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## SUPPORT OF THE HOSTING STATE

The Islamic Organization for Food Security has seen extensive support from the hosting state of the Republic of Kazakhstan, under the leadership of H.E. President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. The 78th United Nations General Assembly in 2023 witnessed President Tokayev's resolute commitment to advancing food security agendas.

"We also need to think about a better global food security system. Nearly 10 percent of the world's population faced hunger last year. We must boost

voluntary information exchange on food security, including volumes of production, and the export and import of food products. In concert, we must enable the transparent tracking of funding from the international community in response to food crises. Kazakhstan is ready to act as a regional food supply hub. We have all the required resources, infrastructure and logistics in place for these purposes"

**H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev,**  
*President of the Republic of Kazakhstan*

78th United Nations General Assembly,  
New York, USA



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## SUPPORT OF MEMBER STATES

The State of Qatar, under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of the country (may God protect him), attaches great importance to developing economic sectors, including agriculture and food security, which are vital for achieving food security. Over the years, the state has diligently implemented plans and programs aimed at achieving food security through increasing local production and enhancing self-sufficiency in goods and foodstuffs. These efforts are aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030, which seeks to foster harmony and synergy among economic, social, and environmental developments, thereby ensuring sustainable growth and prosperity for our nation.

In the spirit of cooperation, unity, and solidarity among our nations, let us forge a strong alliance to confront the significant challenges ahead. I am confident that the Islamic Organization for Food

Security, by providing necessary capabilities, will play a pivotal role in improving food security indicators across our countries. Together, we can harness the power of our diversity, experiences, and resources to overcome multiple challenges, demonstrating our unwavering determination to combat food insecurity and find appropriate solutions. We will rely on innovation, sustainable practices, and fair distribution systems to ensure safe and sufficient food access for all.

Let us remember that the strength of the Islamic Organization for Food Security lies not only in its Member States but also in the bonds we forge and the collective actions we take. Through these actions, we demonstrate our solidarity, determination, and unwavering commitment to ensuring the success of our programs and projects. This collective effort will, God willing, lead us towards a future where food insecurity is consigned to the past.

**H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Subaie,**  
*Minister of Municipality of the State of Qatar*

6th IOFS General Assembly,  
Doha, State of Qatar



## FOREWORD OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

On behalf of the Islamic Organization for Food Security, I am pleased to present our Annual Report 2023. This report encapsulates our collective efforts and achievements in advancing food security, fostering collaboration, and promoting sustainable agricultural development across the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member States.

In 2023, IOFS organized 26 activities directly benefiting over 2000 individuals across our Member States. While implementing our work plan diligently, efforts were made to meet the diverse needs of our Member States. Our initiatives have spanned critical areas such as enhancing wheat, rice and cassava production, addressing the impacts of climate change and advancing climate-smart agriculture technologies, providing and coordinating humanitarian assistance, promoting a healthy, halal and safe food ecosystem, as well as developing OIC talent and food security governance for Member States.

Major events such as our 6th General Assembly in Doha, Qatar, provided crucial platforms for Member States to discuss and strategize on overcoming food security challenges collectively. The 2nd IOFS High-Level Forum further enriched these discussions, focusing on sustainable agriculture and innovative food security solutions. Furthermore, the successful organization of the 2nd International Forum for Agri-Biotechnology in Astana, Kazakhstan, highlighted advancements in agricultural biotechnology and its role in addressing global food security challenges.

One of our key achievements in 2023 was the implementation of the Afghanistan Food Security Program, delivering 335 tons of wheat flour to needy households and rehabilitation centers, reaching 16,750 beneficiaries in Afghanistan. This milestone, achieved through partnerships with ARCS, UNAMA, and UNODC, underscores our commitment to humanitarian aid and agricultural development. IOFS also remains steadfast in its commitment to providing immediate response to food crises. We delivered crucial humanitarian aid to earthquake-stricken Syria in cooperation with the Republic of Kazakhstan days after the natural disaster.

As we navigate through challenges in the realm of food security, IOFS remains dedicated to fostering resilience, innovation, and sustainability within the Agri food systems of OIC Member States. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all Member States, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and commitment. It is your participation and collaboration that propels us closer to our vision of a world where agricultural development flourishes, where everyone has access to nutritious foods and communities thrive.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for the IOFS Staff. Their dedication is a part of our daily operations and a driving force behind our long-term strategic objectives, ensuring we stay on course to fulfill our mission. I am confident that in unity, we will continue to develop, innovate, and improve.

