Establishment of a Regional Virtual Food Inspection School in Central America and Dominican Republic

PROJECT: STDF/PG/344
The general objective was to improve the safety of fresh or processed foods originating in the region and thus, to facilitate trade and improve public health through harmonized modern inspection procedures carried out by a team of properly trained food inspectors in every country of the region.
**Goal**

To develop a virtual course for food inspectors and for food safety auditors

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Virtual course for food safety inspectors

• Two installments of the virtual training were conducted
  • 936 inspectors from eight countries were enrolled
  • 544 inspectors completed courses
  • 479 inspectors passed the training

• Forty-three (43) professionals from the Universities trained as virtual teachers and as academic assistants
Virtual course for food safety auditors

• Curriculum of the food safety auditor course developed
• One virtual training on food auditing (in English and Spanish)
• Available to be used by university partners.
Institutional framework

• Academic Council
• Technical Consultative Group
• International Advisory Group
• Sustainability proposal was developed to guarantee the sustainability of ERVIA by the Academic Council and the Technical Consultative Group.
• A new organizational structure for ERVIA
Political involvement and commitment (regional and local)

Lessons learned

Food safety as a priority topic

Role of the Universities

Level of preparedness

Sustainability and partnerships

Course delivery process
Towards a more sustainable plan

IICA Coordinating Role

Pilot project in El Salvador in 2019

Partnerships

Pilot project in 2020 (Hemispheric Approach)
Muchas gracias