



المنظمة الإسلامية للأمن الغذائي
Islamic Organization for Food Security
l'Organisation Islamique pour la Sécurité Alimentaire

IOFS BRIEF

**An Introduction to Mission, Vision
and Relevant Programmes
of the Islamic Organization for Food Security
(IOFS)**





IOFS IN BRIEF



At the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), held in June 2011 in Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan put forward the initiative to establish a specialised OIC institution dedicated to ensuring food security across the Muslim world.

This initiative was driven by the urgent recognition of the serious food security challenges facing OIC Member States, including hunger, malnutrition, famine, widespread poverty, rapid population growth, food shortages, desertification, deforestation, salinity, and the underutilisation of existing agricultural potential.

In response, the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, held in Astana on 26–28 April 2016, welcomed the establishment of the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS). As a specialised institution of the OIC, IOFS was mandated to act as the implementing agency for OIC resolutions and programmes in the fields of agriculture, rural development, and food security.

VISION

Become the trusted partner of all OIC Member States in strengthening their food security and systems, while ensuring food security therein during crises.

Enhance the availability and accessibility of nutritious, healthy, and halal food for OIC Member States with minimal environmental impact.

Enable the OIC food industry to become global leaders, driving the net food export status of OIC Member States.

Support excellence in agri-food technology and promote global leadership as a key enabler.

The IOFS is recognized as a fully established legal international organization, headquartered in Astana, Kazakhstan, currently implementing "IOFS Strategic Vision 2031" adopted by the 4th General Assembly held in Astana in September 2021



STATUS OF IOFS STATUTE RATIFICATION

Nº	Member States	Entry Date	Date of Ratification
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Ratified the Statute

1		Republic of Kazakhstan	10.12.2013	01.01.2015
2		Republic of Niger	10.12.2013	21.12.2015
3		Burkina Faso	10.12.2013	10.05.2016
4		Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	10.12.2013	20.07.2016
5		State of Palestine	10.12.2013	08.03.2016
6		Republic of The Gambia	10.12.2013	20.10.2016
7		Republic of Türkiye	10.12.2013	05.02.2020
8		Republic of Mali	10.12.2013	16.04.2020
9		State of Kuwait	10.12.2013	21.04.2016
10		State of Libya	15.04.2014	16.02.2021
11		State of United Arab Emirates	12.01.2015	04.01.2018
12		Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	15.03.2015	30.09.2018
13		Arab Republic of Egypt	26.02.2016	2018
14		Cote D'Ivoire	12.04.2016	24.04.2024
15		State of Qatar	28.04.2016	22.10.2017
16		People's Republic of Bangladesh	28.04.2016	04.07.2017
17		Republic of Tajikistan	28.04.2016	26.11.2021
18		Republic of Cameroon	28.04.2016	23.05.2022
19		Islamic Republic of Pakistan	15.04.2019	13.07.2020
20		Republic of Iraq	03.10.2023	08.08.2023

Not yet ratified

21		Union of Comoros	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
22		Republic of Djibouti	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
23		Republic of Guinea	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS

Not yet ratified

24		Republic of Guinea Bissau	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
25		Islamic Republic of Iran	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
26		Islamic Republic of Mauritania	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
27		Republic of Sierra Leone	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
28		Republic of Somalia	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
29		Republic of Sudan	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
30		Republic of Suriname	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
31		Republic of Uganda	10.12.2013	IN PROGRESS
32		Republic of Benin	11.02.2015	IN PROGRESS
33		Republic of Mozambique	28.04.2016	IN PROGRESS
34		Republic of Senegal	11.07.2017	IN PROGRESS
35		Federal Republic of Nigeria	29.08.2019	IN PROGRESS
36		Kingdom of Morocco	25.02.2021	IN PROGRESS
37		Republic of Tunisia	14.03.2021	IN PROGRESS
38		Republic of Chad	27.07.2022	IN PROGRESS
39		Gabonese Republic	03.10.2023	IN PROGRESS
40		Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	03.10.2023	IN PROGRESS
41		Republic of Yemen	03.10.2023	IN PROGRESS

Observers

42		Turkmenistan	11.10.2022	OBSERVER STATUS
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Not yet signed

43		Republic of Albania	51		Malaysia
44		People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	52		Republic of Maldives
45		Republic of Azerbaijan	53		Sultanate of Darussalam
46		Kingdom of Bahrain	54		Sultanate of Oman
47		Co-operative Republic of Guyana	55		Togolese Republic
48		Republic of Indonesia	56		Republic of Uzbekistan
49		Kyrgyz Republic	57		Syrian Arab Republic*
50		Lebanese Republic			

*Membership suspended



IOFS MISSION

To ensure sustainable food security in OIC Member States through socio-economic development and systemic promotion of targeted programs related to agriculture, science and technology, humanitarian aid and food trade within the IOFS/ OIC Member States.