As we look into the future, let us approach the coming year with hope and determination, committed to making a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

*With sincere appreciation,*  
**Amb. Berik Aryn**

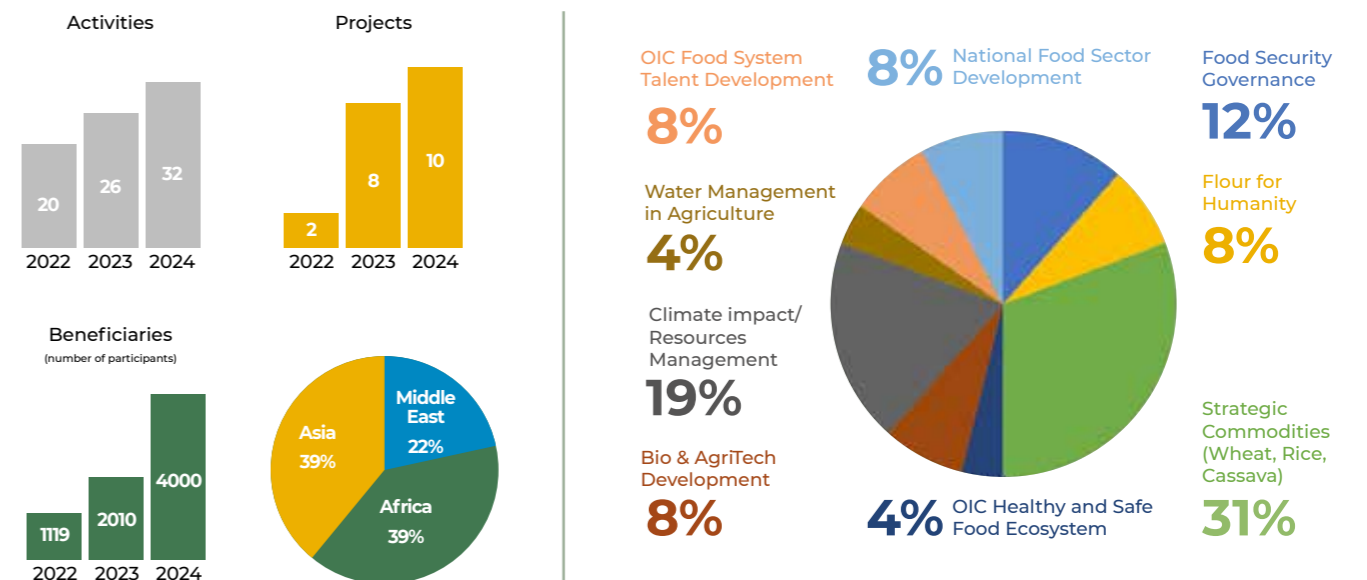


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## IOFS Impact Over the Years:

### COMPARITIVE ANALYSIS 2022-2023 IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES





### INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

#### OIC Organizations



#### International & Regional Organizations



#### Country Level



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### MEMBERS OF IOFS (as of 01.07.2024)

- |     |      |  |                                 |     |      |  |                                |
|-----|------|--|---------------------------------|-----|------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | 2023 |  | Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan     | 22. | 2023 |  | Republic of Gabon              |
| 2.  | 2016 |  | Islamic Republic of Afghanistan | 23. | 2013 |  | Republic of Gambia             |
| 3.  | 2013 |  | United Arab Emirates            | 24. | 2013 |  | Republic of Guinea             |
| 4.  | 2013 |  | Republic of Uganda              | 25. | 2013 |  | Republic of Guinea-Bissau      |
| 5.  | 2013 |  | Islamic Republic of Iran        | 26. | 2013 |  | State of Palestine             |
| 6.  | 2019 |  | Islamic Republic of Pakistan    | 27. | 2016 |  | State of Qatar                 |
| 7.  | 2016 |  | People's Republic of Bangladesh | 28. | 2013 |  | Union of Comoros               |
| 8.  | 2013 |  | Republic of Benin               | 29. | 2013 |  | Republic of Kazakhstan         |
| 9.  | 2013 |  | Burkina Faso                    | 30. | 2016 |  | Republic of Cameroon           |
| 10. | 2016 |  | Republic of Tajikistan          | 31. | 2016 |  | Côte d'Ivoire                  |
| 11. | 2013 |  | Republic of Turkiye             | 32. | 2016 |  | State of Kuwait                |
| 12. | 2022 |  | Republic of Chad                | 33. | 2014 |  | State of Libya                 |
| 13. | 2021 |  | Republic of Tunisia             | 34. | 2013 |  | Republic of Mali               |
| 14. | 2013 |  | Republic of Djibouti            | 35. | 2016 |  | Arab Republic of Egypt         |
| 15. | 2015 |  | Kingdom of Saudi Arabia         | 36. | 2021 |  | Kingdom of Morocco             |
| 16. | 2017 |  | Republic of Senegal             | 37. | 2013 |  | Islamic Republic of Mauritania |
| 17. | 2013 |  | Republic of Sudan               | 38. | 2016 |  | Republic of Mozambique         |
| 18. | 2013 |  | Republic of Suriname            | 39. | 2013 |  | Republic of Niger              |
| 19. | 2013 |  | Republic of Sierra Leone        | 40. | 2019 |  | Federal Republic of Nigeria    |
| 20. | 2013 |  | Republic of Somalia             | 41. | 2023 |  | Republic of Yemen              |
| 21. | 2023 |  | Republic of Iraq                | 42. | 2022 |  | Turkmenistan (observer)        |

### OIC MEMBERS STATES (NON-MEMBERS OF IOFS)

- |    |  |   |     |  |                       |
|----|--|---|-----|--|-----------------------|
| 1. |  | Republic of Azerbaijan                  | 9.  |  | Sultanate of Oman     |
| 2. |  | Republic of Albania                     | 10. |  | Republic of Guyana    |
| 3. |  | Republic of Indonesia                   | 11. |  | Kyrgyz Republic       |
| 4. |  | Republic of Uzbekistan                  | 12. |  | Republic of Lebanon   |
| 5. |  | Kingdom of Bahrain                      | 13. |  | Republic of Maldives  |
| 6. |  | Brunei Darussalam                       | 14. |  | Malaysia              |
| 7. |  | Republic of Togo                        | 15. |  | Syrian Arab Republic* |
| 8. |  | People's Democratic Republic of Algeria |     |  |                       |

\*Membership suspended



# KEY EVENTS

## 6th IOFS General Assembly

The 6th IOFS General Assembly, held on October 3rd, 2023, was attended by agriculture ministers and food security experts from 56 OIC Member States, along with representatives from over 25 international organizations.

The State of Qatar, elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board during the previous General Assembly in 2022, has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing food security within the OIC geography, exemplified by its dedication to hosting the 6th General Assembly. Dr. Masoud Jarallah Al-Marri, the Chairman of the IOFS Executive Board, emphasized the urgency of the situation, stating,

**OIC MEMBER STATES**  
**56**

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
**25**

“ Qatar acknowledges the critical need to address food security challenges affecting millions of our fellow citizens across the Islamic World. We are dedicated to working alongside the IOFS and all Member States to develop innovative and sustainable solutions. We firmly believe that achieving food security is not just about sustenance but also about upholding the dignity and stability

of our communities. The State of Qatar has consistently endeavored to use its resources and expertise to promote agricultural development, research, and technology transfer across the OIC. We call upon all Member States to leverage the platform of the IOFS to establish a unified system for addressing the challenges of sustainable agricultural development in the OIC geography. ”



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## 2nd IOFS High Level Forum

The 2nd High-Level Forum, organized from October 1st to October 3rd 2023 in Doha, Qatar, was marked by a ceremony attended by eminent dignitaries and esteemed experts from various parts of the globe. Over 150 participants from North America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia assembled for a three-day discourse on the pressing issues concerning food security and sustainable agriculture.

The forum's scope encompassed socio-economic development and the systematic implementation of specific programs and projects, including the advancement of agricultural technologies, efficient water management in agriculture, the facilitation of trade and investment within the OIC,

**3 SUBFORUMS**  
**150 PARTICIPANTS**

active engagement of civil society, and the strategic alignment of media efforts to enhance food security.

