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WITH IDF ENDORSEMENT, SSAFE ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL DAIRY FARMING FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM TRAINING FRAMEWORK

SSAFE, with the endorsement of the International Dairy Federation (IDF), is proud to announce the launch of the SSAFE Global Dairy Farming Food Safety Training Framework.

More than three years in the making, this framework has been developed to support the training of smallholder dairy farmers around the world. The framework outlines good food safety practices in dairy production, and sets out the knowledge and skills needed to help smallholders produce higher quantities of good quality raw dairy and increase the income of their households.

The dairy sector contributes to the resilience and economic viability of farmers and rural communities with most milk being produced in the world by independent family-owned farms or smallholdings rather than by large corporate farming operations. For instance, the 45 million cows in India are owned mostly by smallholders and the 5 million cows in New Zealand are mostly owned by family-operated dairy farms*. At the same time, a dairy animal is a key asset in the households of rural areas. Over one out of four farm holdings worldwide keeps at least one milk animal**.

The framework provides a set of basic level requirements for smallholders that include basic non-negotiable food safety requirements while a set of intermediate level requirements are oriented towards medium-scale dairy farms. This helps create a step-wise approach to improved food safety practices in dairy farming. It will also help dairy farmers apply FAO/IDF Good Dairy Farming Practices and enable international organizations and the private sector to design dairy training programs based on local needs and conditions.

“We are delighted to have worked collaboratively to launch this Dairy Framework, which is the culmination of several pilots across a few countries” says Neil Marshall, President of SSAFE. “We hope that by providing this tool as a free download from SSAFE, the framework will be used and adopted by many in the dairy sector to support capacity building”.

This new framework builds on existing international standards, codes of practice and guidance from Codex, IDF, ISO and others. The development of the framework went through a rigorous process of content development and consultation, with input from

SSAFE members, IDF members, academia, intergovernmental organizations, industry leaders and training experts. The framework was piloted in 2015 to ensure the content is fit-for-purpose and that the program adds value to smallholder dairy farms in emerging countries.

“The International Dairy Federation has reviewed the open-source training framework proposed by SSAFE, and has endorsed its publication as a tool to contribute to the food safety training of rural dairy farmers around the world ” says Nico van Belzen, Director General of IDF.

The [framework](#) is available for free and can be downloaded from the SSAFE website or from the IDF intranet. We encourage anyone interested involved in the training of dairy farmers to download a copy.

* Hill, J.P. 2017. Assessing the overall impact of the dairy sector. In: van Belzen, N. (Ed.) Achieving sustainable production of milk Volume 2. Safety, quality and sustainability. Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing Limited. Sawston, Cambridge, UK.

** The FAO Global Facts. 2016. Dairy Declaration. www.dairydeclaration.org

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International Dairy Federation

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