

On September 30th, 2025, the RSM2SNF project team participated in a meeting of the Oyo state Food Safety Management committee at the State Secretariat in Ibadan Oyo state. The meeting was facilitated by the State's food safety desk officer (Mr Ikudaisi) and attended by diverse stakeholders including the management of the Oyo State Ministry of Health, representatives from World Health Organization (WHO), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON), PiLAF, RSM2SNF Project, Food Safety 4 Africa, and the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN).

Discussion was centered around the possible collaborations with the Ministry on shared goals and objectives vis-a-vis food safety in Oyo state Nigeria particularly as the committee is tasked with the domestication of the Food Safety and Quality bill as well as the National Food Safety Policy.



Figure 1: Mr Ikudaisi, Oyo State Food Safety Front Desk Officer



Figure 2: Mr Iredele (PiLAF/ RSM2SNF)



Figure 3: Dr Falade (IITA/Food Safety for Africa)

The RSM2SNF project presented food safety related activities from inception till date; sharing the review of food safety policies, market surveys, steps the project has taken in disseminating research findings, as well as co-created interventions in areas related to food safety. The ministry informed participants on the committee's task to domesticate the Food Safety and Quality bill and National Food Safety Policy in Oyo State. While the task is to be carried out the committee, they are looking forward to having the RSM2SNF project and other partners whose activities are related to food safety in Oyo state on board in the implementation.



Figure 4: A Participant From Research & Academia



Figure 5: RSM2SNF Team



Figure 6: Participants During The Discussion

## Highlights:

- The ministry noted RSM2SNF's unique focus on food markets and rich data as key aspects the committee desires to leverage on
- Food Safety for Africa Lead referenced RSM2SNF supported research on food safety practices by traders (Abatan et al., 2025) in her address