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Report on Activities Delivered by GCI International Inc. Supporting the Development of a Codex Strategy 2023-26

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1. Summary of Deliverables

The Food Export Alliance Association (FEAA) sought the development of a set of activities supporting the organization of a workshop gathering national food competent authorities in Bangladesh entrusted with food standard setting, with the aim to develop collaboratively and endorse a national Codex Strategy. This activity is part of a larger undertaking to support the development of Codex capacities in Bangladesh, with the aim to contribute to the enhancement of the food control system in the country, in line with international requirements, resulting in a more predictable food regulatory environment, supportive of international trade of food and agrifood commodities.

GCI International Inc. through its principal Expert Prof. Samuel Godefroy, supported by a team that included Mr. Kenneth Teng and Mr. Montassar Guider, both at the employment of the GCI group of companies delivered the following:

- ❖ Preparation for the organization of a physical workshop in Dhaka, gathering various actors and contributors to the Bangladesh Codex program, with emphasis on government organizations and specifically, which gathers regulators and stakeholders from Bangladesh, to identify interests, priorities of interventions in developing a Codex Capacity Enhancement Program, in particular:
 - The event agenda
 - The preparation of the relevant presentations
 - The preparation of facilitation material

This workshop was delivered in collaboration with the Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project (BTF) implemented by Venture 37 and funded by the USDA.

- ❖ Delivery of the 2-day workshop in Dhaka on May 24-25, 2023.
- ❖ Development of an updated version of a Codex Strategy for Bangladesh 2023-26, based on the input provided during the workshop.
- ❖ Update the workplan for Codex Capacity Enhancement Initiatives for year 1.

2. Documentation of Deliverables

Deliverables related to the preparation of the material for the workshop are all documented in the link attached:

❖ <https://foodregsci.com/bdmay2023/>

In particular, all presentations and documents prepared for use during the physical meetings of May 24-25, 2023 are described below:

Workshop Agenda

Day 1: 24 May 2023

1. Workshop Objectives

2. Importance of Codex Standard Setting Processes and Impacts on the Food Control System

3. Activity – Priority Codex Committee Selection (Word Document)

4. Review of Recent Participation by Bangladesh at Codex Proceedings

Day 2: 25 May 2023

5. Participation in Codex Committees / Activities

6. Review of Codex Capacity – Bangladesh

7. Future Directions – Areas of Investment: Towards a Comprehensive Codex Capacity Enhancement Roadmap

8. Best Practices in Operating Codex Programs

Other deliverables are appended to this report and include:

9. An updated Codex Strategy 2023-26.

10. An updated set of Activities for Year 1.

11. An updated prioritisation of Codex Committees resulting from the Workshop discussions.

12. Workshop attendance register.

3. Photos of Meeting Discussions