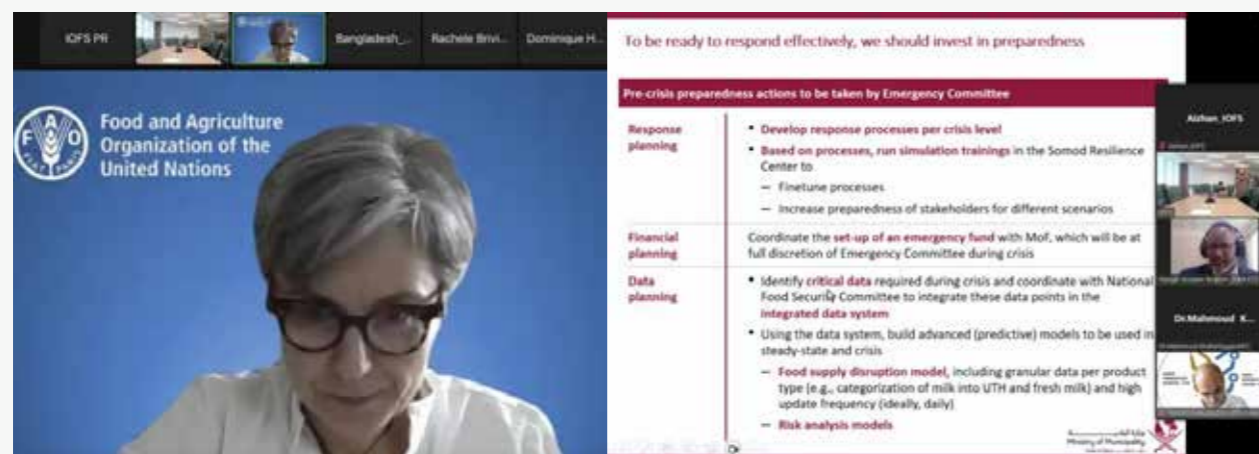




# GOVERNANCE ENABLEMENT

## Food Security Governance

A collection of 37 Food Security Policies from 18 OIC MS were shared with the officials from Kazakhstan, Iraq, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. IOFS facilitated knowledge exchange and experience sharing among 87 Representatives from 23 OIC Member States on monitoring and forecasting of food security, and food balance sheet management with potential of development of a food security monitoring system in the Member States.



IOFS Food Balance Database

## IOFS Insight

An online dashboard of innovative tools has been further strengthened to enhance visualization and interactivity in displaying productivity and trade data of agricultural commodities, yielding significant insights, enabling deeper analysis and identification of trade opportunities among OIC Member States.

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## Agricultural production and trade complementarities among OIC Member States

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## Food Safety Index Development

The Second High Level Forum, held on the sidelines of the 6th IOFS General Assembly on 2 October 2023, featured a training session on “Food Safety Index Development” in collaboration with The Statistical, Economic, and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).

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# FOOD CRISIS RESPONSE

## Food Security Reserves

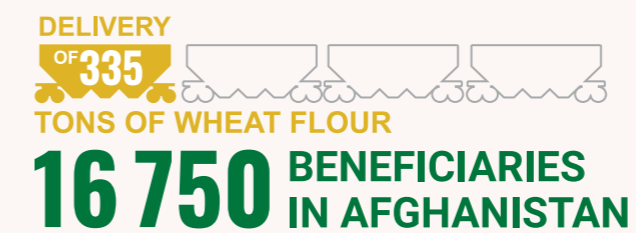
Food Security Reserves (FSR) program advanced through sequential steps aimed at enhancing food security within the OIC sub-region, including Central Asia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, Iran, and others. Initial efforts involved research, developing solutions, and drafting founding agreements,

followed by pilot projects and bilateral meetings with Member States. Consultative workshop gathered 15 participants in Astana, Kazakhstan, for expert discussions, as well as bilateral engagements with agriculture ministers from pilot countries. As an outcome of several bilateral meetings with the



Member States in the pilot sub-region, and the 9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Doha, on 1-2 October 2023, a Steering Committee has to be established to consider future prospects and resource mobilization for the Food Security Reserve.

## Flour for Humanity: Afghanistan Food Security Program



Afghanistan Food Security Program successfully delivered 335 tons of wheat flour to needy households and six rehabilitation centers across various Afghan provinces reaching out to 16750 beneficiaries across Afghanistan, facilitated by partnerships with ARCS, UNAMA, and UNODC, marking a milestone in humanitarian aid and agricultural development efforts.

With the support of Kazakhstan delivered 50 tons of humanitarian aid to earthquake-shaken Syria. The aid included canned food, warm clothes, winter tents, beds and bedding. The humanitarian aid was delivered to the city of Aleppo in four flights by the National Guard of Kazakhstan.





# CAPACITY BUILDING

## OIC Strategic Commodities – Wheat

The wheat development program of IOFS in 2023 initiated a project on the Development of Mauritanian Wheat Production System. The Task Force Members included experts from North African countries and IOFS partners such as AOAD, ACSAD, and CILSS, visited Mauritania and identified the current challenges of wheat production there. They shared the practices and experiences of their countries regarding seed management and seed system, breeding programs, soil health, diseases/insects' management, extension and interaction with the private sector, irrigation system, the procedure of enlisting new wheat varieties in the National catalog, and qualified human resource.

Formulated an Action Plan (draft) with short and long-term goals and roadmap to foster increased

**25**  **WHEAT BREEDERS/AGRONOMISTS FROM 16 MS TRAINED IN WHEAT VALUE CHAIN** 

collaboration within the CWANA region to emphasize on the adoption of innovative agricultural practices and technologies to enhance productivity, resource efficiency, and resilience in the wheat value chain. The key initiatives include developing climate-resilient crop varieties, efficient water management techniques, improved post-harvest processes, and supportive policies and regulatory frameworks to promote sustainable development in agriculture.



