

The role of public private partnerships (PPP) in the development and enforcement of regulations: a food safety example

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AGENDA

- •Who we are: GMA and GMA SEF
- •Global Food System: Challenges and Landscape -> Global to Local
- •US Food regulations, process and industry impact
- •Building consensus and PPP in emerging markets
- Proven model for food safety capacity building

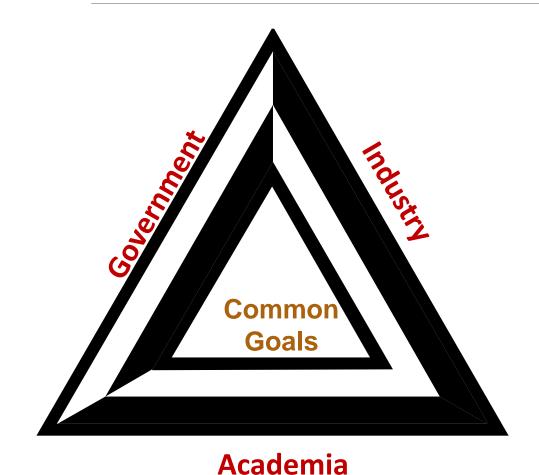
GMA Members General Members





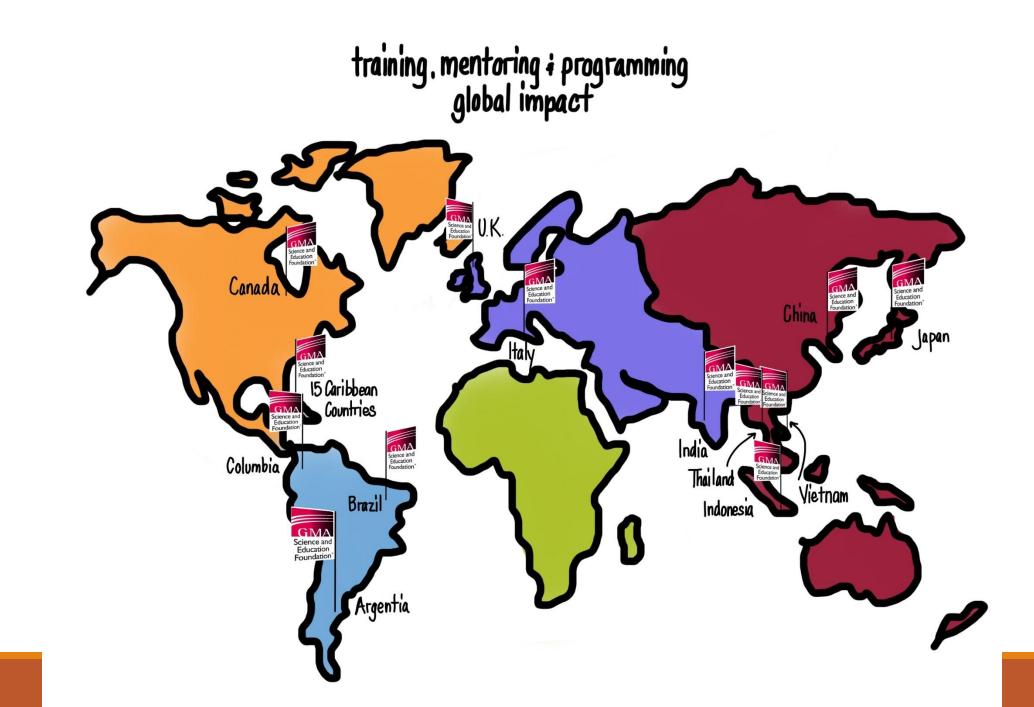


SHARED RESPONSIBILITY, COMMON GOALS

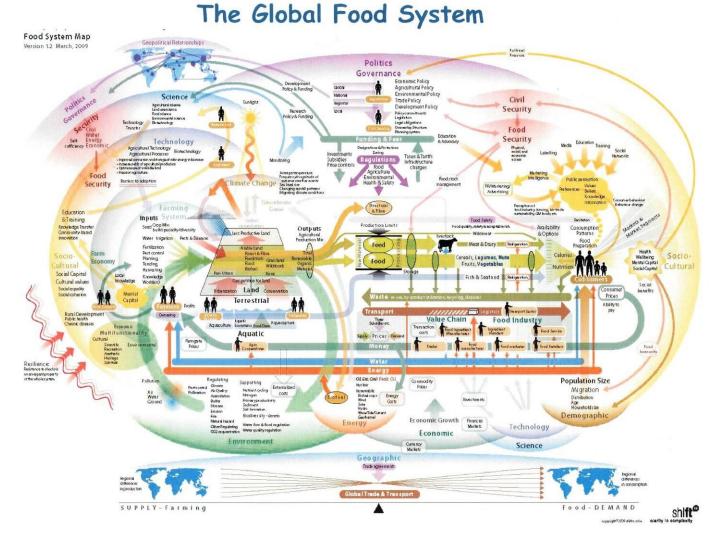


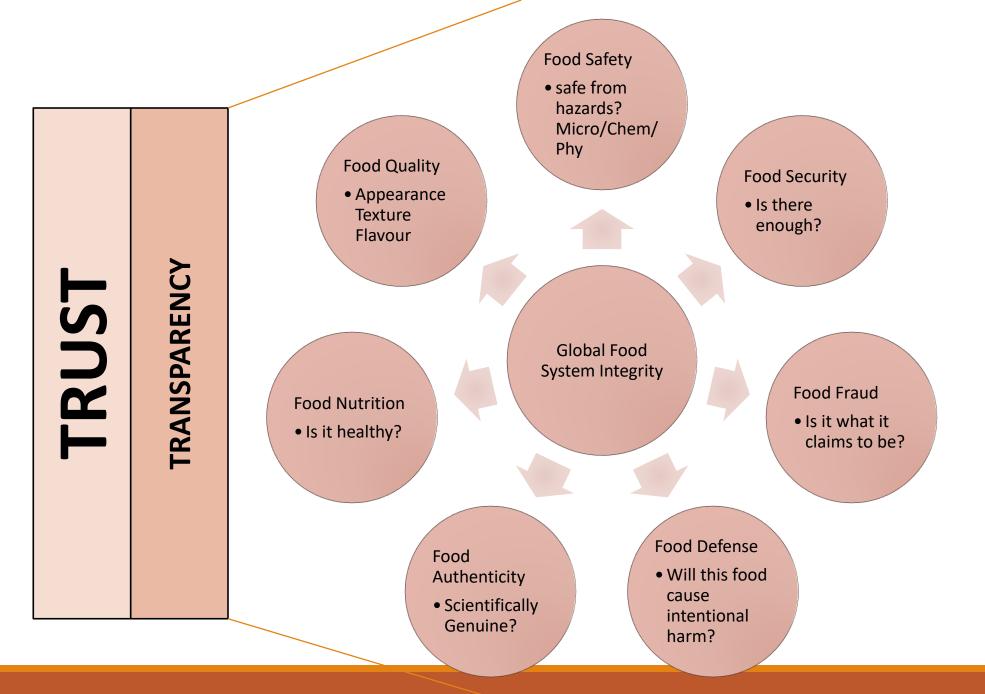
- Scientific data and expertise.
- Understanding practical business implications and costs of legislation and regulation.
