



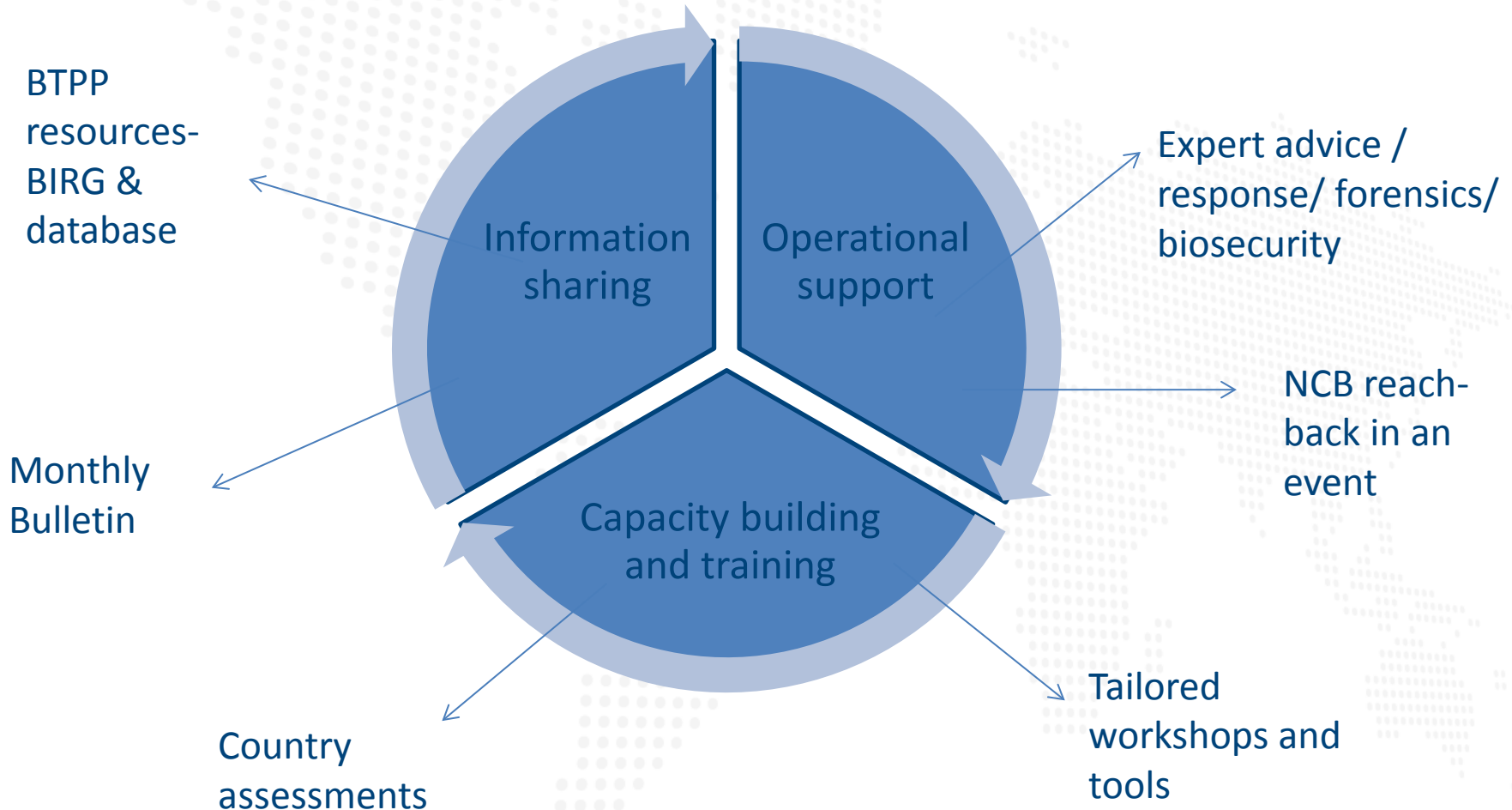
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## BioTerrorism Prevention Unit

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“ Preventing the criminal use of pathogens and toxins through enhanced international police corporation and inter-sectorial collaboration”



# Bioterrorism: Current Programs

- Project RHINO- Ebola West Africa  
*(Response, Hazard assessment, Infection control, National coordination, Operational change)*
- Bioterrorism: Risks and Controls Workshops
- Bioterrorism Risk Management Workshops
- Evidence Exploitation Operations
- Food Defence Symposium



