Simulation Exercise on FMD and similar Transboundary Animal Disease

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PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES

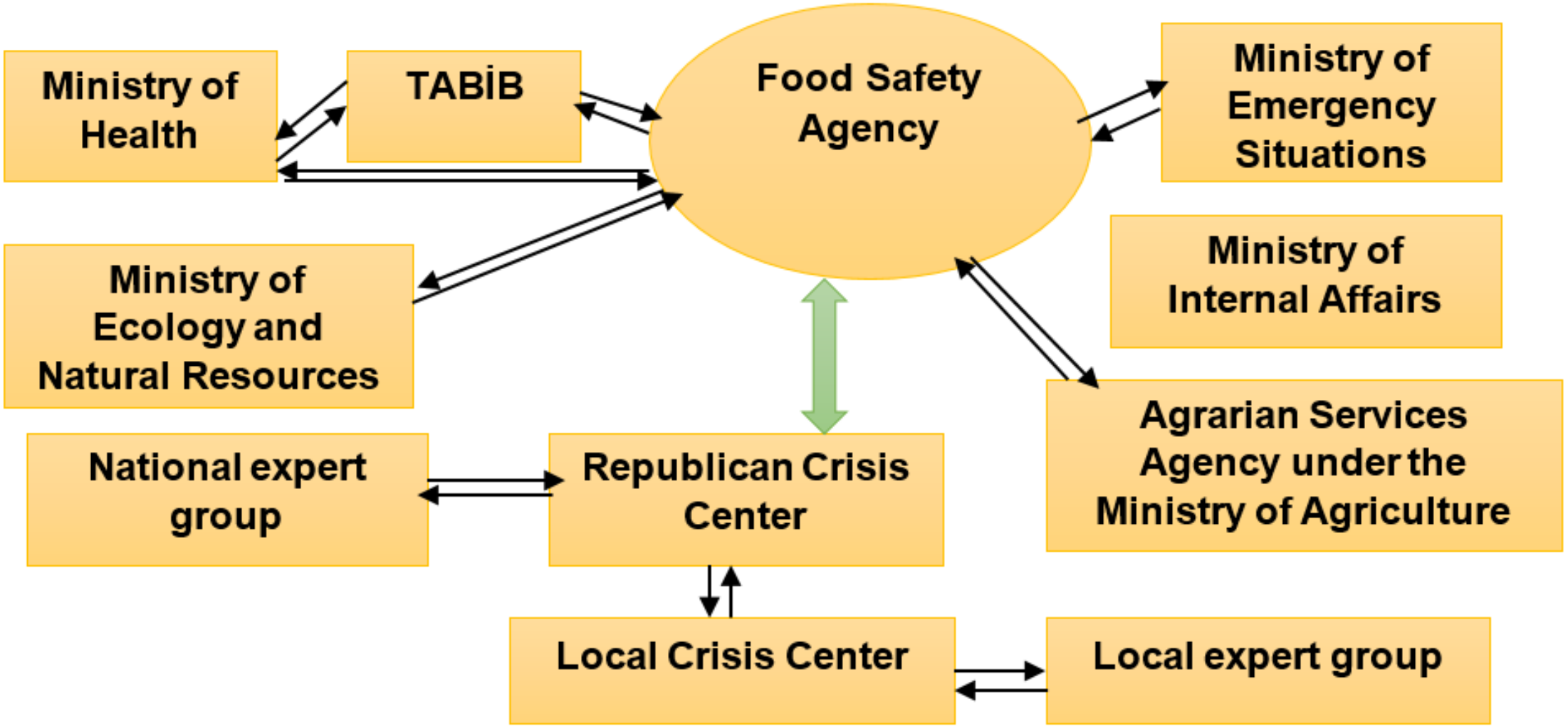
Why Simulation Exercises Matter

- Simulation exercises provide an opportunity to evaluate emergency preparedness under realistic conditions.
- They allow veterinary system and all related institutions to:
  - test operational procedures;
  - evaluate coordination mechanisms;
  - assess decision-making processes;
  - identify strengths and weaknesses before a real outbreak occurs.

Contingency plan for FMD of the Republic of Azerbaijan

- The contingency plan on “Prevention and eradication of FMD in case of its occurrence in the Azerbaijan Republic” defines a comprehensive system of organisational, administrative and veterinary measures for early detection, control and eradication of the disease, in line with national legislation and relevant international standards.
- Contingency plan regulate rol and responsibility of all stakeholders during possible outbreack.

Multisectoral functional relationship scheme



Areas evaluated during SimEx

The exercises assessed preparedness across the entire response chain:

- disease detection;
- notification procedures;
- field investigation;
- sample collection and transportation;
- laboratory diagnosis;
- animal movement control;
- crisis management;
- communication and coordination

Key Lessons from the SimEx

- Preparedness requires regular testing
- Practical exercises reveal gaps not identified through document review
- Multi-sectoral cooperation is essential
- Continuous improvement is necessary even during disease-free periods
- Simulation exercises strengthen confidence and readiness
- Simulation exercises should be conducted on a regular basis.

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Thank you for your attention!