



IMPROVING FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ALONG THE CHAIN

**to protect public health,
support fair food trade and
contribute to food security and
economic development**

**FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY
PROGRAMME**





IMPROVING THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF FOOD AT ALL STAGES OF THE FOOD CHAIN

Ensuring food safety is a public health priority, and an essential step to achieving food security. Effective food safety and quality management systems are key not only to safeguarding the health and well-being of people but also to fostering economic development and improving livelihoods by promoting access to domestic, regional and international markets.

What do we do?

FAO's food safety and quality programme:

- › provides independent scientific advice on food safety and nutrition which serves as the basis for food standards at national, regional and international levels;
- › supports development of institutional and individual capacities for food control and food safety management, including the management of food safety emergencies;
- › supports processes for the development of food safety policy frameworks;
- › facilitates global access to information and promotes the development of food safety/quality networks.

Our approach

FAO is a leader in the development of global food safety initiatives and translating these into country level action. The Food Safety and Quality Programme supports an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to food safety management and holistic and feasible “food chain” solutions to specific food safety problems. The foundations for this approach are based on science.





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