



WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

PRESS STATEMENT

Today the 7th June is the World Food Safety Day, and we are celebrating it under the theme **Food safety, everyone's business**. There is no food security without food safety.

We acknowledge that unsafe food takes a significant toll on human health and the economy. ESAFF Uganda is committed to promoting organic agriculture that reduces the contamination with toxins or chemicals—also embracing the importance of neglected underutilized species in contributing to safer foods.

We believe that food safety is a shared responsibility from production to consumption. Everybody should collaborate towards supporting small-scale farming communities to secure a sustainable and gender-just, safe-food production system that serves everyone.

We are calling on the government to promote agriculture policies that embrace organic agriculture that ensures conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The government should further increase funding to sectors and programs that are committed to helping achieve safer food in Uganda. The government should also mainstream agroecology because it ensures safe and nutritious food as well as promoting better health and wellbeing for the population.

Small-scale farmers are committed to ensuring safer food in Uganda. We are joining the world today in amplifying the importance of food safety by joining the #WorldFoodSafetyDay campaign.

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