Achieving high productivity through advanced and innovative breeding techniques was demonstrated for productivity enhancement and sustainability through access to the proven technologies of water conservation and management, and seed networking strategies. Feasibility and challenges to produce more grains per drop of water were key highlights of this activity.

**60**  **GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, WHEAT BREEDERS/AGRONOMISTS TRAINED IN ADVANCED BREEDING** 



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## OIC Strategic Commodities – Rice

A capacity building activity under the Asia-Africa network initiative aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among rice breeders/agronomists from Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal and Uganda. Key developments include facilitating in ongoing collaborative projects, particularly in seed exchange and technology transfer for fortified rice, basmati rice, perennial rice, drought-tolerant upland rice, and hybrid rice. Participants enhanced their rice production skills through modern cultivation techniques, pest management, and sustainable practices. This ef-

**50**  **RICE BREEDERS/AGRONOMISTS TRAINED IN RICE BREEDING AND PRODUCTION PRACTICES** 


fort has empowered participants to lead agricultural advancements and enhance food security within their respective countries, highlighting the program's impact on inter-OIC cooperation and rice sector development.





## OIC Strategic Commodities – Cassava

A cohort of 23 cassava breeders/agronomists from Nigeria, Benin Republic, Cote d' Ivoire, Cameroon and Togo were brought to Abuja, Nigeria for their capacity building and knowledge sharing to deploy Next Generation Breeding Tools in Cassava breeding. Creation of a favorable business environment for cassava value chain actors includes the interventions such as: good farming systems, improve/

**23**  **CASSAVA BREEDERS AND AGRONOMISTS TRAINED IN NEXT GENERATION BREEDING TOOLS**

high yielding planting materials, price guarantees, development of processing technologies/facilities, identifying and developing alternative markets.



Regional Cassava Value Chain Initiative “Spurring Food Security, Climate Resilience and Agro-Industrial Development by Transforming Cassava Production and Processing” was kicked-off in Cote D' Ivoire in partnership with IsDB and UNDP. Skills and technical know-how about digitalized smallholder cassava value chains was transferred among cassava farmers and value chain stakeholders from Sierra Leone, Togo, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Mali, Senegal, Benin, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire.

**70**  **DIVERSE COHORT TRAINED IN TRANSFORMING CASSAVA PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING**



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## Bio & Agri Tech Development

The 2nd International Forum for Agri-Biotechnology, held on July 4-5, 2023, in Astana, Kazakhstan, was organized in partnership with COMSTech. The National Center for Biotechnology (NCB) Astana Kazakhstan, University of Agriculture Faisalabad Pakistan, MNS University of Agriculture Multan Pakistan, COMSATS University Islamabad Pakistan, Agriculture Department Punjab Pakistan and COMSATS were collaborators of the forum. The forum explored the advancements in plant, microbial, animal, and food biotechnology and their crucial role in addressing environmental challenges and ensuring global food security. The event shed light on the nexus between food insecurity, disease, and vaccination efforts. It brought

**150+** **52+** **11**  
**ATTENDEES** **SPEAKERS** **UNIVERSITIES**

**FROM 12 OIC MS PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR AGRI-BIOTECHNOLOGY**

attention to the pressing challenges arising from climate change, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the worldwide recession, resulting in disrupted food supplies, increased costs, and deficiencies in food systems worldwide. The forum recognized the potential of biotechnology to address food insecurity and presented innovative solutions to make agriculture more resilient to climate challenges.



The 2nd High-Level Forum on 01-03 October 2023 in Doha, Qatar, held on the sidelines of the 9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development and the 6th IOFS General Assembly, with a ceremony attended by prominent dignitaries and esteemed experts from around the world. The three-day landmark event was attended by over 150 participants from North America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, including 110+ attendees from 23 OIC Member States, brought together a diverse array of stakeholders to deliberate on the critical issues surrounding food security and sustainable agriculture. The Forum focused on affordable and cost-effective AgriTech solutions like water management technologies and innovations,

 **150+** **ATTENDEES FROM 23 MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATED**  
**IN DOHA ADVANCED AGRI-TECH FORUM**

climate smart agriculture and good food farming practices, enhancing productivity, resilience and sustainability of food systems, and policy and regulatory frameworks on the transformative role of Agri-Techs and innovations in AgriFood systems of OIC Member States.





## OIC Halal, Healthy & Safe Food Ecosystem

International best practices for reduction in Food Losses and Wastes of Arab countries were explored and a roadmap emphasizing the adoption of innovative practices was developed including recommendations aimed at seamlessly integrating waste reduction targets and measures into regional agricultural and food security policies.

