

## Minutes

### 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Vietnam Food Safety Working Group

17 December 2020

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#### Summary

On 17 December 2020, the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Food Safety Working Group of Vietnam (FSWG) was convened to update the food safety activities of group members. This meeting focuses much on discussing the intervention package that the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), one of the core members of the group has conducted to improve the pork safety of Vietnam. About 50 members of the group attended the meeting virtually, and a few members attended it from the World Bank (WB) office in Hanoi. A round table update session was open to all participants to update on various food safety related activities. The final session was allocated to discuss on the preparation for the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS).

#### Presentations on ILRI-led food safety intervention packages

1. Traditional food chains – gains, threats, and ways to de-risk them, by Fred Unger, ILRI
2. Food safety assessment and interventions in selected pork value chain, by Sinh Dang, ILRI
3. Parasitic pig borne diseases assessment, capacity building, communications and policy engagement, by Pham Duc Phuc, Hanoi University of Public Health
4. CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health, Hung Nguyen, ILRI
5. 3S food safety performance tool, by Fred Unger, ILRI

#### Discussion

- Question from Dr Tran Cong Thang, IPSARD on country food safety index which was shared by WB at the previous meeting
  - o That was developed by ILRI in Africa. So far 52 countries attended and applied the index. The index works at country level and does not work for any specific value chain. ILRI is expanding the index in developing country context, including Vietnam.
- Dr Thang also shared that though WB and international partners have a lot of studies on food safety, MARD leaders have little information about this. It is better to organize a food safety workshop presenting recommendations to improve food safety or develop a policy brief on food safety to be submitted to leaders.
  - o Tuyen, A4NH shared to link UNFSS track 1 on nutrition and food safety discussion and recommendations to MARD leaders. Private sector will also be engaged at this series of dialogues.
- Questions from GLOBAL GA on how to translate research findings into policy actions, how to engage the private sector in pork safety study like SafePORK, and the role of certification to promote engagement of actors.
  - o Certification for slaughterhouse in Hung Yen by Sub-department of Animal Health (sub-DAH). This goes with incentives and local support to change behaviour
- Question from WB about the design of interventions and the roles of different stakeholders in the intervention package. How to ensure sustainability of the investment. And the possibility of applying food safety tools on chemical hazards

- Involve provincial authorities including Department of Agriculture (DARD) and sub-DAH in intervention package at slaughterhouses, for example in Hung Yen Province to have their support to ensure compliance of involved actors. The project team will explore further support from local authorities for interventions at markets.
- Chemical contamination including antibiotics is much lower than biological contamination. From PigRISK research on more than 500 samples, no evidence on high level of chemical contamination. Tools can also be applied to chemical hazards, but maybe more costly as it requires specific labs.
- Engaged actors by their co- investment of 30-40 per cent to ensure their compliance.

#### **Round table update by FSWG members**

- Update by WB on the agriculture and food safety mission. WB is still in discussion with the Government to move the project at the Bank side, then will negotiate with the Government in July or August 2021. The project is set to go on board end of September 2021. The WB confirmed to work with HCMC, three provinces in the Mekong Delta, and Ministry of Agriculture (MARD), and probably with Ministry of Health (MOH), and Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT). Hanoi does not confirm to engage in the project yet. WB also works with the Netherlands Embassy on food safety risk management and food safety risk communications for partnership funding. WB is waiting for MARD proposal and implementation plan

#### **Links to presentations**

Unger, F., Pham Duc Phuc, Pham Van Hung, Le Thi Thanh Huyen, Hung Nguyen-Viet, Sinh Dang-Xuan, Nguyen Nga, Nguyen Thanh Luong, Ngo Hoang Tuan Hai and Grace, D. 2020. *Traditional food chains – gains, threats, and ways to de-risk them*. Presented at the Vietnam Food Safety Working Group Meeting, Hanoi, Vietnam, 17 December 2020. Nairobi, Kenya: ILRI. <https://hdl.handle.net/10568/111670>

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#### **Recording:**

<https://worldbankgroup.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/worldbankgroup/recording/b27fc384944d40ed86f702b1ec5d1c43/playback>

## Agenda

Time	Content	Who
10.00-10.10	Opening and welcome remarks	ILRI/WB
10.10-10.20	WB updates on FS agenda	WB
10.20-10.40	Tour le table (Member updates if any)	All
10.40 - 11.40	<p>Traditional food chains – gains, threats, and ways to de-risk them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Traditional market and food safety (setting up the scene)</li> <li>➤ Food safety assessment and interventions (traditional slaughter and retail, Ban pork chain)</li> <li>➤ A4NH update (global context &amp; Vietnam)</li> <li>➤ 3S Food Safety Performance Tool               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Context &amp; key results</li> <li>- Discussions around scalability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ILRI and partners
11.40 – 11.50	<b>UN</b> Food systems summit dialogues – How Vietnam contributes to the Food systems summit 2021 (Access to Safe and Nutritious Food)	The Alliance of Bioversity International-CIAT
11.50-12.00	Wrap up	ILRI/WB