership for better enforcement of hygiene rules and compliance by establishments with food safety standards; this type of partnership, which was considered by the project but not yet achieved, could be the solution for the implementation of a real risk-based food safety system and risk-based inspection.</p>					

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