### Taiyb Methodology

The IOFS Taiyb Methodology has been devised and diligently crafted to encompass data pertaining to Tayib food, in other words: extract non-tayib ele-

**25+**  **EXPERTS AND OFFICIALS TRAINED IN FOOD LOSSES AND WASTES STRATEGIES** 

ments from datasets for further calculation of the indexes such as Food Nutrition Index (FNI).



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## Water Management in Agriculture

The program implemented capacity building and knowledge sharing activities during 2023, which include Cairo water week side event, a session on water management during the IOFS High-Level Forum in Doha, and a session on water management during the World Conference on Food Security in Tunis.

During the Cairo Water Week 2023, IOFS in cooperation with INWRDAM successfully organized a side event focusing on sustainable water use in agriculture. This event brought together experts and policymakers to discuss advanced irrigation technologies and effective water management

strategies. The insights shared during this event have influenced regional water policies and led to develop policy recommendations for the sustainable use of water resources in food production, enhancing data collection methodologies, and establishing improved water management systems. Best practices in water management policies and technologies, including advanced irrigation systems, uses of non-conventional water sources, and water use efficiency monitoring were showcased. These showcases have provided valuable insights and practical examples for OIC member states to adopt.





## CLIMATE IMPACT

### Addressing the Challenges of Food Security in the Sahel

**30+**  **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TRAINED IN DEPLOYING CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PRACTICES** 

A training workshop aimed at addressing the challenges of food security in the Sahel was conducted in Niamey, Niger to train 10 government officials from Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo, while 20 government officials from Niger. The main thrust was how to deploy climate-smart agriculture practices. A regional support program was also proposed to address severe agricultural instability and climate challenges of food security in the Sahel.



### Resilient Agriculture

**50**  **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' CAPACITY BUILDING IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION** 

Resilience in rural areas through innovative measures at the intersection of water, agriculture, and climate and finally led to the adoption of declaration on wheat, olive trees, and aquaculture resilience.



The Regional Conference on “Resilient Agriculture in IOFS-MS: Climate Adaptation and Food Security” in Tunisia, Tunisia and its two pre-webinars targeted representatives from the ministries of agriculture of IOFS member states (Chad, Kazakhstan, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, and Türkiye) focused on climate change. The conference emphasized collaborative efforts to tackle climate-induced food insecurity, promoted promising technologies and innovations to enhance the adaptability of agricultural livelihood systems in the face of climate change, presented strategies for strengthening re-



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### Food Security in the Arab World

In December 2023 in Tunis, the international conference on Food Security in the Arab World During and After Crises brought together the representatives from the ministries of agriculture of OIC member states (Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, and UAE) and international and regional organizations focused on food security. It emphasized the need for sustainable agricultural technologies,

improved crisis management, and enhanced cooperation to ensure food security amidst and after crises. It led to the initiation of pivotal programs for smart agriculture and drought control, aiming to enhance climate resilience and sustainable farming practices in the region. It also highlighted the strategies for monitoring, training, and international cooperation to improve agricultural sustainability during and after crises.





# INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

## International Islamic Food Processing Association

The International Islamic Food Processing Association (IFPA) is a subsidiary of IOFS that facilitates intra-OIC agrifood market integration and digital platform development. On 29 May 2023, the headquarters of IFPA was officially relocated in Dubai,

UAE. The new headquarters, formed under the Dubai Association Centre, is envisioned to hold a key role in shaping the future of the global Islamic food industry.



## Animal Development

Animal biotechnology opportunities were explored during the 2nd International Forum for Agri-Biotechnology in Astana. The insights influenced regional livestock management practices, promoting the adoption of advanced biotechnologies across OIC countries. Created comprehensive policy recommendations to support livestock identification and genetic improvement initiatives.

Demonstrated best practices in livestock management policies and technologies, including advanced breeding methods, genetic improvement techniques, and efficient livestock identification systems. These showcases provided valuable insights and practical examples for OIC member states to adopt.



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## OIC Food System Talent Development

A two-day hybrid workshop on “Development of Curriculum & Introduction of Education Program on Food Security” was organized in Astana, Kazakhstan, engaging 35 participants with both physical and online attendance. Learning key elements of teaching food security, and gaining insights into international best practices contributed to the development of a template interdisciplinary educational program on food security. This program aims to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to address food security challenges and promote sustainable development. The ultimate goal is to establish a major or minor


**35**  **ACADEMICS, EXPERTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TRAINED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM & INTRODUCTION OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ON FOOD SECURITY**

specialization in “Food Security and Sustainable Development” for bachelor’s and master’s degree programs.



