Dear Subscribers,

Please find below a summary of some of our key activities from April-June.

* As usual, please click on the related hyperlinks if you wish to dive deeper into specific subjects,

** and please feel free to share this newsletter widely!

* APRIL *

Food Safety

In preparation of World Food Safety Day on 7 June, FAO and WHO started a series of technical leaflets under the theme:

* MAY *

Anaemia reduction

* JUNE *

Food Safety
* in growing fruits and vegetables
* in the primary production of milk

See also the six other leaflets published in May:
* in fisheries
* in aquaculture
* in schools and daycare centres
* in street food vending
* in workplaces
* in traditional food markets
* at home

FAO and WHO also held a joint webinar on

and published the Food safety aspects of cell-based food (who.int)

Reports of two joint FAO/WHO expert committee meetings held in 2022 were also published as follows:

> Toxicological evaluation of certain veterinary drug residues in food: (JECFA94, May 2022)

> Report of the 15th FAO/WHO joint meeting on pesticide

WHO called on 12 May for accelerated action to reduce anaemia and published:

**Accelerating anaemia reduction: a comprehensive framework for action**

**Use of Non-Sugar-Sweeteners (NSS)**

New guidance was launched advising not to use non-sugar sweeteners for weight control. Please find the related guideline here: Use of non-sugar sweeteners: WHO guideline

**Obesity Prevention and Management**

Several important documents supporting the WHO acceleration plan to stop obesity were published:
* New WHO framework available for prevention and management of obesity

Around **World Food Safety Day 2023** on 7 June, several activities took place:
* a webinar on Health consequences of unsafe food
* the Health Talks on Food Safety
* a World Food Safety Day high-level event: Food standards save lives
* a webinar on Whole genome sequencing as a tool to strengthen foodborne disease surveillance and response

A few short videos were also produced:
> What is safe food?
> LIVE #AskWHO Q&A on keeping our food safe
> Protecting Against Contaminated Food

From 15-19 June, the Fifth meeting of the WHO Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group (FERG) 2021-2025 took place.

On 16 June, we published the Risk assessment of food allergens: part 3 meeting report :
From 29 May – 2 June we held the Joint FAO/WHO Expert meeting on microbiological risk assessment of Listeria monocytogenes in foods. Part 2: Risk assessment models

TFA Elimination

On 14 April, WHO launched the first ever country validation cycle for trans-fat elimination:

WHO’s trans fat elimination validation program is now open for country applications

The replay of a related informative webinar held for Member States on 23 May on this topic is available here: Nutrition and good diet: WHO webinar on the Validation Certificate for Trans Fat Elimination

* Health service delivery framework for prevention and management of obesity - (see also the related leaflet published on 19 June)

* Policy Brief: A primary health care approach to obesity prevention and management in children and adolescents

Child Malnutrition

UNICEF, WHO and the World Bank Group published their Joint child malnutrition estimates: key findings of the 2023 edition

WHA76 Highlights

NFS organized seven side-events at the 76th World Health Assembly (see our newsletter of 22 May) and a booth featuring our most recent publications and videos.

On 29 May, WHA76 adopted a new resolution to accelerate efforts on food micronutrient fortification.

Food Systems & Food Safety Control

On 4 May, we held an interesting webinar on Enhancing the purpose of

Protecting Mothers, Infants and Children


We also published on this occasion an important information note on Clarification on sponsorship of health professional and scientific meetings by companies that market foods for infants and young children as well as the Nurturing care framework progress report 2018-2023: reflections and looking forward

calling for greater attention to children’s vital first years.
Please note that the application round for this first cycle has closed on 30 May 2023.

The WHO Trans Fat Elimination Technical Advisory Group (TFATAG) is currently evaluating applications from 10 countries.

Later in 2023, WHO will announce the first list of countries to receive the WHO Validation certificate for trans-fat elimination and will also open the second country application cycle.

At the 22nd Korean Food Safety Day on 12 May, many innovative tools to ensure food safety were showcased.

Mothers’ health is at the heart of the development of global gestational-weight-gain standards we undertake. On 20-22 June, we organized the 1st meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on Gestational Weight Gain (TAG-GWG).

Interested in contributing?

Call for experts on source attribution of foodborne disease hazards - Deadline 31 July

Call for authors - Developing a systematic review on accuracy and precision of data collection and analytical methods for haemoglobin assessment in populations - Deadline 15 August

First global call for data on gestational weight gain - Deadline 30 September

IT’S GOING TO BE A HOT AND BUSY SUMMER!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CATCHING UP WITH YOU AFTERWARDS, STAY TUNED!

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