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ETHIOPIAN FOOD & DRUG AUTHORITY

## Over view of Food safety and FBD surveillance in Ethiopia

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To be a center of excellence in food and health products regulation in Africa




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## Sectors involved in food safety

PHEM



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Others...

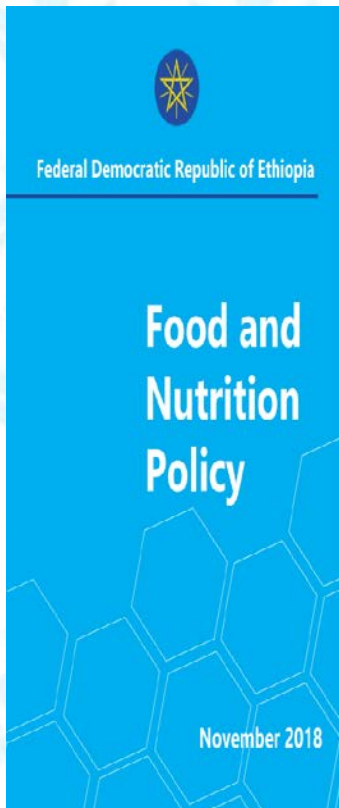
## Opportunities

**Food safety strategy for Primary agriculture product 2024**

**National Food Safety master plan May 2024**

**Different proclamations, regulation and directives**

**Different research finding with their recommendation**





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# **FOOD SAFETY MASTER PLAN**

**2025 – 2029 GC (2017 – 2021 EC)**



## About the food safety master plan

- The food safety master plan is a **five year action and investment plan** to systemically improve food safety in the country.
- It is developed based on a largely self-assessment of the food control system of the country (**using the FAO/WHO tool**) to generate home-grown, locally relevant evidence, identify gaps and develop recommendations that will then be synthesized into a food safety master plan.
- The plan is developed in an inclusive process and **validated by a cross-section of food safety stakeholders of the country.**

# Main National Food Safety Institutions Who Participated in the Master Plan Development



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Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Development Institute



# General Information

1. General Information			
<b>Start Date of the Plan</b>	January 01, 2025	<b>End Date</b>	December 30, 2029
<b>Estimated Budget (with name of currency)</b>	338 million USD (19.2 Billion ETB)	<b>Lead Institution</b>	EFDA (Chair) EAA (Co-chair) MOTRI (Secretary) MOI and other FSS (Members)



## Burden of food borne diseases identifying process

EPHI is responsible at national Level  
PHEM is under the umbrella of EPHI

1. Surveillance and Early Warning
  2. Preparedness
  3. Response
  4. Recovery
- Currently there are 36 diseases and health events under the national surveillance system of which 14 are weekly reportable and the rest immediately reportable



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## Role and Responsibilities of the Case Team on Food Safety

- Conduct food safety surveillance and FBD outbreak response
- Generate data to promote research activities intended to provide solutions for the country's health problems
- Follow and coordinate the implementation of national nutrition strategies and policy
- Devise and follow the implementation of strategies and policies for the prevention of food born disease outbreak

## Types of Surveillance by Approach

- **Indicator-based surveillance**
  - Refers to structured data collected through routine integrated disease surveillance, nutritional, and laboratory surveillance
- **Event-based surveillance**
  - It is the organized and rapid capture of information about events that are potential risks to public health
  - This information can be rumors and other ad-hoc reports transmitted through
    - **Formal channels** (i.e. established routine reporting systems)
    - **Informal channels** (i.e., media, health workers, nongovernmental organizations reports, etc.)

## Diseases and Health Events Under the Surveillance

Diseases of water and food born Under the routine surveillance system

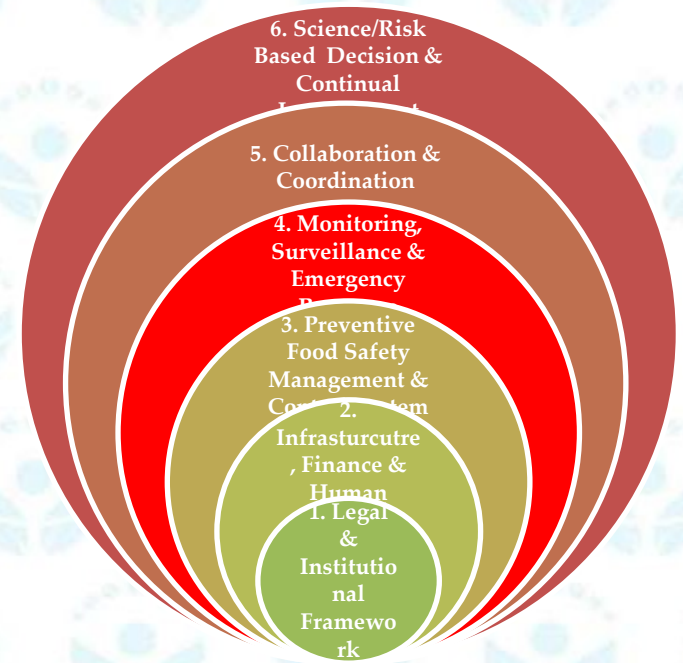
- Anthrax
- Brucellosis
- Cholera
- Polio
- Diarrhea with dehydration
- Dysentery
- Scabies

# Strategic objective 4.

4.1. Monitoring System

4.2. Food Safety Surveillance System  
(Product and Disease)

4.3. Emergency Preparedness and  
Response (**Prepare for the unexpected**)



# Ethiopian Food Safety Alert and Notification System (EFSANS)



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## Welcome to EFSANS

Ethiopian Food Safety Alert and Notification System (EFSANS) is a key tool to rapidly disseminate food safety incidents information among relevant stakeholders which detected in the food chain and to take action timely to protect public against food borne illness.



## Food safety regulatory approach and strategy

- Risk based
- Preventive based
- Trust based

**Lack of infrastructure and weak testing capacity**

**Poor coordination and collaboration b/n the sectors**

**Mandate overlap between sectoral institutions**

**Absence of focal point at region, sub-region and woreda level**

**Lack of capacity for food safety surveillance and FBD outbreak response (National, Sub-national and District Level)**

**Illegal food trade and informal market**



## Way forward

### Government

**Commit to implement a national food safety related Master plan and strategies**

**Improve the existing coordination, collaboration and communication system**

**Strengthen national food control system**

**Strengthen FBD surveillance system**

**Capacity building and advancing in food laboratory testing ...**

## Food Business Operators (FBO)

**Improve food safety  
management system**

**Respect laws, regulations and  
standards**

**Respect customer demand**

**Implement traceability system**

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## Consumer

**understand the sources of  
FBD**

**Establish strong consumer  
associations**

**know how to report or respond to  
a food safety incident**

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*“Food Safety: prepare for the unexpected”* **WFSD 2024**

*Thank you*

“ Safe food, fair food”