## 19th RUFORUM Side Event

A side-event on “Building Food Systems Governance and Policy Analysis Capacity in Africa” at the 19th RUFORUM (Regional Universities Forum) Annual General Meeting in Cameroon gathered 41 beneficiaries, promoting collaboration among Egyptian, Pakistani, and African universities. These efforts have facilitated knowledge exchange and practical examples from universities like the American University in Cairo and University of Agriculture Faisalabad Pakistan for raised awareness and enhanced teaching capacities on food security within OIC Member States.

**41**  **BENEFICIARIES FROM ACADEMIC, GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TRAINED ON BUILDING FOOD SYSTEMS GOVERNANCE AND POLICY ANALYSIS CAPACITY IN AFRICA**





# RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

## National Food Sectors Development

Afghanistan Agro-Business & Investment Forum organized on 14-15 of September 2023 in Faisalabad, Pakistan gathered 200 participants and speakers from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Türkiye, Oman, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan. The forum facilitated discussions on trade and investment oppor-

tunities in the agro and food industries and food security challenges in Afghanistan. Business ties among the participating countries and organizations were built to make a collective effort to address the challenges.



# GLOBAL MANDATES



Afghanistan Food Security Programme (AFSP) was launched as part of the main outcomes of the 17th Extraordinary CFM on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan, held on 18-19 December 2021, in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan hosted. In fact, the adopted Resolution, inter alia, identified the IOFS for taking necessary efforts for the implementation of this Programme to undertake necessary work in this regard using the capacity of the Organization's Food Security Reserves, when necessary and encourages OIC Member States, international donors, the UN Funds and Programmes and other international actors to generously contribute to the AFSP.

## Afghanistan Food Security Program

**Ramadan April 2023** - In a significant effort to combat food insecurity, we partnered with the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) to deliver 270 tons of wheat flour to the provinces of Badghis, Ghour, Nimrouz, and Farah. This initiative provided essential nutrition to thousands of families, demonstrat-

ing the power of collaboration and commitment to humanitarian aid. Through this partnership, we not only delivered vital supplies but also brought hope and stability to communities in need.







**June 2023** - In collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), we successfully delivered 70 tons of wheat flour to Drug Addicted Treatment Centers. This initiative has provided crucial nutritional support to individuals undergoing recovery, emphasizing our commitment to aiding vulnerable populations and supporting rehabilitation efforts across the region.

**14-15 September 2023**- Afghanistan Agri-Business and Investment Forum in Faisalabad, Pakistan, gathering 200 participants from OIC Member States

*Highlights: Challenges of Afghan agri-food sector; identifying potential areas for investment, economic recovery methodologies.*



### IOFS-COMSTech Food Security Fellowship for Afghanistan, 2023

The fellowship program for the nominees from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock, Kabul, Afghanistan, was conducted from May 6 to August 2, 2023, at the National Agricultural Research Centre, Islamabad, The Islamic Republic of Pakistan. This training aimed to train on the quality

control of food commodities through theory, practical, and experimental activities. The comprehensive training equipped participants with essential skills to improve food quality standards, directly impacting food security and consumer health in Afghanistan.



## Africa Food Security Initiative



After the resounding results of the celebration of 2022 as the "IOFS Year of Africa", the IOFS's African commitment was strengthened. The 49<sup>th</sup> OIC Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC (Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in 2023) approved the Africa Food Security Initiative (AFSI). The African commitment comes against the backdrop of various reports issued by relevant UN Agencies, including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Program (WFP), particularly the Hunger Hotspots Report 2021, conveyed the drastic situation of food insecurity in 11 OIC Member States in Africa, namely Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Lebanon, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, bringing the total amount of affected people to around 66 million.



rice production through Asia-Africa bridge, agronomic methods on cassava cultivation in Mozambique, Cassava Next Generation Breeding in Nigeria, and building Food Systems Governance and Policy Analysis Capacity in Camroon. During 2023, IOFS kicked off Regional Cassava Value Chain Initiative for Africa in Côte d'Ivoire.



In this context, AFSI is strategically designed to be executed through a series of comprehensive programs. These initiatives are meticulously crafted to address the intricate challenges facing food systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. By prioritizing the development and implementation of these programs, the aim is to ensure that the vital issue of food security receives the attention it deserves. Ultimately, the goal is to guarantee that individuals and communities across the region have consistent access to nutritious food, thereby fostering resilience and sustainable development.

