

**OUTPUTS OF DAY 2 DISCUSSIONS**

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**Organizational Independence**

**Aim to preserve independence of the organization:**

* Strive to achieve financial independence.
* Item to re-examine at a later stage:
  + Change in requirements associated with the health fitness examination of food handlers – in particular, the testing requirements associated with food pathogens in physiological fluids.

**Discussion of Prioritization of NIVS Areas of Work**

1. **Sectors where Intervention would be considered a Priority:**
   1. Processed food sector.
   2. Export-driven fruit and vegetable sector.
   3. Imported food sector.

At a later stage address:

* 1. Domestic meat and poultry / dairy sector.
  2. Restaurant / caterers.
  3. Street vendors.

1. **Food Regulatory Interventions to Operationalize**
   1. Registration: identification of Food Business Operations (FBOs).

Identification of FBOs through other government authority registration systems and associations.

* 1. Legislative review of various food statutes and development of new legislation.
  2. Development of new food import regulations.
  3. Standard setting function:
* List of authorized pesticides → MRLs.
* Pesticide board?
  1. Food labelling requirements: this area would address consumer’s interest.
  2. Contaminants in food.

1. **Human Resources Strategy**
   1. Need salary level that supports the attraction and retention of young talent.
   2. Consider engagement with technical college, food science / safety.
   3. Possible development of e-training curriculum / training that would support selection of candidates.
   4. Leverage VKI inspector capacity for identification of inspectors.
   5. Develop competency-based development for HR.
2. **Infrastructure Aspects**
   1. Initial installation – Prefab – in area close to VKI HQ.
   2. Longer term: identify loan / donor source for the construction of a permanent HQ.