

## Overview of the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety

-Regional Roundtable Meeting: Advancing the Implementation of the Framework for Action on Food Safety

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"Strengthening efforts on food safety" (WHA73.5)

#### Principle requests from Member States to WHO:

- Update the WHO global strategy for food safety in coordination with FAO, and in consultation with Member States and OIE, eventually report back to WHA75;
- Have a proposed coordination mechanism for FAO's and WHO's strategic efforts on food safety, eventually report back to WHA75;
- Update the global burden of foodborne diseases and zoonoses report by 2025; and
- Continuously fulfilling WHO's leadership and partnership with FAO regarding Codex Alimentarius, INFOSAN, the development of food safety infrastructures, new technologies and emerging risks along the food chain.

# Process: Overall timeline



- Establishment of a new food safety advisory group and appointment of members
- Draft timeline, Concept note, Situation analysis
- Coordination mechanism with FAO

Phase 1: Approval and Establishment (2<sup>nd</sup> half 2020)

# Phase 2: Analysis, Consultation, and Drafting (1st half 2021)

- TAG meetings (Feb and April)
- Web-based consultations (Ongoing)
- Mission Briefings
- Draft strategy

- 6 WHO Regional Committees
- 150<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 2022
- 75<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly



Phase 3: Refinement and Endorsement

(2<sup>nd</sup> half 2021 to May 2022)

## Overview of the Draft





Introduction with drivers of change

5 Strategic Priorities





Implementation

International cooperation





Monitoring and Evaluation



# Team Up for Food Safety

# Target audience and timeframe

- All stakeholders within the food systems working towards to strengthen food safety systems from the endorsement (2022) to 2030.
- This new strategy will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and will be reviewed in 2030, when the world will reflect on the achievement of the SDGs

Food safety is a shared responsibility

# Five Strategic Priorities of WHO Draft Strategy

Strengthen national food controls

Identify and respond to food safety challenges resulting from the transformation and global changes in food systems

Increase the use of food chain information, scientific evidence and risk assessment in making risk management decisions

Strengthen stakeholder engagement and risk communication

Promote food safety as an essential component in domestic and international trade



# Overview of Strategic Priorities and Objectives



Strategic Priorities

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Strategic objectives

Legislation

Standards/guid elines

Institutional framework

Enforcement/veri fication/complian ce

Monitoring/Surve illance

Emergency response

Early
Identification and
evaluation

Adaptation and response

Promotion the generation and usage of data

**Collection of data** 

- Along and beyond food chain
- Beyond national borders

Interpretation and usage of data for risk management

National consultation platform on food safety agenda

Non-regulatory schemes

Sharing responsibility

Communication and engagement with

- FBOs
- Consumers

Domestic food markets (including traditional food markets)

National liaison and coordination on food trade

International food safety standards: Imports and exports

# General Guidance on Implementation



#### WHO

#### Leadership

Provide global leadership and foster policy dialogues

#### **Science**

Synthesize evidence and generate normative guidance

# **Technical assistance and capacity building**

 Provide technical supporting tools and strengthen capacity building

#### **Partnership**

• Build partnership and foster global collaboration

#### **Situation Analysis** • FAO/WHO Food Regular review Control System M&E (Indicators **Assessment Tool** and targets) International Health Progress report Regulation (Food (Document risk Safety preparedness reduction) Capacity) OIE-PVS tool **National Strategy** and Action Plan **Implementation** Decision-making Under the should be based on multisectoral risk analysis framework approach Including financial implications

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## Monitoring and Evaluation





Theory of Change Global Indicators and targets **Impact** Measurement of the strategy

# Monitoring and Evaluation



Indicator	Туре	Source	Target to 2030
Foodborne diarrhoeal disease incidence per 100 000 population • Salmonellosis (under discussion)	Outcome indicator	WHO FERG	40% reduction
Multisectoral collaboration mechanism for food safety events	Capacity indicator	International Health Regulations (2005)	100% of the countries have score 4 or 5 (with 5 being the full mark)
National foodborne disease surveillance in place for the detection and monitoring of foodborne disease and food contamination	Capacity indicator	International Health Regulations	1.5 to 3.5 increase for global average score (with 5 being the full mark)

# Connecting Global Strategy with Regional Framework

Strengthen national food controls

- Policy and legal framework
- Control management
- Risk-based food inspection
- National laboratory systems
- Prepare and response to emergencies
- Risk-based Inspection

Identify and respond to food safety challenges resulting from the transformation and global changes in food systems

Connecting to other strategies and approaches

Increase the use of food chain information, scientific evidence and risk assessment in making risk management decisions

Data and information for risk-based control measures

Strengthen stakeholder engagement and risk communication

Food safety communication and education

Promote food safety as an essential component in domestic and international trade

- Food Monitoring for the Domestic Market
- Assuring the Safety and Quality of Food Exports



## Connecting Global Strategy with Regional Framework



#### Process

• In consultation with six WHO regional offices

#### Content

- Built upon regional efforts in food safety (regional framework for action)
- Identify common global concerns while acknowledging regional differences can be separately addressed by regional framework

# Global commitment and mechanism

- Create a momentum and build an alliance for food safety
- Enabling environment for implantation of regional frameworks
- Regional progress can be well-captured through a newly established global M&E mechanism

# Continuing work on global strategy



150<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting (24-29 Jan 2022)

WHA75 (22-28 May)

Publication of the strategy

**Implementation** 

#### **Under discussion:**

- Joint FAO/WHO Coordination plan
- WHO Secretariat workplan for the implementation of the strategy
- Country roadmap and investment case for the implementation of the strategy
- Monitoring & Evaluation framework
- A series of policy briefs on strategy



# Thanks for your attention Any comments or questions? WHO Focal Points

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