Under this initiative, IOFS implemented the capacity building activities to addressing the challenges of food security in the Sahel region (Mali), climate adaptation and food security in the Arab World during and after crises in Tunisia, climate resilient wheat development in Mauritania and North Africa, water management in agriculture in Egypt, addressing challenges of food security in the Sahel countries in Niger, integrated water resources management plan in Niger, strategic planning and policy development in food security cooperation in Nigeria, drought-tolerant technologies for







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# WAY FORWARD

Mandatory contributions received 2022



The IOFS continues its efforts to accomplish its Strategic Plan 2031 and global mandates of Afghanistan Food Security Program and Africa Food Security Initiative (AFSI). Agricultural and humanitarian aid will be continued in Afghanistan and will be expanded to Gaza. The implementation of AFSI continues to focus on Climate Smart Agriculture including soil, water and transboundary pest control management, OIC strategic commodities of wheat, rice and cassava and animal development.

The successful efforts and progress in transformation of activities into projects will be continued focusing on transfer and demonstration of technologies and best practices for climate resilience, productivity and nutritional enhancement, resources efficiency, AgriFood System sustainability and creation of enabling environment through policy interventions for the whole food supply chain.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Management of Islamic Organization for Food Security

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Islamic Organization for Food Security** (hereinafter – the Organization) consisting of the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the statement of financial performance, the statement of changes in the net assets/equity, the cash flow statement, statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as well.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at 31 December 2023, as well as its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2023, in accordance with the International Public Sector Financial Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

### Basis for Opinion

We have performed audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are described in the section *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements* herein. We are independent in relation to the Organization, as required by the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (Code of IESBA) and the ethical requirements applicable to our audit of the financial statements in Kazakhstan, and we fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in compliance with those requirements and the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other matter

The audit of the Organization's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 was conducted by another auditor, who expressed a modified opinion on these statements on 31 May 2023.





# LIST OF ACRYONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**ACSAD** - Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands

**AGRA** - Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa

**AI** - Artificial Intelligence

**ALECSO** - Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization

**AOAD** - Arab Organization for Agricultural Development

**BADEA** - Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa

**BRRI** - Bangladesh Rice Research Institute

**CEDARE** - Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe

**CH** - Cadre Harmonisé

**CILSS** - The Permanent Interstate Committee for drought control in the Sahel

**CNRADA** - The National Center of Agricultural Research and Development

**COMCEC** - The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation

**COMSATS** - The Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

**COMSTECH** - The Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC

**COP28** - The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC

**CSO** - Civil Society Organizations

**CWANA** - Central and West Asia and North Africa

**CWW** - Cairo Water Week

**DIHAD** - The Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development

**D-8** - The D8 Organization for Economic Cooperation

**EBID** - The ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development

**ECOWAS** - Economic Community of West African States

**FAO** - Food and Agriculture Organization

**GCC** - Gulf Cooperation Council

**GIZ** - The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH

**GRFC** - Global Report on Food Crises

**HBKU** - Hamad Bin Khalifa University

**ICARDA** - International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas

**ICBA** - International Center for Biosaline Agriculture

**ICDT** - Islamic Centre for Development of Trade

**ICESCO** - Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**ICIC** - Islamic Committee of the International Crescent

**ICIEC** - The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit

**ICT** - Information and Communications Technology

**ICYF** - Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum

**IFPA** - International Islamic Food Processing Association

**INRAT** - National Institute of Agronomic Research of Tunisia

**INWRDAM** - Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management

**IOFS** - Islamic Organization for Food Security

**IoT** - Internet of Things

**IPC** - Integrated Food Security Phase Classification

**IRRI** - International Rice Research Institute

**IsDB** - Islamic Development Bank

**IWRM** - Integrated Water Resources Management

**KazATU** - Kazakh Agrotechnical University

**KazNARU** - Kazakh National Agrarian University

**KGS** - Kazakhstan Gharysh Sapary

**MCFSAD** - Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development

**MoU** - Memorandum of Understanding

**MS** - Member States

**MSC** - Model Support Center

**NGO** - Non-Governmental Organization

**NGT** - Next Generation Technologies

**OCHA** - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**OIC** - Organization of Islamic Cooperation

**OIC CFM** - Organization of Islamic Cooperation Council of Foreign Ministers

**OIC GS** - Organization of Islamic Cooperation General Secretariat

**R&D** - Research and Development

**RUFORUM** - Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture

**SAZ** - Special Agriculture Zones

**SESRIC** - Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries

**SMEs** - Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

**SMIIC** - Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries

**STI** - Science, Technology & Innovation

**TIKA** - Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency

**UAF** - University of Agriculture Faisalabad

**UN** - United Nations

**UNA** - Union of News Agencies (OIC)

**UNAMA** - United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan


**UNODC** - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime


**WDO** - Women Development Organization


**WFP** - World Food Program





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