



Statement on the occasion of World Food Safety Day

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The WHO Alliance for Food Safety: Advancing science in action

Food safety is grounded in science, and science must be translated into action. From across multiple sectors, the WHO Alliance for Food Safety brings together more than 100 participants from WHO Collaborating Centres, national agencies, academic institutions, and international organizations, to turn scientific evidence into practical tools, guidance, and policy change.

This year's World Food Safety Day theme reflects the very essence of our work. Across our three technical working groups, science is driving progress:



The Working Group on Foodborne Disease (FBD) Surveillance Integration is developing tools and methods to strengthen epidemiological approaches that enhance prevention, detection, and response to foodborne diseases. It also advocates for the integration of FBDs into national disease surveillance systems, helping countries build more comprehensive and connected public health infrastructure.



The Working Group on Laboratory Capacity Building aims to foster collaboration among public health, animal health, and food safety laboratories and advocate for stronger, better-resourced labs that can share information efficiently and support timely, evidence-based decision-making. This includes promoting the use of technologies such as whole-genome sequencing (WGS), which enables more precise identification of foodborne pathogens, thereby strengthening the scientific foundation for national and global food safety actions.



The Working Group on Data and Awareness is focused on improving the generation, sharing, and use of food safety data, recognizing that there is no science without data, and aims to provide a stronger evidence base to guide national actions and global food safety policy.

Together, we are contributing to the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety 2022–2030, supporting countries in building resilient systems that are grounded in science and responsive to real-world needs.

But science alone is not enough. To truly put science into action, we need commitment, coordination, and investment.



We call on governments, donors, and partners to recognize food safety as a foundational pillar of public health and to invest in the systems that transform evidence into action. In this regard, resourcing the Alliance is critical to maintaining momentum and scaling up impact. It enables the development of global guidance, fosters innovation, supports country implementation, and builds the momentum needed to achieve safer food for all.

On World Food Safety Day 2025, we invite all actors, from policymakers to food producers, educators to laboratory technicians, to celebrate science in action. When science leads, food is safer. And when we act together, science becomes a force for global good.

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