- Cross-cutting awareness of potential impact on trade and value chains.





- Need for harmonization
- Local, national and global requirements
- Role of regulations





IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES

FSMA/ GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

PRIVATE FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS

Required by law Minimum, baseline requirements Typically perceived as higher Food safety

Optional, eg. GFSI

standard

May be food safety and/or quality

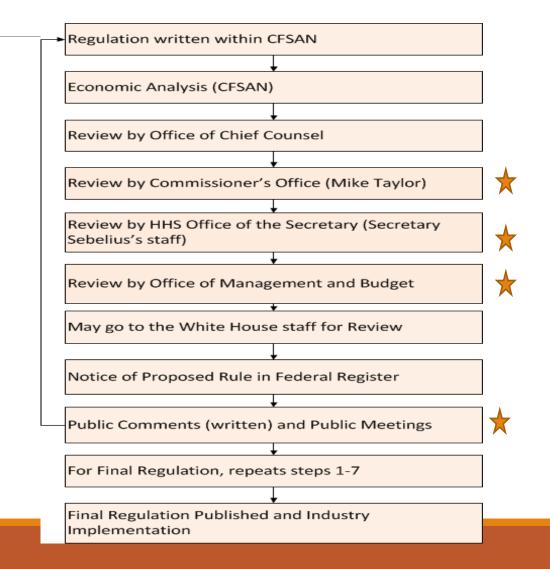
FSMA: FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

EXAMPLE: FSMA REGULATORY PROCESS

At appropriate stages combine knowledge from:

- Industry
- Government Agencies
- Many other interested groups

To produce more effective regulations.



