

EatSafe: Evidence and Action Towards Safe, Nutritious Food

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EatSafe in Ethiopia Celebrates World Food Safety Day

Hawassa, Ethiopia, 7 June 2023 – The USAID-funded, Feed The Future program EatSafe: Evidence and Action Towards Safe Nutritious Food (EatSafe) commemorated World Food Safety Day and its theme, food standards save lives, in Hawassa, Ethiopia. Over 84 participants gathered for a half-day workshop to celebrate World Food Safety Day. Multisectoral stakeholders from government, private businesses, academia, development partners, and consumers participated in the event.

The workshop included various remarks on the importance of food safety from the Regional Health and Trade and Industry Bureaus. EatSafe shared research findings from their food safety efforts in Hawassa food markets. The event included keynote speeches, a panel discussion among food safety experts, and an interactive quiz competition testing participants' food safety knowledge.

The workshop highlighted the impact of food safety challenges in Ethiopia and the importance of standards and regulations to promote safe food. Stakeholders utilized the event as a platform for networking and knowledge sharing. The event concluded with an expression of commitment from different key stakeholders to improve food safety in Hawassa food markets.



About World Food Safety Day

The fifth World Food Safety Day (WFSD) will be celebrated on 7 June 2023 to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agricultural production, market access, tourism, and sustainable development. World Food Safety Day is a joint effort led by the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

For more information, please contact EatSafe@gainhealth.org or visit www.gainhealth.org/EatSafe.

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