



Baghdad 3 February 2019 – Responding to a request by the Iraqi Ministries of Health and Environment, the World Health Organization (WHO) organized a mission of international experts to visit Iraq and conduct field visits, meetings and a joint workshop on food safety and quality assurance between 27 and 31 January 2019.

The experts assessed the situation of food safety, highlighted gaps and obstacles and submitted recommendations on how to tackle the challenges faced by the food safety system in Iraq. Visits were made to national laboratories at different institutions and health directorates. During those visits, the experts met with Iraqi officials and assessed the work done in terms of food safety analysis and assessment, laboratory tests, sampling, as well clearance of tested items. A set of recommendations and groups' work were prepared and discussed during the 2-day workshop in the presence of His Excellency Iraqi Minister of Health, acting Representative of WHO Iraq, representatives from United Nations agencies and Iraqi officials from different departments, institutions and academia.

