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From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere

On World Food Safety Day, the WHO Alliance for Food Safety reaffirms its commitment to advancing safer food systems worldwide and to supporting the leadership of the World Health Organization in protecting public health.

This year's observance is particularly significant with the [release of new global estimates of the burden of foodborne diseases](#). These updated data provide important evidence on the scale and impact of foodborne diseases worldwide and offer valuable insights into where action is most urgently needed.

While important progress has been made in strengthening food safety systems, the findings indicate that significant challenges remain. Food safety should not be a privilege; it is a fundamental right for every human being. Preventing foodborne illness is essential to protecting health, supporting livelihoods, strengthening resilient food systems, and supporting sustainable development.

This year's theme, "[From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere](#)," reminds us that data must inform action. Understanding the burden of foodborne disease is only the beginning; transforming that knowledge into stronger policies, improved surveillance, better prevention strategies, and coordinated response mechanisms is what will prevent illness and save lives.

As a global network of WHO Collaborating Centres and other partners, the WHO Alliance for Food Safety plays an important role in supporting collaboration, knowledge exchange, technical cooperation, and capacity strengthening across regions and sectors. Through its working groups and collective activities, the Alliance contributes to advancing the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety 2022–2030 and supporting countries in strengthening food safety systems.

By working together, sharing expertise, fostering partnerships, and promoting practical solutions, we can move from measuring the burden of foodborne disease to reducing it. Every strengthened surveillance system, improved laboratory capacity, more effective risk-based inspection, stronger emergency response mechanism, and timely food recall contribute to protecting communities and preventing illness.



On this World Food Safety Day, the WHO Alliance for Food Safety calls on governments, international organizations, academic institutions, public health agencies, and all food safety stakeholders to continue working together to translate evidence into action and accelerate progress towards safer food everywhere.

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