MILESTONES

FSMA Signed: January 4, 2011

Proposed Rule: January 16, 2013

Supplemental Proposed Rule: September 29, 2014

Final Rule: September 17, 2015



A LAW VS. A RULE

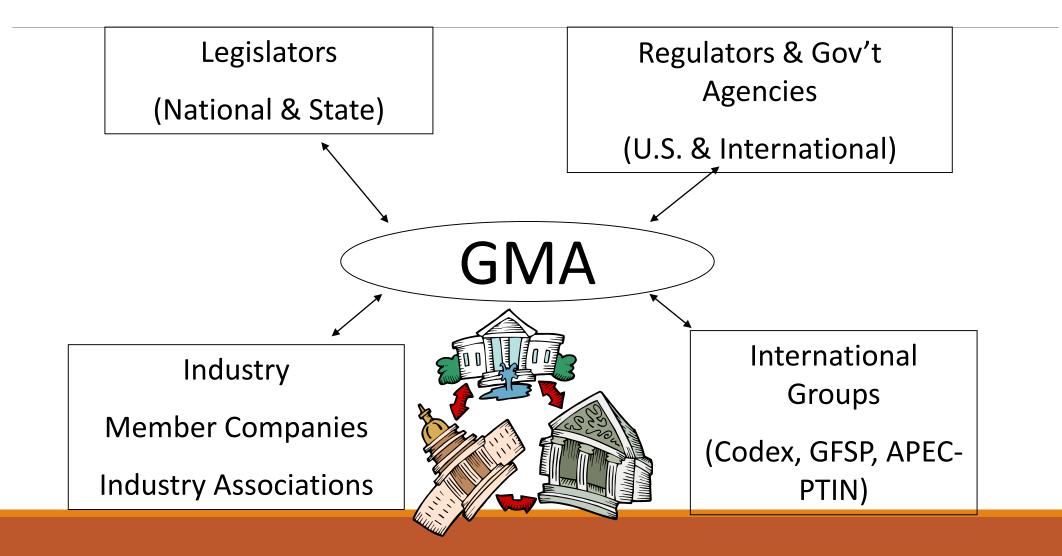
FSMA is a law passed by the US Congress and signed by the president.

FSMA, the law, told FDA to promulgate seven new food safety rules:

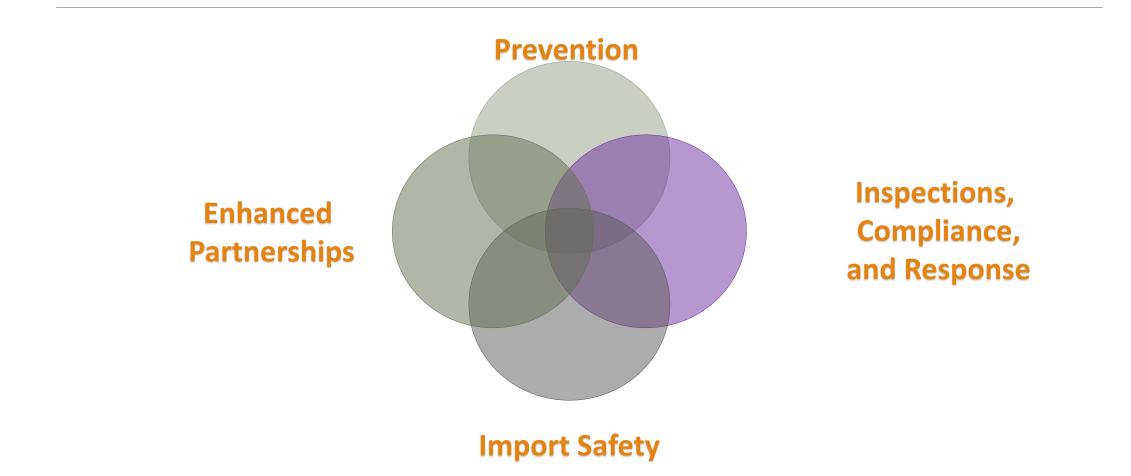
- Preventive controls for human food (PCHF)
- Foreign supplier verification program (FSVP)
- Preventive controls for animal food
- Produce safety
- Intentional adulteration (food defense)
- Sanitary transportation
- Third party auditing & accreditation (3PAC)

