



# PROSAFE

## Promoting Safe Food for Everyone

In 2015, the Mekong Institute Food Safety Capability Activity (MIFSCA) was launched to provide training and support services on food safety for local governments, small and medium enterprises, and research/academic institutions from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam (CLMV).

Anchored on the vision of developing responsibility and promoting a food safety culture across relevant actors along the horticultural value chain, the MIFSCA targeted to enhance the capacity of local governments and private sector actors in the region. This initiative was supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme under the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

By September 2017, **seven regional training programs** were delivered improving food safety knowledge and skills among **193 public and private sector representatives** within the region. In turn, course participants organized localized trainings, improved food safety regulations and guidelines, or published food safety stories in various mass media platforms. At the same time, small and medium enterprises initiated improvements in their food safety practices and facilities as they work toward complying with local and international food safety and quality standards.

The second phase of the project, re-branded as **PROSAFE: Promoting Safe Food for Everyone**, was launched in June 2018 and will run until May 2023.

Taking stock of the achievements from the first phase, the project now seeks to strengthen technical support and scale up regional and local capacity building initiatives to further promote food safety in CLMV. In the next five years, the Project hopes to further engage key actors from both the public and private sectors and put in place an integrated mechanism leading toward significant changes in food safety perception and practices in the region.

To achieve this, a major component of the Project will still focus on providing a series of safe food courses dealing with different food safety topics. Beyond the training programs, the Project will also provide technical support to post-training outreach activities and projects initiated by participants.

The key features of the Project include:

- Promoting food safety along the value chain
- Involvement of the public and private sectors
- Addressing country-identified training needs
- Planned outreach to support the application of knowledge and skills
- Use of New Zealand and regional food safety expertise

### PROSAFE at a Glance

#### Duration

Five years (June 2018–May 2023)

#### Donor

New Zealand Aid Programme

#### Implementing Partner

Mekong Institute

#### Training Topics



Food Safety Management Tools



Pest and Agrichemical Management



Food Safety Risk Analysis



Raising Public Awareness



Food Safety Inspection and Audit



Postharvest Safe Food Handling Practices



Food Hygiene and Sanitation



Food Safety Emergency Response