World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Food Safety and Zoonoses (FOS)

Global Leadership to Lower the Burden of Diseases from Food and Animals

Description	In carrying out its activities, FOS focuses on the provision of scientific advice, efficient standard setting, and clear communication in support of foodborne and zoonotic disease prevention and international efforts to improve food-related outbreak detection and response. WHO is partner to an international, multidisciplinary and intersectoral framework that recognizes the linkages between animal, human and ecosystem health domains, and seeks to diminish the public health risk and the global impact of infectious diseases by enhancing livestock and wildlife disease intelligence, surveillance and emergency response systems at local, national, regional and international levels.
Purpose	The mission of the WHO Department of Food Safety and Zoonoses is to lower the burden of disease from food and animals, focusing on industrialized and traditional production systems, and integrating prevention from farm to table.
Scope	Global.
Primary Funders	WHO's overall work is funded by assessed and voluntary contributions from member states and other contributors, including the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and foundations.
Participants & Key Collaborators	WHO works closely with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and other international organizations to address food safety issues along the entire food production chain from production to consumption.
Definition of One Health	WHO's zoonotic disease initiatives are built on the premise that the human–animal–ecosystem interface can be described as a continuum of direct or indirect human exposure to animals, their products and their environments which can lead to international public health risks.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	The WHO has developed a joint action plan with strategic partners and stakeholders for the management of zoonotic public health risks at the human–animal interface, which includes five specific objectives with numerous key outputs for each, but lacks a timeline for implementation and does not specify an evaluation procedure.
Sources of Information	FOS Intersectoral Partnerships: http://www.who.int/foodsafety/about/Flyer_zoonoses.pdf Website: http://www.who.int/foodsafety
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