OBJECTIVES



AgriFood Systems

Provide expertise and technical know-how to Member States on the various aspects of sustainable agriculture, rural development, food security, and biotechnology including addressing the problems posed by desertification, deforestation, erosion and salinity



Humanitarian Aid

Assess and monitor, in coordination with Member States, the food security situation in member states, in order to determine and make necessary emergency and humanitarian assistance, including the creation of food security reserves



Resource Mobilization

Mobilize and manage financial and agricultural resources for developing agriculture and enhancing the food security in Member States



Food Security Governance

Coordinate, formulate and implement common agricultural policies, including exchange and transfer of appropriate technology and public food management system



PARTNERS

OIC Institutions



Country Level



International & Regional Organizations





KEY PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

IOFS is implementing capacity - building activities to enhance the productivity and resilience of AgriFood Systems, focusing on OIC strategic commodities.



Strategic Commodities:

Wheat, Rice, and Cassava

Climate-smart Agriculture

Food Security Governance

Animal Development

Soil, Water and Transboundary Pest Control Management

National Food Sector Development

IOFS is assisting Member States to access the best technologies, practices, and expertise on various aspects of sustainable agriculture and food security.



PROJECTS IN FOCUS

Create project opportunities, obtain tangible results and deliverables to support Member Countries, and secure funding

Strategic Commodities & CSA



- Wheat Initiative in Mauritania and Central Asia
- Development of Cassava Bio & Agri-tech Promotion



Genebank



- Establishment of IOFS Genebank to support genetic diversity and conserve PGR
- Support to national Genebank management



Livestock



- Development of Livestock and create new opportunities for small scale farmers



Food Bank



- Reduction of post-harvest losses
- Food waste management

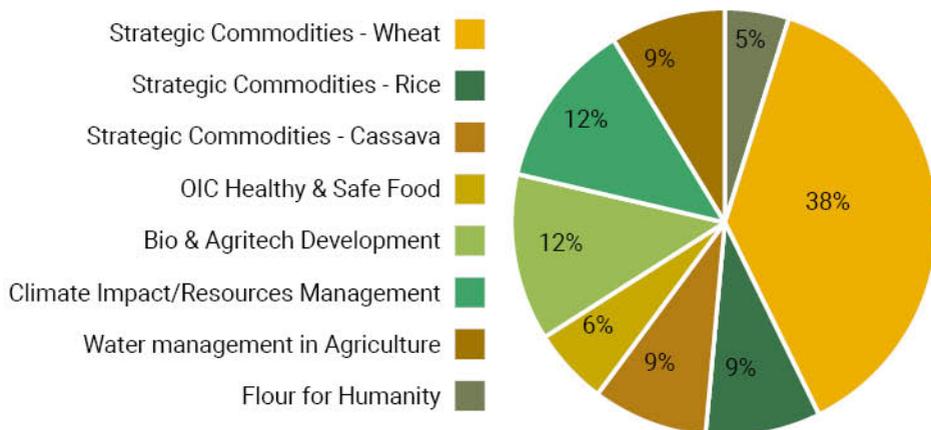




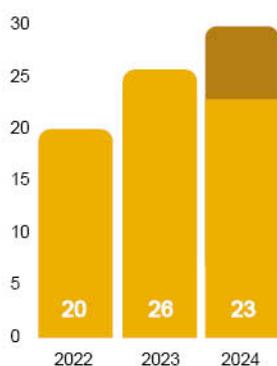
IMPLEMENTATION AT A GLANCE

Program Implementation in 2024

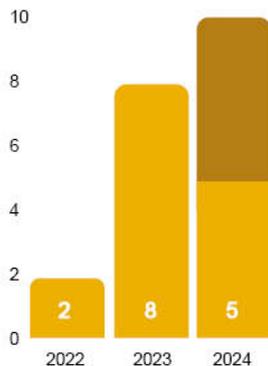
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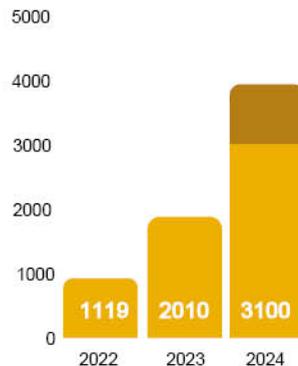
Program Activities



Projects



Beneficiaries



OIC / IOFS FOOD SECURITY AND PRIVATE SECTOR

1.9 BILLION
combined population

\$65 BILLION
OIC net food trade deficit in 2019

1/5 of world's population
15% Global food consumption

NONE of the top **100** global food companies are OIC based

Domestic food industry

plays a critical role in strengthening food security.