All 7 FSMA FINAL Rules Are Published

FACILITATING COLLABORATIONS



Food Safety Modernization Act



MAIN ELEMENTS OF FSMA

•Placed New Responsibilities on Companies

•New Controls over Imported Food

•Enhanced Enforcement Powers

•Created New Fees on Companies and Importers









Understanding FSMA



GMA GOALS FOR FINAL RULES

1. Requirements/standards should be <u>risk based</u> and promote <u>food safety</u>

2. Rulemaking should <u>stay within FSMA's</u> <u>framework</u> that protects public health

3. <u>Consistent and appropriate enforcement of</u> FSMA is required to promote food safety

KEY OUTCOMES

- Conducted >100 meetings with FDA SMEs and Leadership
- •Submitted >1000 pages of written technical, economic and legal recommendations
- •Saved the industry >\$20 billion in first year implementation costs
- •Final rules are more general, flexible and risk based
- Coalition consists of >175 stakeholders, trade associations and embassy personnel
- •FSMA Task Force consists of >750 GMA members

FSMA SUMMARY

"Things that might have seemed like just a good idea before, are now going to be mandatory, require records to support compliance, and those records are going to be available to FDA*."

* Warren Stone, February 2011







THE EVOLUTION OF FSSAI: HOW THE INDIAN REGULATOR IS UPGRADING REGULATIONS

CHALLENGES AND BACKGROUND

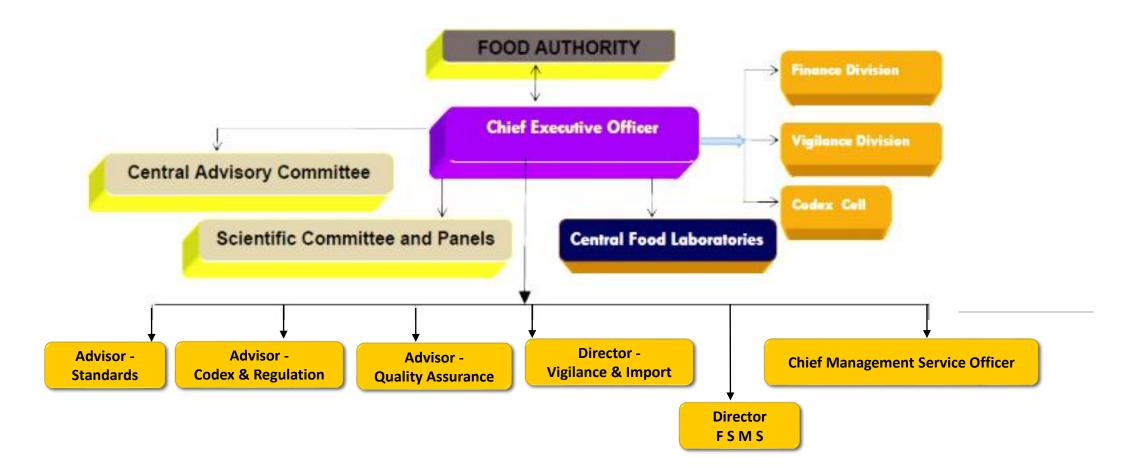
- 29 states, 7 union territories; National and state level regulations
- Informal wet markets, door-to-door vendors, unique challenges of street food versus manufacturing, scale in manufacturing (micro, small, medium and large)
- Lack of data on food borne illness outbreaks and implicated food products (no centralized system)
- •Cold chain challenges, regulatory personnel problems (low numbers)

BUT

- Research (Subitha L. and others, 2015. *J. Nat Sci Biol. Med*.) 13% of all deaths per year is due to diarrhea in children < 5 years =>> 300,000 deaths/ year!!
- •Stunted growth, malnutrition and access to nutritionally dense food

PREVENTABLE!

