

A. HEALTH CLUSTER 4: ENSURING FOOD SAFETY

A.1	ALIGNMENT with ASEAN ASCC BLUEPRINT	Strategic Measures: A.1 i& ii /A.2 iii, iv, & vi / B.2.i, iii / B.3.i /C.2.iii & iv /D.2.i, ii, & iii/E.1.iv & viii / E.2.i,iii,vii,ix & x/ E.3.iii	
A.2	ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)	SDG # 1:	Ending Poverty
		SDG # 2:	Zero hunger
		SDG # 3:	Good Health and Well-being
		SDG #6:	Clean water and sanitation
		SDG # 8:	Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all
		SDG #12:	Responsible Consumption and Production
		SDG #17:	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (Targets 17.9, 17.16, 17.18)
A.3	ASEAN HEALTH CUSTER 4 GOALS 2021-2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote access to safe food. 2. To strengthen food safety risk analysis in ASEAN. 	
A.4	ASEAN HEALTH CLUSTER 4 STRATEGIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide scientific advice in developing evidence-based food safety risk management measures 2. Minimize capacity gaps among national food control systems through capacity building 3. Improve the utilization of appropriate and available mechanisms for food safety 4. Enhance regional mechanism and multi-sectoral collaboration for strengthening of ASEAN Member States' food control system based on ASEAN Food Safety Policy, ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement, and other relevant instruments 	

A.5	WORK PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES 2021-2025	
	Strategy 1: Provide scientific advice in developing evidence-based food safety risk management measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enhance ARAC operationalization including improved governance and its sustainability 2. To enhance AMS capabilities and capacities in risk assessment
	Strategy 2: Minimize capacity gaps among national food control systems through capacity building	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To provide necessary mechanisms and capacity building activities to minimize capacity gaps among the national food control systems
	Strategy 3: Improve the utilization of appropriate mechanisms for food safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. To improve and enhance utilization of appropriate mechanisms for food safety information sharing, and rapid response in food safety issues or crisis
	Strategy 4: Enhance regional mechanism and multi-sectoral collaboration for strengthening of ASEAN Member States' food control system based on ASEAN Food Safety Policy, ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement, and other relevant instruments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. To support functional inter-sectoral/ inter-pillar/ inter-cluster collaboration in the area of food safety
A.6	WORK PROGRAMME KEY PERFORMANCE TARGETS 2021-2025	
	Strategy 1: Provide scientific advice in developing evidence-based food safety risk management measures	<p>By 2025,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant output from the risk assessment activities of ARAC utilized by risk managers from AMS 2. Relevant databases for the conduct of risk assessment studies are utilised by ARAC and AMS
	Strategy 2: Minimize capacity gaps among national food control systems through capacity building	<p>By 2025,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Capacities and capabilities increased to minimize capacity gaps among national food control systems 4. AMS with identified national policy and programme indicate readiness to implement their policy and programme on CPE on Food Safety

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	<p>Strategy 3: Improve the utilization of appropriate mechanisms for food safety</p>	<p>By 2025,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. AMS capabilities and capacities in responding to food safety hazards and emergencies are improved. 6. AHC 4 Website under AFSN is fully utilized by AMS.
	<p>Strategy 4: Enhance regional mechanism and multi-sectoral collaboration for strengthening of ASEAN Member States' food control system based on ASEAN Food Safety Policy, ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement, and other relevant instruments</p>	<p>By 2025,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Task Force of ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework (TF AFSRF) / ASEAN Food Safety Coordinating Committee (AFSCC) is functional with representation from the ASEAN Health Sector

