

**NIGERIA'S  
FOOD  
SAFETY AND  
QUALITY BILL:  
WHAT EVERY  
NIGERIAN  
SHOULD  
KNOW!**

**Background**

- In May–July 2022, the RSM2SNF project administered a survey to capture stakeholder familiarity with key legislation in Nigeria related to micro, small, and medium-scale enterprises (MSMEs) involved in the agrifood system.
- We learned that only **10%** of respondents were familiar with Nigeria's Food Safety and Quality bill!

**Food Safety  
Quality Bill**

- It is a proposed national law aimed at regulating food safety and quality throughout Nigeria's food supply chain; from production to processing, packaging, distribution and consumption

Its objectives are:

- Protect public health
- Streamline regulatory oversight
- Enhance consumer confidence
- Promote international trade
- Strengthen food control system

**CITIZEN'S  
CHECKLIST –  
What You  
Should  
DEMAND**

**AS A CONSUMER:**

- Food that is safe, clean, and properly labelled
- Clear expiry dates and allergen info on packaging
- Regular public reports on food inspections and recalls
- Easy ways to report unsafe food or bad hygiene

**AS A FARMER OR VENDOR:**

- Access to hygiene and food safety training
- Support to improve storage, handling, and processing
- Fair enforcement – not harassment or bribes
- Inclusion in discussions on how laws are implemented

**FROM THE GOVERNMENT & AGENCIES**

- No more regulatory overlap or double penalties
- Food inspectors who are trained, equipped, & accountable
- Hotlines for complaints & food safety alerts
- Strong coordination between the relevant govt. agencies (e.g. NAFDAC, SON etc.)

**What Can  
You Do?**

- **RAISE YOUR VOICE**
- **SHARE THE MESSAGE**
- **ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS**