



“Food safety and the food safety cooperation with UNIDO are attached with high importance to our recognition. The successful implementation of the Project significantly contributes to advancing the food supervision and risk management in China, and paves to strengthening and deepening further cooperation on food and drug knowledge transfer and systematic capacity building in the partnership with UNIDO.”

CHEN Bing, Vice President, NMPAIED

Food Safety Supervision Capacity Building for China

The project supports the food supervising authority of China in its plan to strengthen its capacity through a series of pilot interventions taken, so as to serve the overall purpose of contributing to the improvement of food safety in China. Together with the former China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA), the former China Food and Drug Administration Institute of Executive Development (CFDAIED, now NMPAIED) and the China Centre for Food and Drug International Exchange (CCFDIE), UNIDO designs innovative food safety capacity building practices, mobilizes resources for their implementation and fosters public-private partnerships.

UNIDO'S APPROACH

UNIDO recognizes food safety as a global concern for both regulatory bodies and food practitioners from farm to fork. In China, UNIDO and the former China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) cooperate on facilitating food safety supervision and capacity building in the country. UNIDO, the former CFDA and the former China Food and Drug Administration Institute of Executive Development (CFDAIED, now NMPAIED) co-implemented the project “Food Safety Supervision Capacity Building for China” from June 2015 to June 2018. UNIDO further supports the former CFDA with strengthening food safety governance and improving food safety in China in order to protect consumers and boost trade. The project has largely contributed to the enhancement of China's food safety supervision capacity building.

Up-scaled implementation approach of the CoE programme, by project phases

Phase One: Design and inception (lasting for 36 months from 2019, with a total budget of USD 1 million)

Phase Two: Delivering and implementing full training package (assuming the outcomes and budget of Phase Two will be decided during Phase One)

Phase Three: expansion and upscaling of the CoE training system to cooperating institutes (upon the outcomes of Phase Two, and the budget to be decided during Phase Two)

IMPACT

A total of 62 trainers from 31 Food and Drug Administrations across the country, including 51.6% females, received the training on dairy supervision capacity building in Beijing in July 2016. A total of 384 trainees (including 39.3% female participation) have been trained during the dairy pilot trainings between July 2016 and November 2017. Systematic textbooks have been developed and published, covering topics including food safety laws and regulations, institutionalization and standardization, risk assessment and management, risk communication and food safety capacity building. The project also facilitated the effective exposure to the international best practices through convening the international events on food safety and the international personnel exchange programme.

WAY FORWARD

UNIDO clearly recognizes that the multi-dimensional challenges of food safety are of a magnitude that requires a multi-player response which calls on governments, businesses and industry, international organizations and civil society to join forces with the aim to deliver global solutions and to scale up collaborative capacity-building efforts. In China, since 2019 UNIDO and NMPAIED upscales the cooperation to co-deliver a new initiative “Center of Excellence on Food and Drug Supervision in China”, which focuses on the systematic upgrading of training deliveries, knowledge transfer and institutional capacity building in the relevant area in a three-phase approach.

AT A GLANCE

Project title:	Food Safety Supervision Capacity Building for China
Thematic area:	Creating shared prosperity – food safety
Donor:	Ministry of Commerce, China
Project counterpart:	The former China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA); the former China Food and Drug Administration Institute of Executive Development (CFDAIED, now NMPAIED); China Centre for Food and Drug International Exchange (CCFDIE);
Budget:	USD 821,972
Duration:	June 2015 – June 2018