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Work Programme Objectives	Work Programme Key Performance Targets	Project Areas and Activities from 2021 to 2025	Expected Outputs	Lead Country	ASEAN Inter-pillar/ Inter-sectoral/ Inter-cluster/ engagement	Source of Support
Strategy 1: Provide scientific advice in developing evidence-based food safety risk management measures						
A. To enhance ARAC operationalization including improved governance and its sustainability	a.1. By 2025, relevant output from the risk assessment activities of ARAC utilized by risk managers from AMS	1. Review of ARAC governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARAC activities under its Work Plan are implemented ARAC SOPs and mechanisms are reviewed and updated as appropriate 	Malaysia	ACCSQ-PFPWG Relevant working groups under SOM AMAF	EU ARISE Plus FAO International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI)
B. To enhance AMS capabilities and capacities in risk assessment	b.1. By 2025, relevant databases for the conduct of risk assessment studies are utilised by ARAC and AMS	2. Harmonization of format for collection and sharing of food consumption data using international platform to support risk assessment in ASEAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop of ASEAN food consumption data for Exposure Assessment is conducted AMS food consumption data is uploaded to international platform 	Malaysia	None identified	FAO WHO Dialogue Partners
		3. Establishment of digital link of countries with available food consumption data at ARAC website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital link of AMS' food consumption data is included and updated in the ARAC website 	Malaysia	None identified	None identified
		4. Development of guideline on ASEAN Food Consumption Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guideline on ASEAN Food Consumption Data is developed and made available in the ARAC website 	Malaysia	None identified	FAO WHO Dialogue Partners
Strategy 2: Minimize capacity gaps among national food control systems through capacity building						
C. To provide necessary mechanisms and	c.1. By 2025, capacities and capabilities increased	5. Strengthening Laboratory Capacity for Food Safety through the ASEAN Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical gaps are identified and priority areas for capacity building are set 	Singapore	ACCSQ-PFPWG/ AFTLC	TBC

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capacity building activities to minimize capacity gaps among the national food control systems	to minimize capacity gaps among national food control systems	Reference Laboratory (AFRL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training workshop and proficiency testing for laboratory personnel from AMS is conducted 			
		6. Coordination and participation in external partner's capacity building activities on food control systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHC 4 participated in capacity building activities on food control systems supported by external partners 	AHC 4	To be identified depending on the activity	Dialogue and Development Partners
		7. Implementation of the Regional Guide to Develop/Strengthen National Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programme by AMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities conducted based on implementation of the Regional Guide to Develop/strengthen National Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programme and utilization of data, information or experience at regional or national level. 	Thailand	None identified	(ASEC for publication)
	c.2. By 2025, AMS with identified national policy and programme indicate readiness to implement their policy and programme on CPE on Food Safety	8. Finalisation of the ASEAN Framework on Consumer Participation and Empowerment on Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework on Consumer Participation and Empowerment on Food Safety is endorsed 	Indonesia	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	SEAMEO WHO (TBC) FAO (TBC)
		Facilitation on the implementation of the ASEAN Framework on Consumer Participation and Empowerment on Food Safety:				

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		9. Identify common food safety issues and target groups for CPE Program on Food Safety while incorporating the findings of the assessment of the Consumer Participation and Empowerment Program on Food Safety in AMS and identify capacity building needs for Planning, Developing, Executing and Evaluation CPE Program on Food Safety in AMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN situational report on common food safety issues and target groups and the needs of capacity building in Planning, Developing, Executing and Evaluation CPE Program on Food Safety in AMSs are completed by AMS and reported. 	Indonesia	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	SEAMEO WHO (TBC) FAO (TBC)
		10. Conduct Regional Workshop on CPE Program on Food Safety in AMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report/proceeding of the workshop with recommendations on common food safety issues and target groups for CPE Program in AMSs is developed and circulated. 	Indonesia	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	SEAMEO WHO (TBC) FAO (TBC)
		11. Conduct training on Planning, Developing, Executing and Evaluation CPE Program on Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted AMS participants participated fully in the training (targeted by end of 2023) 	Indonesia	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	SEAMEO WHO (TBC) FAO (TBC)
		12. Conduct survey/evaluation on CPE program on Food Safety in each AMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of the planned, developed and implemented CPE Program in AMS is conducted and reported. 	Indonesia	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	SEAMEO WHO (TBC) FAO (TBC)

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D. To improve and enhance utilization of appropriate mechanisms for food safety information sharing, and rapid response in food safety issues or crisis	d.1. By 2025, AMS capabilities and capacities in responding to food safety hazards and emergencies are improved.	Strengthening Rapid Response in Food Safety Issues and Crisis:				
		13. Conduct survey to identify the national guidelines/ guidance on the multi-sectoral collaboration in Rapid Response in Food Safety Incidences and Crisis in AMS and to identify the need for regional simulation to develop a case study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN situational report (survey and case study) on Rapid Response in Food Safety Incidences and Crisis is developed 	Indonesia	ARASFF TF AFSRF	WHO (TBC)
		14. Conduct of table-top exercise/regional simulation on Rapid Response in Food Safety Incidences and Crisis including risk communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table-top exercise/ regional simulation on Rapid Response in Food Safety Incidences and Crisis including risk communication is conducted. 	Indonesia	ARASFF TF AFSRF	WHO (TBC)
		15. Food Borne Outbreak Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training workshop conducted 	Vietnam	None identified	EU ARISE Plus
	d.2. By 2025, AHC 4 Website under AFSN is fully utilized by AMS.	16. Updating of AHC 4 Food Safety Information in AFSN ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHC 4 Website updated by AHC 4 Focal points for AFSN 	Thailand	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	AFSN

