

Spotlight on the new

# WHO Alliance for Food Safety

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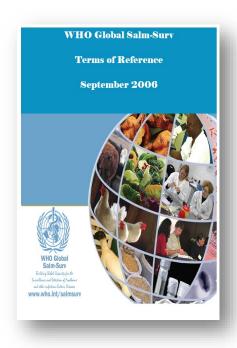
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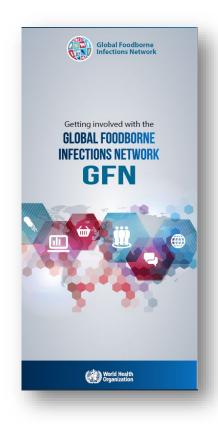
### **Presentation Outline**

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- Background
- Mission, Vision, Goal and Objectives
- Working methods
- Next steps
- Discussion



# Background













## Background

#### The Alliance membership consists of representatives from:

- WHO departments and offices (e.g. regional and country offices)
- WHO Collaborating Centres
- Government institutions with a mandate for public health, food safety, animal health or environmental health
- United Nations organizations
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Academic institutions
- Philanthropic foundations



### Structure

#### Secretariat of the Alliance

WHO Nutrition and Food Safety
 Department (NFS) staff and Food Safety
 Regional Advisors (FOS RA)

#### **Steering Committee**

Approximately 8-10 members, appointed by the Secretariat

#### **Members**

 Other WHO departments, representatives of WHO-CCs, government agencies, UN organizations, IGOs, NGOs philanthropic foundations and technical and academic institutions free from conflicts of interest

#### Working Group(s)

 Members with similar interests and expertise, to share information and collectively work on specific activities that align with the Alliance's overall mission and objectives



## Mission

- To guide and support Member States in:
  - prioritizing, planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating actions to reduce the burden of foodborne diseases
  - continuously strengthening food safety and promoting global cooperation in accordance with WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety (2022-2030) + IHR
     + One Health
- Aligns with WHO's Fourteenth General Programme of Work (2025-2028):
   highlights the substantial global health burden caused by foodborne diseases
   and calls for comprehensive food safety measures along the food chain



## Vision

Safe and healthy food for all through regional and global cooperation, collective commitment to accountability and mutual responsibility among stakeholders.



## Goal

- A robust global network of WHO Collaborating Centres and other partners working collaboratively to implement the WHO GSFS 2022-2030
- Strengthened national food safety systems and reduced the incidence of foodborne diseases worldwide
- Enhanced multisectoral collaboration and improved foodborne disease surveillance and food contamination monitoring systems
- Drive a global initiative that:
  - Raises awareness about the importance of food safety
  - Mobilizes resources to support food safety programs
  - Fosters partnerships between WHO CCs, governments, international organizations, and other partners



1) An enabling environment for multisectoral coordination and collaboration to implement the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety (2022-2030), in particular on foodborne disease surveillance and food contamination monitoring



- Advocacy for legislative and policy frameworks
- Integrated foodborne disease surveillance and food contamination monitoring
- Multisectoral collaboration on surveillance
- Activity monitoring



2) Advocate for and promote legal frameworks with provisions for surveillance of foodborne diseases and food contamination monitoring



- Advocacy for legal frameworks
- Advocacy for surveillance

3) Build capacity in public health, animal health, and food safety analysis laboratories



- Capacity building
- Resource mobilization



4) Generate and share quality data and information



- Data generation
- Data sharing



5) Share best practices and lessons learned amongst Alliance members



Experience sharing

- Peer-to-peer learning
- Diverse perspectives and innovation

# Working methods

- Work plan developed with Alliance members and validated by a Steering Committee (3 years)
- Four member-led working group established to implement the workplan
- Secretariat taking forward crosscutting activities in consultation with the Steering Committee

#### **Focus of Working Groups**

FBD surveillance integration	Food safety policy and coordination
Lab capacity building	Data and awareness



## **Next Steps**



- Working Groups will convene regularly to take forward activities
- Steering Committee convening quarterly to monitor implementation of the workplan
- Next Alliance General Meeting to be scheduled in 2025 in Oman
- New members are welcome:
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# Thank you!

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