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Report of FAO/WHO Budgets for Codex-related Activities 2006/7 and 2008/9: 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 30th Session of the Commission¹ and is 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, nor the travel cost of FAO/WHO staff to the Codex meetings to present the outcome of the FAO/WHO activities on the provision of scientific advice.

¹ CAC/30 INF/3.

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	350	300	400	370	300	130	200	20	320	414	545
2008 - 09 ¹	370	500	400	400	370	300	150	200	300	400	315	545

Notes:

1. The prospective budget for the next biennium (2008-09) is estimated based on approved planned resources for the current biennium. As allocations for the 2008-2009 biennium are dependent on the funds being made available in the two organizations and since, particularly in the case of WHO as usual, 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.

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 the use of chlorine-containing disinfectants in food production and processing, meeting on the safety of food sourced from the wild, and possible additional meetings on antimicrobial resistance, food safety implications of nanotechnology applications in the food and agricultural sectors and safety of animal feed that may be required to support the work to be done by the by the respective Codex task forces. Part of the resources was also used to cover cost of the travel of FAO and WHO staff to experts meetings, Codex working groups and Committees meetings.

FAO received support from Australia and Japan for the provision of scientific advice in 2008. WHO received financial support from USA.

FAO devoted part of its regular program funds to support efforts of some developing countries for the enhancement of their capacity to generate and analyze scientific data and information. More detail information on this matter is available in paper on FAO and WHO Activities on Capacity Building (ALINORM 08/31/9G-Add.1).

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