



Terms of Reference for
**WHO's Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group
(FERG)**

The Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group (FERG) will act as an advisory body to WHO on matters of global foodborne diseases epidemiology.

Functions:

The FERG shall have the following functions:

- To review epidemiologic data on foodborne disease burden;
- To identify technical gaps and priorities for research activities;
- To make recommendations to WHO on the establishment of FERG task forces and other means through which scientific and technical matters are addressed.

Composition:

1. FERG members shall serve in their personal capacities to represent the broad range of disciplines relevant to global foodborne disease epidemiology;
2. Members of the FERG, including the Chairman, shall be selected by the Director-General;
3. Members of the FERG, including the Chairman, shall be appointed to serve for a period of one year, and shall be eligible for reappointment.

Operation:

The FERG shall usually meet at least twice a year. WHO shall provide any necessary scientific, technical and other support for the FERG including for the preparation of meeting reports. FOS shall provide secretarial support.