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Report of FAO/WHO Budgets for Codex-related Activities 2004/5 and 2006/7

FAO/WHO Scientific Support to Codex

BACKGROUND

1. At the 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Representative of FAO indicated that future sessions would be provided with information regarding the FAO and WHO budget allocated to Codex-related activities, especially those related to the provision of scientific advice requested by Codex and by member countries.
2. The present document provides an update of the information presented to the 29th Session of the Commission¹, covering the period 2006-2007 and an estimation of the budget for the period 2008 - 2009. It contains information on funds used by both FAO and WHO in support of Codex activities. This includes both Organizations' Regular Programme financial contribution (core funding) as well as additional resources (e.g. voluntary contributions) used to conduct the expert meetings and consultations that provide scientific advice to Codex (i.e. JECFA, JMPR, JEMRA, and *ad hoc* expert consultations).

INPUT IN 2006-2007

3. Table 1 gives information on the actual funds used by FAO and WHO in 2006-07 to cover the cost of convening the different expert meetings and consultations held during the reporting period, and the prospects for the next biennium 2008-09. This cost covers the participation of the experts in the actual meetings/consultations, the preparation of related papers and documents and the publication of the meeting/consultation reports. These figures represent actual expenditures and rounded to the closest US\$ 1000. It includes regular programme budget and extra-budgetary resources contributions. The figures provided do not include FAO and WHO staff costs.

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Table 1. FAO and for WHO contributions to the provision of scientific advice to Codex (US\$ x 1000)

| Biennium | JECFA | | JEMRA | | JMPR | | JMPS ³ | | Nutrition | | Others ² | |
|------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | FAO | WHO | FAO | WHO | FAO | WHO | FAO | WHO | FAO | WHO | FAO | WHO |
| 2006 - 07 | 370 | 370 | 400 | 400 | 325 | 300 | 120 | 200 | 20 | 320 | 314 | 545 |
| 2008 - 09 ¹ | 370 | 370 | 400 | 400 | 325 | 300 | 120 | 200 | 300 | 550 | 315 | 545 |

Notes:

1. The prospective budget for the next biennium (2008-09) is estimated based on allocated resources for the current biennium. As allocations for the next biennium are dependent on the decision of the governing bodies of both organizations and since, particularly in the case of WHO, much of the funding for the current biennium was provided by voluntary contributions rather than regular programme, accurate projections for 2008-2009 are difficult.

2. "Others" for the 2006 – 2007 biennium include *ad hoc* expert meetings on food derived from biotechnology; antimicrobial resistance; biotoxins; lactoperoxidase; criteria for the selection of acceptable previous cargoes for fats and oils; animal feed and preliminary work on active chlorine used in the food processing industry; risk/benefits of fish consumption, virus in foods and pathogens in fresh produce among others.

In the case of the 2008 – 2009 biennium, in addition to meetings on food derived from biotechnology, "Others" will include expert meetings to complete the work on chlorine and pathogens in fresh produce and possible additional meetings on antimicrobial resistance and animal feed that may be required to support the work to be done by the by the respective Codex task forces.

3. JMPS stands for Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Specifications (JMPS)