



Nutrition and Food Safety News

- July 2023 -

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:

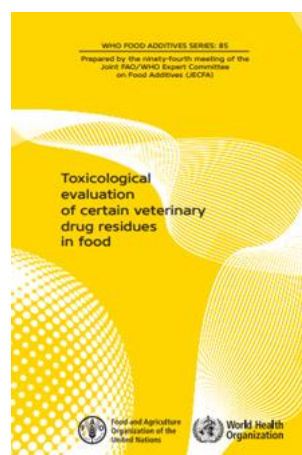
- * [in fisheries](#)
- * [in aquaculture](#)
- * [in schools and daycare centres](#)
- * [in street food vending](#)
- * [in workplaces](#)
- * [in traditional food markets](#)
- * [at home](#)

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](#):



[management: Rome, Italy and online, 15–18 November 2022](#)



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



UNICEF and WHO hosted from 20-22 June the first [Global Congress on Implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes](#), attended by over 400 participants and welcomed by [WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the Global Congress on Implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes – 20 June 2023](#).

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.

[food](#) with the Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture (IHA) at Texas A&M University.

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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