Nutrition and Food Safety News

- October 2022 -

Dear Subscribers,

Please find below a selection of some key nutrition and food safety activities our department carried out during the summer period.

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* JULY *

COVID-19 & NUTRITION

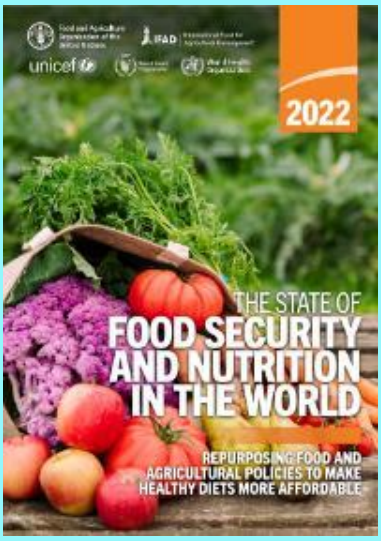
Launch of the **COVID-19 impact on nutrition analytical framework (who.int)**

and related publication: **Multi-sectoral impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on nutrition outcomes: an analytical framework**

FOOD SECURITY

Launch of the FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO report:

The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022...



...Showing that the world is moving backwards:

UN Report: Global hunger numbers rose to as many as 828 million in 2021 (who .int)

See also on Twitter:

Video from WHO Director-General

FOOD PROCUREMENT

Healthy public food procurement and service policies

FOOD SAFETY

Summary report of Food Safety Events April-June 2022

INFOSAN Quarterly Summary 2022 #2 (who.int)

MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Report of the fifth meeting of the WHO STAGE for MCA and Nutrition, 10-12 May 2022

AUGUST *

WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK / 1-7 Aug 2022

Joint statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell and WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week

Publication

How the marketing of formula milk influences our decisions on infant feeding: report - South Africa

Webinar: **https://www.globalbreastfeedingcollective.org/step-up**

Social media kit

DOUBLE DUTY ACTIONS

Publication:
Universal salt iodization and sodium intake reduction: compatible, cost-effective strategies of great public health benefit

MICROPLASTICS

Publication:
Dietary and inhalation exposure to nano- and microplastic particles and potential implications for human health

* SEPTEMBER *

IMPLEMENTING THE CODE OF MARKETING BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES

Webinar 1: An unhealthy influence on health professionals?

Webinar 2: Should health professional associations refuse industry funding?

TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS

Diets and climate: how FBDG can help deliver healthy diets from sustainable food systems

Management of conflicts of interests in public- private partnerships

FOOD SAFETY

New Factsheet: Pesticide residues in food

Launch of the new interactive platform of the WHO Food Safety Community of Practice.
https://www.whofoodsafety.org/
Please register to join, share and learn!

FOOD FORTIFICATION

Technical Meeting on Using Digital Technologies in Food Fortification for Improved Nutrition Outcomes

A sneak peek at * OCTOBER*

- **All in one:** very soon, we will launch the **Nutrition Data portal,** comprised of three databases: the WHO Global Database on Child Growth and Malnutrition, the WHO Micronutrients Database and the Nutrition Landscape Information System (NLIS)

- Do you know that WHO, FIFA and the State of Qatar are collaborating to ensure a **heathier food offer within and outside stadia at the FIFA World Cup 22?**

  Stay tuned in October and November to learn more about this initiative….

COLLABORATING WITH YOU

Interested in learning?

Please check out our annual learning programme in the area of nutrition and systematic reviews with the **WHO Collaborating Centre* at Cornell University, USA**

WHO Cochrane Cornell Summer Institute | Division of Nutritional Sciences | Cornell College of Human Ecology

and read through our **spot article below:**

* More information about WHO Collaborating Centres here: About WHO: Collaborating centres

Interested in contributing?

Please see our still open calls:

Call for experts – WHO Guideline Development Group – Traditional Food Markets - Deadline 31 October

Call for expressions of interest to conduct systematic reviews and other studies for estimating the burden of foodborne diseases (who.int) - Deadline 31 October

Call for experts – WHO Trans Fat Elimination Technical Advisory Group - Deadline 3 November

Online public consultation: draft guideline on carbohydrate intake (who.int) - Deadline 6 November

Call for data - Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues 2023 meeting Toxicological Evaluation Deadline: 1 December - Residue Evaluation Deadline: 20 December

Spot on the 2022 WHO/Cochrane/Cornell Summer Institute

This year we convened for the 8th time the **World Health Organization / Cochrane / Cornell Summer Institute**, a cornerstone of our continued efforts to build global capacity on retrieving, assessing and synthesizing evidence of studies of interventions related to nutrition and food safety.

The field of nutritional sciences takes a broad cross-disciplinary approach to understand how nutrition contributes to health and disease by studying biological, behavioural, contextual, environmental and ecological determinants. Nutritional scientists and practitioners are thus part of multidisciplinary teams addressing risk factors and comorbidities in endocrinology, diabetology, obesity, oncology, osteoporosis, pediatrics, renal disease, antenatal care, healthy ageing and micronutrient research, with work in clinical, research and community settings.

Since its founding back in 2014, the Summer Institute supports thus actively WHO's goal to produce high quality evidence synthesis of nutrition interventions that are relevant to policymaking needs across the six WHO regions by developing professional networks and building human capital through this interactive annual training of nutrition scientists, professionals, and practitioners.

The learning objectives of the Summer Institute are to develop technical skills and knowledge in systematic reviews of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions relevant to global policymaking across the breadth of nutrition; to understand the processes of evidence assessment and global policy making for nutrition-related issues in WHO and to complete hands-on training in the development of Cochrane systematic reviews relevant to nutrition and global health. The training focuses on Cochrane methodology, including GRADE, reporting standards, equity in reviews, the incorporation of non-randomized studies and the challenges in conducting systematic reviews of nutrition interventions and other systematic review types to help in the development of practice and science-informed guidelines at WHO.

To date, 202 participants have completed the training, with 64% coming from the Americas, 13% from South-East Asia, 8% from Africa, 8% from the Western Pacific, 5% from Europe and 2% from the Eastern Mediterranean regions of WHO. Together, we have covered 61 topics and published more than 15 Cochrane new or updated reviews, 15 Cochrane protocols and registered 9 Cochrane titles for reviews. So far, the reviews produced during the Institute have contributed to more than 12 WHO global guidelines.

& last but not least...

Time to boost your energy...

... and overall well-being...

Dr Francesco Branca,
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...with healthy food choices!

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