

# Capacity building – introducing a solid food safety system in Georgia

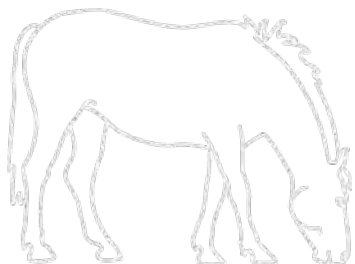


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**Capacity building and technical support to  
The National Food Agency (NFA), Georgia**

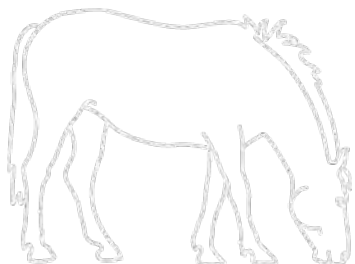
**Implementing partners**

- **Swedish Board of Agriculture**
- **Swedish National Food Agency**



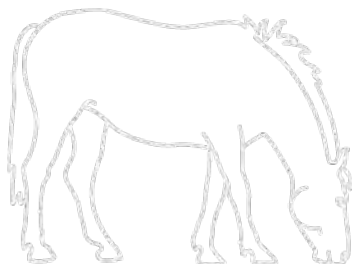
### Project characteristics

- **Twinning like project**
- **Supported and financed by SIDA**
- **Part of PGU**
- **Budget 40 Mill SEK**
- **Duration 4 years**



### Developmental objective (s)

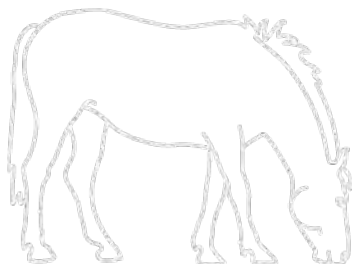
- **To ensure an environment in which a solid food safety system, in line with EU and international standards, can be established in Georgia.**
- **Strengthen the NFA's Georgia administrative capacities, thus ensuring a dynamic market development.**



## **To do**

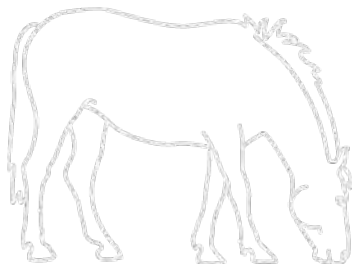
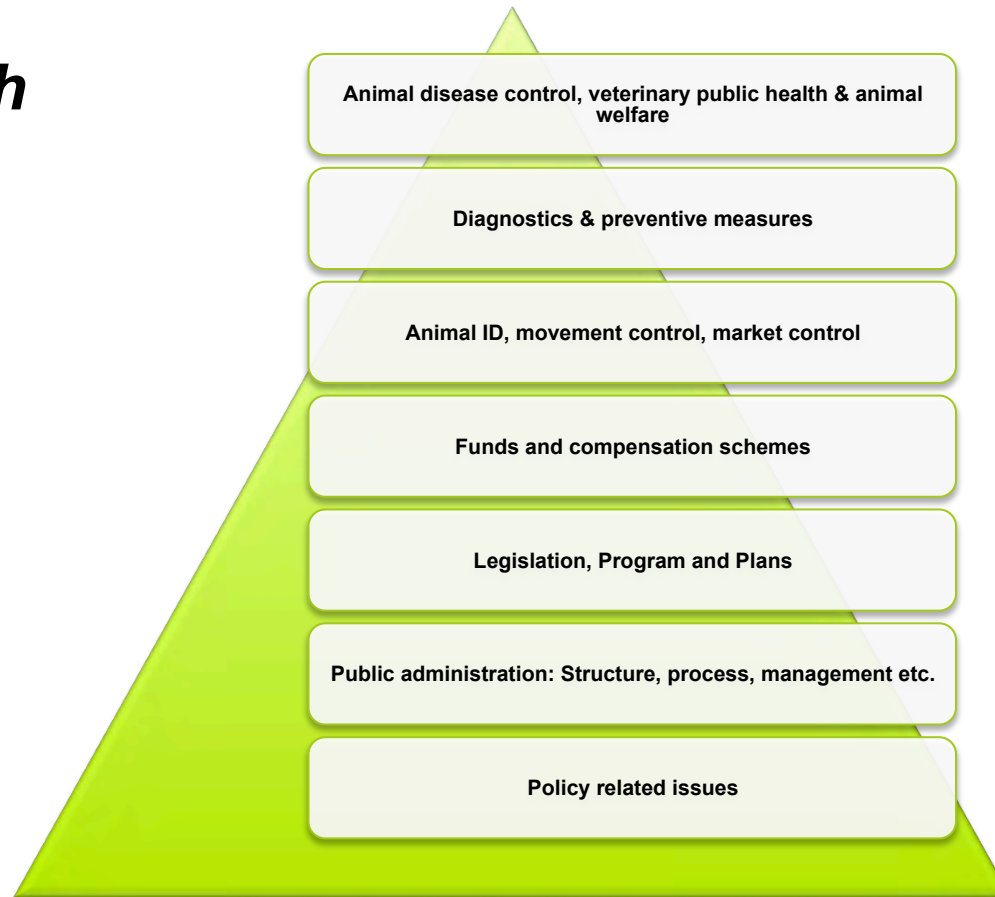
**Develop an efficient inspection systems,  
- veterinary services, - phytosanitary services  
and methods for responding quickly to food safety/regulated  
emergencies**

**Key - transparency and equal treatment of customer**





### *General approach*



WP 1 Implementation of Laws  
and Regulations in the Food  
chain

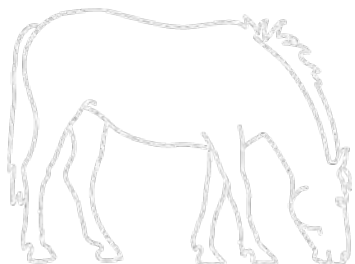
WP 2 Public Administration and  
Management

WP 3 Veterinary services

WP 4 Systematic Control/  
Inspection in Food - chain

WP 5 Civil Emergency Planning

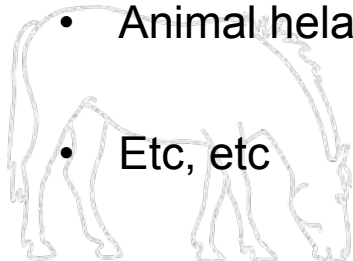
WP 6 Phytosanitary



### Major accomplishment and events during the period Sept.2011 – Dec. 2015

- 450 “Vets” hired
- 60 New inspectors hired
- Inspections increased 10 fold, no compliances reported
- 7 Regional offices completed including infrastructure
- “New logo”
- New codex adapted
- Risk assessments
- New curriculum for vet. educ.
- Chief veterinary officer in place
- Internal homepage
- SVD document
- Institutional reform plan
- Animal health action plan

- Etc, etc





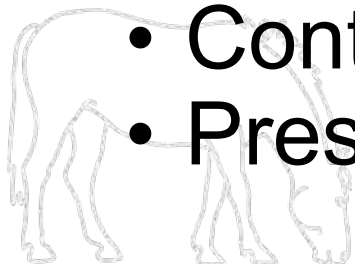
## PROBLEMS in Georgia

- Institutional memory
- Commitment
- Instability
- Quick fix at low cost



## Lessons learned

- Long term commitment
- Inception phase do not underestimate
- Commitment
- Contracts
- Presence



We try our outmost  
to keep focused

Thank you!