¹ HD to initially coordinate with FAFD

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E. To support functional inter-sectoral/ inter-pillar/ inter-cluster collaboration in the area of food safety	e.1.By 2025, Task Force of ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework (TF AFSRF) / ASEAN Food Safety Coordinating Committee (AFSCC) is functional with representation from the ASEAN Health Sector.	17. Collaborate with agriculture and trade focal points and sectors within the TF AFRSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHC 4 actively participated and represented in TF AFSRF and AFSCC Meetings as evidenced by Meeting Reports 	TF-AFSRF Vice Chair	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	EU ARISE Plus
		18. Collaborate with agriculture and trade sectors in the development of ASEAN Health Sector- related AFSRF Agreement protocols through AFSCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHC 4 actively participated and represented in TF AFSRF / AFSCC Meetings for the development of ASEAN Health Sector- related AFSRF Agreement protocols 	TF-AFSRF Vice Chair	SOM-AMAF ACCSQ-PFPWG	EU ARISE Plus
<p><i>(Note: keep in view, subject to concept note from UNICEF in 2 weeks)</i> <i>UNICEF project on Water and Sanitation (cross sectoral/ cross cluster) – still awaiting proposal of UNICEF and the focus of the proposal to determine which AHC is appropriate</i></p>						

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ANNEX 1: ASEAN RISK ASSESSMENT CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY WORK PLAN FOR 2021-2025 (adopted by AHC 4 during the 5th Meeting of AHC on 22 – 23 September 2020)

No.	Activities	Expected Outputs	Timeframe
1	<p>Identification of new areas for RA through consultation with ARAC, potential risk managers and AMS</p> <p>After the endorsement of the request form, ASEC will circulate to AHC 4 and related ASEAN sectoral bodies, i.e. agriculture and trade</p>	<p>Number of risk assessment request received by ARAC</p> <p>Discussion – risk profiling on pesticide, led by Vietnam, work with ARISE Plus</p> <p>FAO – heavy metal</p>	2021-2025
2	<p>Review and evaluation of 1st cycle of ARAC work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To review and evaluate current TOR and SOPs as well as develop new relevant SOPs based on experience gained <p>Alternative: Review by relevant SOPs as request form & compile recommendation/ input from AMS on review/ enhancement of ARAC governance, scope of work and operations as preliminary work for the discussion forum</p>	<p>1 discussion forum</p> <p>1 workshop</p> <p>1 TOR & 4 SOPs (reviewed/edited version)</p> <p>New relevant SOPs</p>	2021/2022
3	Scientific Committee Meeting of ARAC	<p>Number of meeting</p> <p>Number of evaluated request for risk assessment</p>	2021-2025
4	Scientific Panel Meeting of ARAC for risk assessment project/new area identified	<p>Number of meetings</p> <p>Number of scientific opinion / recommendation from the result of risk assessment</p>	2021-2025

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5	Expand the pool of risk assessor through: (i) call for expert that be conducted annually / by new area (ii) experts who had been worked with ARAC in any project previously (iii) scientific seminar for potential scientist / experts to present their paper – collaboration with other risk assessment bodies in ASEAN	Increase number of experts Number of risk assessment project and number of expert involve Number of scientific seminar	2021-2025 2021-2025 2021-2025
6	Awareness and outreach meeting with relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies to inform of ARACs operations, facilitating preparation of request form etc	Number of meeting	2021-2025
7	Outreach programme with other organisation or agencies to seek any possibilities to enhance visibility of ARAC as well as facilitate the understanding on the work of ARAC among relevant stakeholders	Number of outreach program	2021-2025
8	Interaction with potential collaborative partner as a platform for regional and international networking with relevant sector and organisations	Number of interaction / meeting	2021-2025
