



# Foodborne diseases in the WHO African Region

Every year



**>91 million**  
people fall ill



**137 000**  
people die

representing

**1/3** of the global **death**  
toll for foodborne diseases

**Diarrhoeal diseases** are  
**responsible for 70%** of the burden  
of foodborne diseases



Non-typhoidal *Salmonella*



Foodborne cholera



*E. coli*



**Chemical hazards** (cyanide  
and aflatoxin) **cause more**  
**than 3000 deaths annually**

**Paralysis (Konzo)** caused by  
cyanide in cassava, is unique  
to the African Region, resulting in  
death in **1 in 5** people affected

**FOODBORNE DISEASES ARE PREVENTABLE.**  
**EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY.**

For more information: [www.who.int/foodsafety](http://www.who.int/foodsafety)

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