There is a demand for developing the OIC food processing industry

as OIC players have a limited role in fulfilling food demand.

Improved rural industrialization and decreased post-harvest losses

could provide significant employment and income opportunities

Improved rural industrialization and decreased post-harvest losses

can benefit rural areas which are dependent on agriculture

Over 6500 leading food companies in the OIC

have strong potential to become global industry leaders and strengthen food security within OIC region

Through International Islamic Food Processing Association (IFPA), we welcome strategic partnerships to support smallholder farmers in OIC Member States by advancing inclusive agro-projects, sustainable investment, and access to processing, storage, and export opportunities.



HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO AFGHANISTAN, SYRIA AND GAZA

Contribution to the Humanitarian Convoy to Gaza



Kazakhstan



Tajikistan



Azerbaijan



Bangladesh

Contributions of countries and private donors to the humanitarian convoy to Afghanistan



Kazakhstan



Tajikistan



Turkmenistan



IOFS, Kondiz,
Amar Group &
crowdfunding

Contribution to the Humanitarian Convoy to Syria



Kazakhstan

50 tons of canned food, warm clothes, winter tents, beds and bedding were delivered in 4 flights

IOFS is ready to pursue its humanitarian work with your kind support





AFGHANISTAN FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM (AFSP) JOINT PROJECT WITH TIKA



Advancing Wheat Cultivation for Sustainable Development Project in the West Afghanistan / Herat province from 29 September to 04 October 2024



Phase II of the project was launched in March 2025, supported 300 farmers in Logar Province by providing 30 tonnes of urea fertilizer, 15 tonnes of DAP fertilizer, and 15 tonnes of certified wheat seed, along with training for local experts and farmers.



Agricultural equipment, including tractors, plows, and reapers, was provided by TIKA Herat Office to the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) Agricultural Mechanization Unit and the 3rd Phase implemented on 13-20 June 2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF IOFS INTERNATIONAL GENEBANK IN KAZAKHSTAN

OIC/CFM-50/2024/ECO/RES/FINAL/

Operative Paragraph 13 of IOFS Resolution approved by 50th Council of Foreign Ministers (Yaoundé, Cameroon, August 2024)

Recognizes the initiative to establish the IOFS Gene Bank, to be hosted by the Republic of Kazakhstan, for the benefit of all Member States, and encourages the relevant OIC institutions, particularly the IsDB, to consider providing financial support in order to ensure the successful implementation of this vital initiative towards promoting strong and resilient food system in the OIC Member States.



JUSTIFICATION

Drawing on capacity-building activities and consultations with OIC Member Countries from 2020–2024, the IOFS has identified a pressing need to establish the IOFS International Genebank. The initiative aims to preserve genetic diversity and enhance agricultural resilience by serving as a secure, risk-proof repository for vital genetic materials—protecting them from environmental threats and political instability to support long-term food security and sustainable agriculture.



STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

Unlike passive global repositories like the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, the IOFS Genebank will be a fully operational facility, undertaking registration, documentation, viability and health testing, and regeneration of genetic material. It will provide critical backup for OIC Member States, especially those in crisis such as Libya, Palestine, and Yemen, and act as a strategic asset for safeguarding biodiversity and ensuring climate-resilient, food-secure futures across the OIC region.



