

# Enhancing Food Safety Lab Capabilities & Establishing a Network in Asia to Control Veterinary Drug Residues & Related Chemical Contaminants

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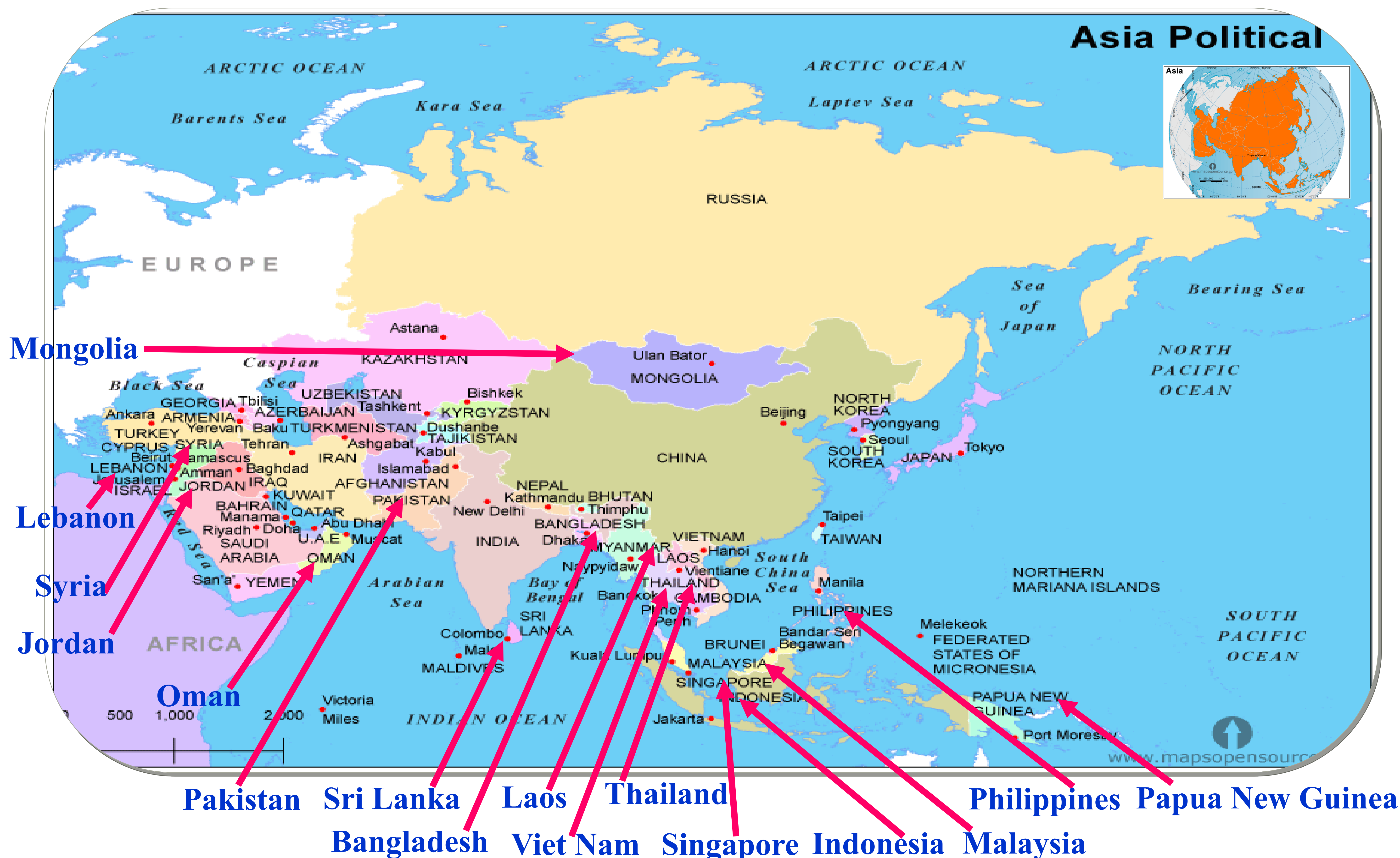
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## INTRODUCTION

- Asian countries face competition for global food markets and must ensure a safe and quality supply of agricultural products. Importing-country food safety and animal health requirements must also be met. For net importers in Asia, effective verification mechanisms are needed to ensure safe and quality food imports. Thus, functional laboratories (labs) that meet international and national standards are necessary. While some countries in Asia have been more successful meeting standards and strengthening chemical residue monitoring programs, others require support to improve.
- Therefore, from 2016 to 2019, the IAEA's Technical Cooperation (TC) program and the Joint FAO/IAEA Division for Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture will support an Asia regional project to enhance food safety lab capabilities and help establish a network, to improve the control of veterinary drug residues and related contaminants in the region.

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## CONCLUSIONS

- Through an IAEA TC project (2012-2019) 16 Asian countries receive Joint FAO/IAEA support to enhance lab capabilities to monitor chemical and establish a network.
- Common activities will include: group training; proficiency and inter-lab tests; Scientific meetings; workshops/seminars; and promotion of excellence