



# Transforming the Assessment & Inspection of Food Business (TAIB)

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# Egypt TAIB

7 Year, USDA-funded Food for Progress Program (extended)

Launched October 2018

**Goal:** Expand domestic and international trade of food products through supporting the scale-up of the newly established National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) in Egypt.

## **Activities:**

- Enhance organizational capacity of NFSA
- Develop workforce training for NFSA
- Promote improved policy & regulatory frameworks

# Egyptian National Food Safety Authority (NFSA)



**Established by law in 2017** with Executive Regulations promulgated in 2019.



Empowered to serve as the **sole regulator and inspector of food** in Egypt.



Decisions impact the **trade of food**, both imports and exports, as well as the production and sale of food **domestically**.

# Food Inspection in Egypt – Initial Context

## Regulatory

- Legacy of a multi-agency approach
- Outdated and complex technical regulations not based on science
- Reliance on compliance verification vs. preventive controls
- Trade barriers

## Institutional

- Newly established organization
- Limited human resources
  
- Reactive vs. proactive

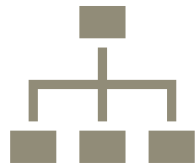
# TOWARDS A SCIENCE-BASED FOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY RECOGNIZED IN AFRICA AND THE ARAB REGION

TAIB SUPPORT TO NFSA

# Organizational Capacity Building



Create a framework for inspections



Develop the organizational structure



Build a Total Quality Management system



Equip NFSA for effective food safety oversight

# Workforce Capacity Building



Leveraging FDA training programs to strengthen NFSA's food inspectorate workforce



Train inspectors and industry to improve food safety compliance



Build food testing capacity for NFSA laboratories for enhanced food safety compliance



Promote NFSA to contribute efficiently to the Codex Committees



Strengthen risk assessment

# Promote improved policy & regulatory frameworks



Support the harmonization of Egypt's regulatory framework



Develop technical regulations and food policies



Support the signature of MOUs and recognition agreements



Support NFSA with other legal instruments, e.g., notifications, SPS



# TAIB Key Achievements

01

A three-years  
Strategic plan  
(2023-2026)

02

The African  
Food  
Regulatory  
Authorities  
Forum (AFRAF)

03

Two shelf-life  
studies for  
frozen beef liver  
and frozen fish

04

A risk  
assessment  
study on Rumi  
Cheese

# Main Regulatory Achievements

1

## Veterinary Drug Residues Technical Regulation

- Removed Egypt Zero tolerance on Ractopamine

2

## Food Import Control Technical Regulation

- Transitioned Egypt to a risk-based approach for imported food sampling

3

## Prerequisite Program Technical Regulation

- Set the minimum food safety requirements for Egyptian food establishments

# Upcoming Project Priorities



Conducting additional **risk assessment studies**



Develop NFSA's capacities to increase contribution to **Codex Committees**



Operationalize the **Import Food Control system**



Develop the capacities of NFSA official food testing **labs** to obtain **ISO 17025 accreditation**

Thank you



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