# Food Defence Symposium



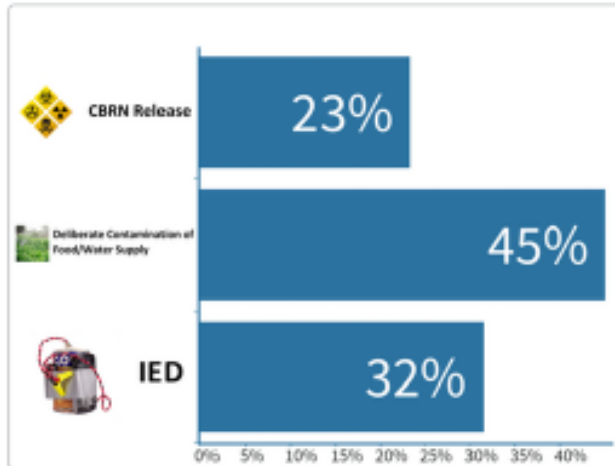
# Food Defense Symposium

- 110 participants
- Across 25 different countries
- Law Enforcement, health, academia, industry
  - ✓ Risk analysis
  - ✓ Case studies
  - ✓ Panel sessions,
  - ✓ Real-time questionnaire

# Food Defense Symposium



# Of the following, which do you prioritize as the greatest risk?



Response options



**CBRN Release**

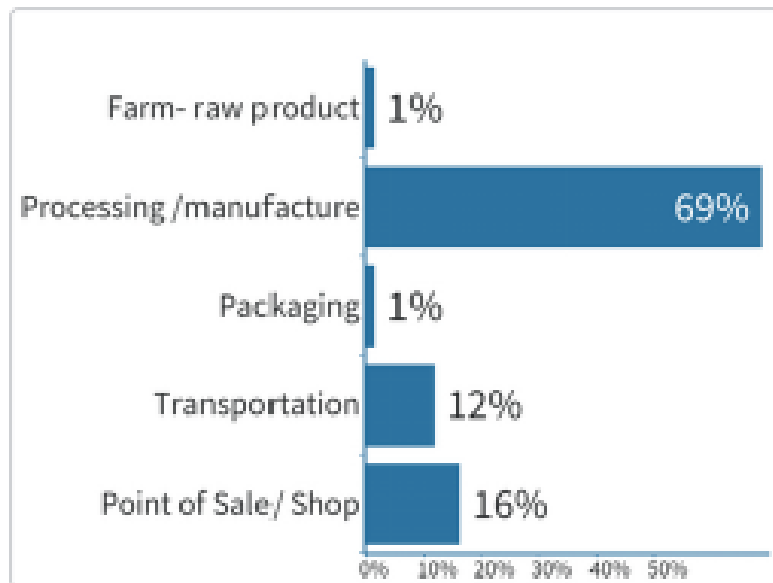


**Deliberate Contamination of Food/Water Supply**



**IED**

## In the food chain, which link is the most vulnerable?



Response options

Farm- raw product

**Processing /manufacture**

Packaging

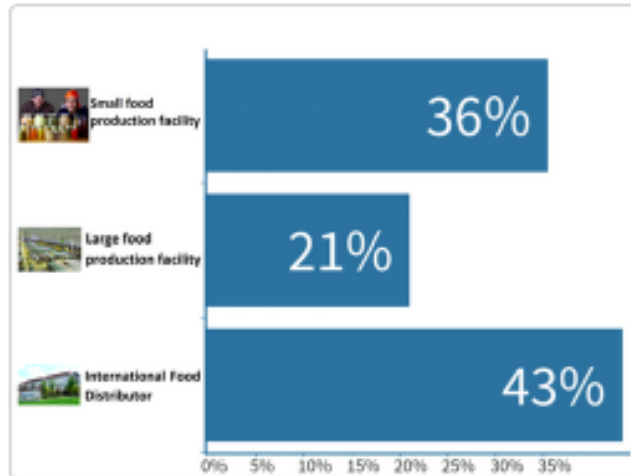
Transportation

Point of Sale/ Shop





## Does size matter? Which do you see as the most vulnerable?



### Response options



**Small food  
production facility**



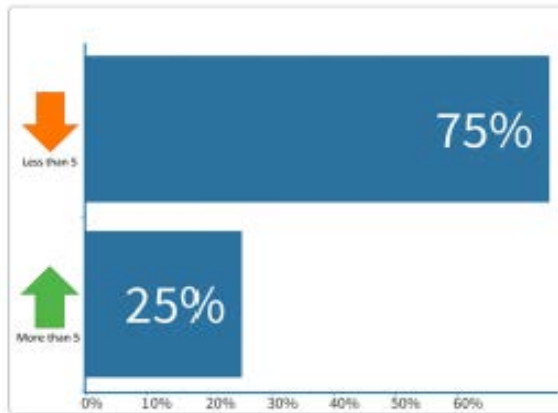
**Large food  
production facility**



**International Food  
Distributor**



Over the past 3 years how many deliberate food contamination incidents have you investigated?



Response options



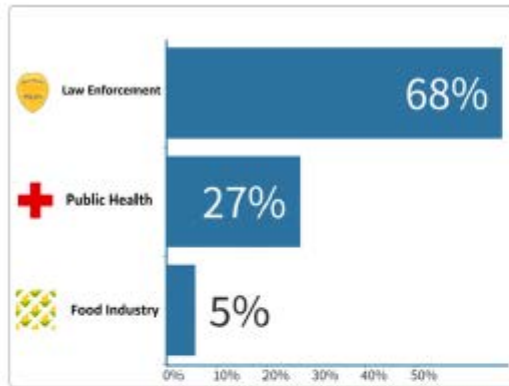
Less than 5



