



ECOWAS Food Safety Strategy Framework

GAPS & GOALS items

Goals	Alignment of Standards		Alignment of Capacity and Coordination	
Big Gaps	Increased alignment of regional leaders and international standards	Increased alignment of smaller countries and regional leaders including adoption of standards	Intra and Intersectoral coordination	Food safety regulatory capacity with a focus on lab capacity in all 15 ECOWAS member states + chad and Mauritania
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team identifies strong country systems (i.e. best practices), and verifies it is aligned with int'l standards, and/or identifies opportunities for reaching those standards. • Develop best practice documentation with the country leaders to share with ECOWAS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the best practice documentation of regional leader practices via written and presentations • Document sharing, resource sharing, practice and training (in-person, online and hybrid trainings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop SOW for on-the-ground consultant team to bridge communication gaps within ECOWAS and provide technical advice/gatekeeping • Regular communications • TASK force meeting share the document of best practice first level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment education for Regulators • Lab Capacity (Maybe Shared burden)

Action Items	Country Leads	Deadline	Status
Develop Team SOW includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with members of WAFSN Identify issues and regularly (biweekly?) communicate best practices and resources to whole network through email and virtual conferences. Highlight successes and strengths in the region. Eventually visits across countries 			
Presentation Series of Standard strengths	Nigeria- outbreak investigations Ghana- processed packaged foods Cote- foodborne outbreak team Gambia-budgeting food safety Senegal- Political willingness Cape Verde-Food Safety and Law	October 2021	[Status, such as In Progress or Complete]
Document Sharing and Best Practices	All of the above	October 2021	[Status, such as In Progress or Complete]
TASK Force Meeting – <i>topic and attendees is established.</i>	ECOWAS	January 2022	[Status, such as In Progress or Complete]
Practical in-person best practice training	ECOWAS	March 2022	[Status, such as In Progress or Complete]
Encourage Food Safety online modules use and discussion	[Name(s)]	TBD	[Status, such as In Progress or Complete]
MU Finalizes the French version of Risk-based Imported Food Controls modules	[Name(s)]	TBD	[Status, such as In Progress or Complete]