FSSAL - Structure - Central



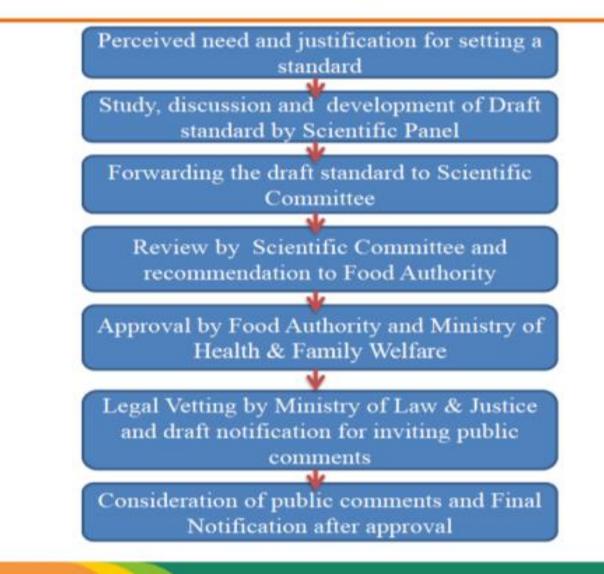
FSSAL - Structure - States

Major Functionaries in the State



Standard Development Procedure





Courtesy: Mr. Anil Kumar, Standards Advisor, FSSAI

SEVERAL NEW REGULATIONS AND AMMENDMENTS

- FSSA ACT (fully in force 5 Aug 2011)
- Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 (Amdt 14 Sep 2017)
- FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Rules, 2011 (Amdt 3 Nov 2017)
- FSS (Packaging and Labelling) regulation, 2011 (Amdt 31 Aug 2016)
- FSS (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) regulation, 2011 (Amdt 3 Nov 2017)
- FSS (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) regulation, 2011 (Amdt 31 Aug 2016)



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- •FSS (contaminants, toxins and residues) regulation, 2011 (Amdt 1 Aug 2017)
- •FSS (Laboratory and sampling analysis) regulation, 2011 (Amdt 8 Feb 2013)
- Legal Metrology Packaged Commodity Rules 2011 (Amdt 23 Jun 2017) (Department of Consumer Affairs not FSSAI)
- •FSS (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Food and Novel Food) Regulations, 2016 (23 Dec 2016) – 132 pp.
- •FSS (Food Recall Procedure) Regulation, 2017 (25 Jan 2017).
- •Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulation, 2017 (20 Mar 2017)



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES: INDIA

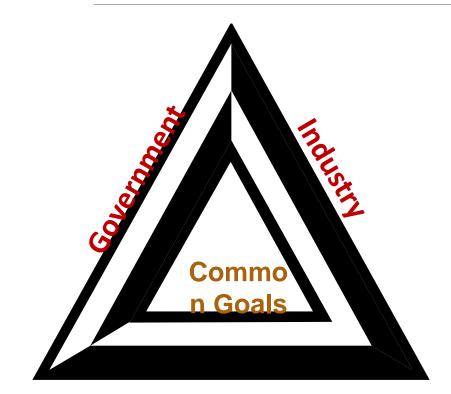


Industry - Regulator Relationship

- Indian Food Regulatory climate has improved dramatically in the past 18 months!
- Industry representation in committees and bodies making regulation and standards improving
- Still too much **bureaucracy**
- Still not much risk-based standard setting
- Major improvements in lab situation in 2017
- However, Capacity building continues to be big challenge: FSSAI/Customs/Labs not entirely equipped to meet the challenges of food safety and food standards

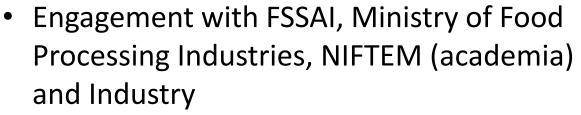
Foundational Food Safety for Indian Regulators and Suppliers

A food safety capacity building program



Academia

MICHIGAN STATE



- Align FSSAI requirements with globally recognized GFSI requirements
- Add Indian regulations and needs to 'Indianize' standard curricula
- Build Institutional capacity with resources for SMEs in India





The key to producing safe food for consumers is ensuring appropriate knowledge and skills of the individuals who are responsible for food safety