More than 5



# Who takes the lead in the investigation?



Response options



**Law Enforcement**



**Public Health**



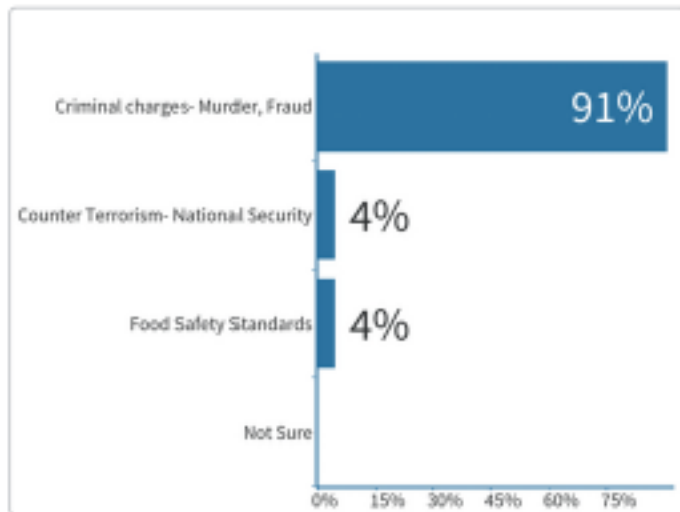
**Food Industry**



## 2013 Organophosphate poisoning- India School teacher charged



# Under what legislation would this person be charged?



## Response options

**Criminal charges- Murder, Fraud**

**Counter Terrorism- National Security**

**Food Safety Standards**

**Not Sure**



If a terrorist group contaminated the food chain would the legislation under which they are charged be different?



Response options

Yes

No



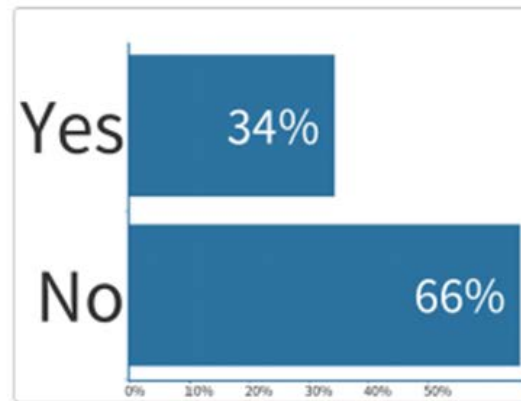
# Preparedness Plans and Policies

PAS 96:2014

Guide to protecting and defending food and drink from deliberate attack



## Has your agency developed a similar document?



Response options

Yes

No

## Way Forward

- ✓ Identify & mitigate vulnerabilities
- ✓ Develop strategies & countermeasures
- ✓ Raise awareness on Threat Credibility Evaluation (TCE) process
- ✓ Enhance Information sharing amongst stakeholders
- ✓ Coordinate Regional conferences



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