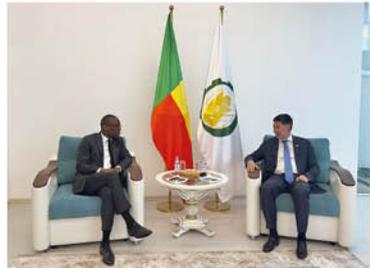
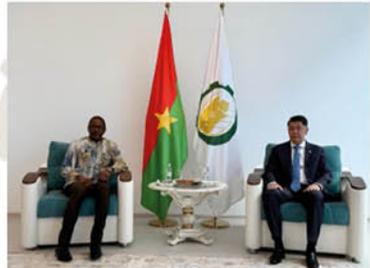
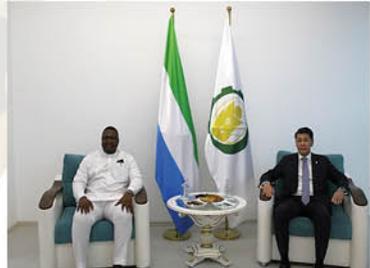
AFRICA FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE (AFSI)

Based on the resounding results of the celebration of 2022 as the “IOFS Year of Africa”, the IOFS “African commitment” was strengthened by the 49th CFM (Nouakchott, Mauritania, March 2023) with the approval to rename of IOFS activities in Africa as the Africa Food Security Initiative (AFSI). The main idea is to therefore continue to embrace Africa’s quest in securing a sustainable food system as a challenge for the IOFS to accordingly implement suitable and appropriate projects.

Since then, the IOFS has been implementing several activities in different African Member States geared towards advancing the agendas of food security and agricultural development therein.

The increased interest from African Member States has been manifested through high-level visits to the IOFS Headquarters in Astana by, for instance, H. E. Mr. Umaro Sissoco Embaló, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, in December 2024, H. E. Mr. Timothy Musa Kabba, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sierra Leone, in April 2025, H.E. Mr. Olushegun Adjadi Bakari, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Benin, on April 2-25, and H.E. Mr. Karamoko Jean Marie Traoré, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation, and Burkina Faso, in June 2025.

These said visits shed a light on the important work the IOFS implements in African Member States and established a Joint Technical Work Group with some of them focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation in agriculture and food security.





AFRICA FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE (AFSI)

One of the most important AFSI activities is the Cassava Value Chain Project being implemented with UNDP support, which, inter alia, provides accurate analysis to guide strategic interventions for strengthening cassava and potato sectors, improving food security and economic prospects in the beneficiary Member States.



Phase I Completed (Baseline Reports):

Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Togo, Benin and Niger

Phase II Planned (2025):

Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mozambique, and Uganda

Cassava's Strategic Importance

- Food security during rice shortages
- Income generation for smallholder farmers
- Export opportunities to diaspora markets (UK, US, Canada)
- Import substitution (High-Quality Cassava Flour)

Ongoing Partnerships and Support

Following the baseline assessment, IOFS is ready to introduce new technologies and innovative approaches in cassava production and processing, in close collaboration with national institutions

- **Mechanization:** New cassava processing machinery to boost self-sufficiency and exports
- **Women's Empowerment:** Capacity building for women (70% beneficiaries) under the upcoming mandate on Women Agriculture Development Initiative (WADI) program with UN Women.



DELIVERABLES

5 Cassava Value Chain Studies completed to date



Sierra Leone



Burkina Faso



Togo



Benin



Niger

Baseline Analysis and Programmatic Framework



Key Stakeholder



Market Analysis

Project Risk



Geo-Mapping



Actor Mapping



Process Mapping



IMMEDIATE COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring partnerships for initiatives

Cassava Productivity Enhancement Project

- **Mechanization:** Modern cassava machinery to boost production and exports
- **Women's Empowerment:** 70% women supported under WADI with UN Women

2026 - IOFS Year of Women Agrileaders and Youth Agripreneurs (WAYA)

- Targeting women in agriculture to improve their access to resources
- To be later converted into WADI Mandate

Livestock Development Project in African Countries

- This Flagship Project will cover African Member States. IsDB, GGGI, and IOFS will play a key role in this project

Rice Development and Genebank

- Integrating of innovation and new technologies for increase rice production



STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FOOD SECURITY IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

IOFS, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) designed and presented the initial draft of the Strategic Plan for Ensuring Food Security in the OIC Member States for the consideration of the 9th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development (MCF SAD) held on 1-2 October 2023 in Doha, the State of Qatar according to mandate given by the 49th Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), held on 16-17 March 2023 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Plan is under consultation with the OIC Member States and to be consider for approval by 10th MCF SAD in 2025.



الجمعية العامة السابعة
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7th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IOFS

7^{ÈME} ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE DE L'IOFS

ASTANA | 2025





The 7th IOFS General Assembly, scheduled for this year in Astana, Kazakhstan, will convene high-level officials and delegates from the OIC Member States. This key gathering may underscore the Organization's dedication to advancing collaborative solutions for pressing global food security challenges.







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