



# ASSESSING FOOD SAFETY IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

## Safer food for better health and a stronger economy

### WHY THE ASSESSMENT?



### Assessing food control systems is the first step in securing food safety

A thorough assessment of the food control systems helps identify the strengths and weaknesses so that strategic plans can be developed to make food safer, to improve public health, and to be more competitive in the food market.



### Egypt signed an agreement

Egypt has a long-standing relationship with FAO. FAO is a leader in advancing food safety across the globe. In 2024 the government of Egypt signed an agreement with FAO to gain support in implementing the Food Control System Assessment Tool to examine the country's food control system.

### A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

#### Implementation of the tool

There are 3 main steps involved in the assessment process:

- Training of focal points.
- Data collection, review, and assessment mission.
- Strategic planning.

#### Main principles

- Quality data and documented evidence.
- Engagement of focal Points during the entire process.
- Confidentiality of results.
- Impartiality and independence of assessments.



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### FINAL STRATEGY

#### Goals of the project

The process will culminate in a food safety strategic plan to address weaknesses, supported by a costed plan to facilitate investments, based on the data collected and examined.

#### Benefits and added value

- The assessment process and strategy is tailored to Egypt specifically.
- The focus of the assessment encourages greater harmonization of standards.
- More trade across the African Union and beyond.
- Enhanced collaboration and coordination among food safety Competent Authorities in Egypt.
- Safer Food.



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