REGULATORS + INDUSTRY SMEs/ SUPPLIERS + ACADEMIA





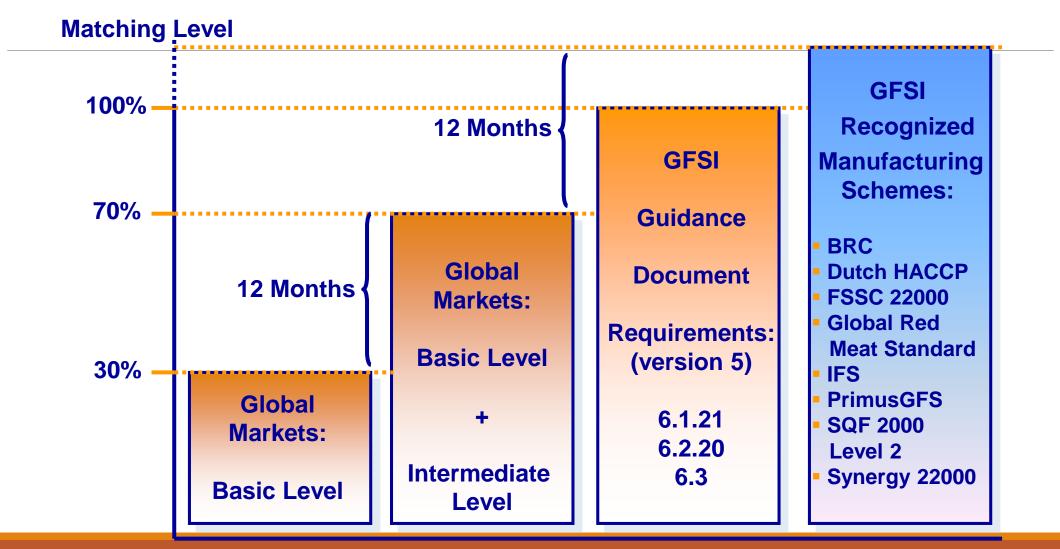
The Global Markets Programme A response to business needs: a local sourcing strategy

- A new unaccredited entry point for small or less developed businesses that aspire to achieve certification.
- ✓ It considers both primary production and manufacturing.
- Capacity building in food safety is achieved and access to local markets is facilitated.
- ✓ It's a system for mutual acceptance at this "entrance level."
- ✓ It is unaccredited, so is not a scheme or a standard.

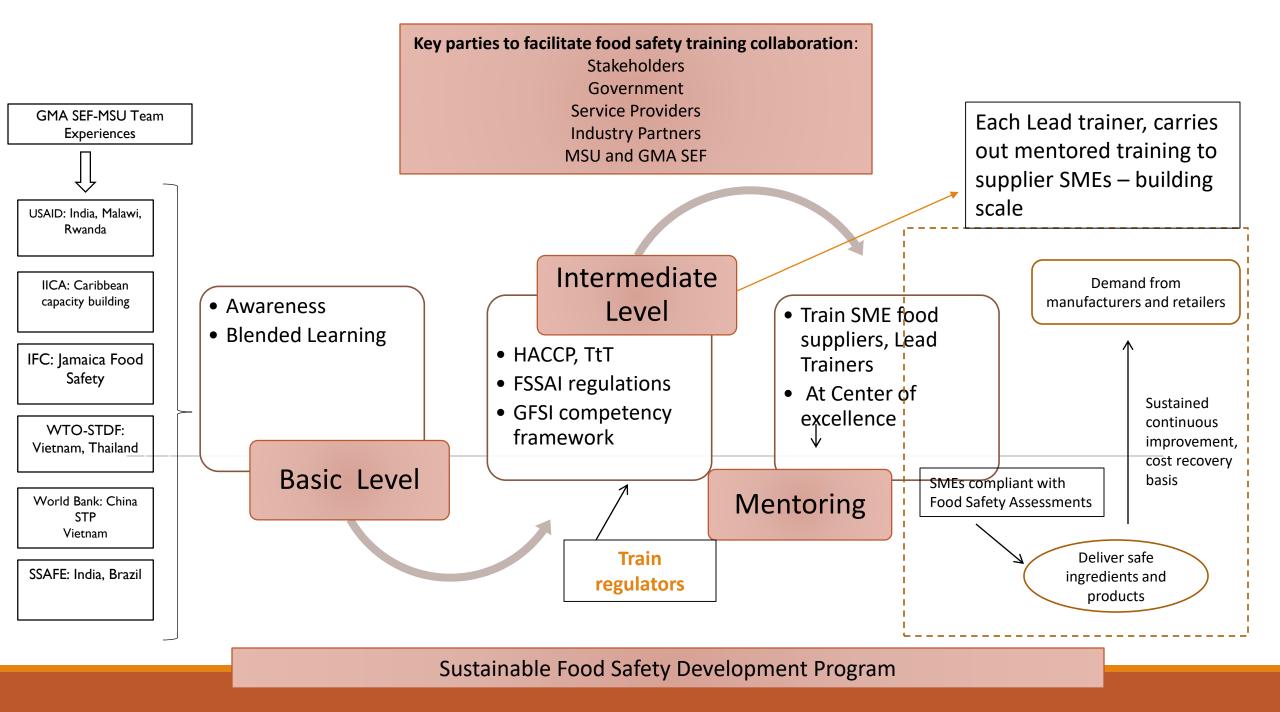
The programme is primarily based upon the Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene Code of Practice.

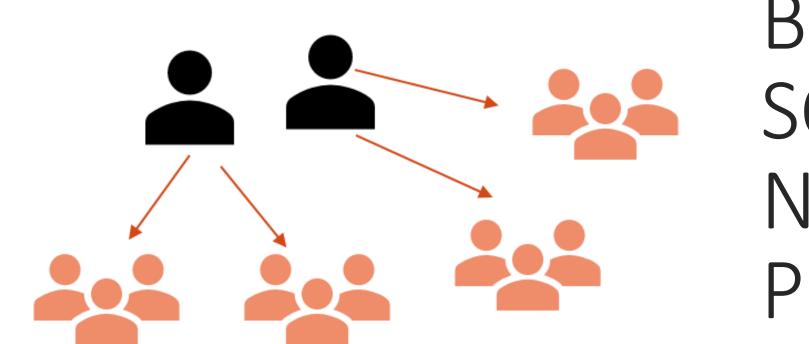


The Requirements: Complete Overview



Source: GFSI

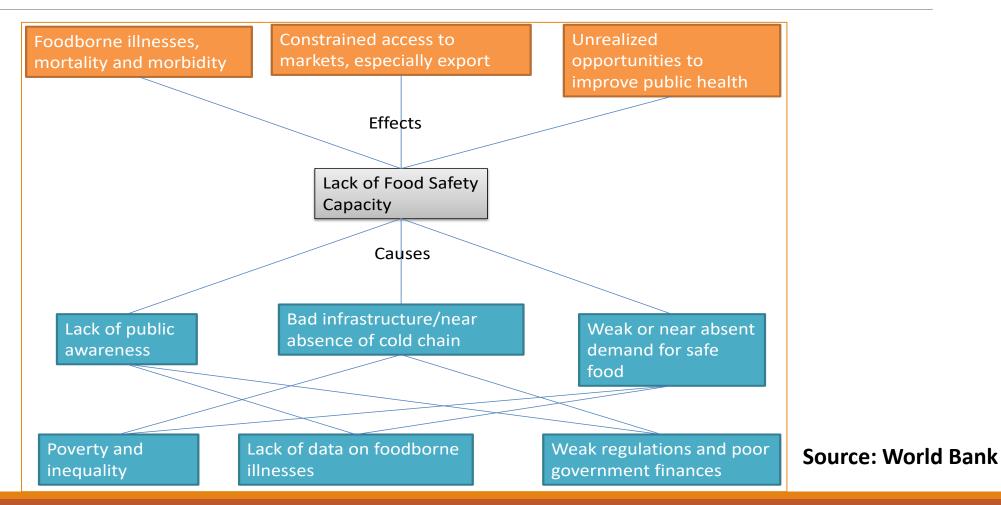




BUILD SCALE: NOT PILOTS

Mentored training of supplier SMEs

FOOD SAFETY PROBLEM TREE: ZAMBIA



KEY FOOD SAFETY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Small and medium businesses maintain limited or no food safety practices (e.g. fruit and veg. processing, peanut butter)	Retail chains are not interested in enforcing food safety requirements, because the majority of processed food in supermarkets is imported and is private label	Chronic risk of aflatoxin is recognized amid push of donor programs, but no structured initiative to address it	
Water contamination	Lack of technical capacity and lack of demand by the SME processing sector (e.g. food scientists)	Government contention that enforcing food safety may result in SME closures, increased unemployment	

SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN OTHER EMERGING ECONOMIES: USE SOLUTIONS THAT HAVE WORKED, CUSTOMIZE TO LOCAL VALUE CHAINS

Source: World Bank

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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