Foodborne diseases in the WHO African Region

Every year

>91 million people fall ill
137,000 people die

representing 1/3 of the global death toll for foodborne diseases

Diarrhoeal diseases are responsible for 70% of the burden of foodborne diseases

- Non-typhoidal Salmonella
- Foodborne cholera *E. coli*

Chemical hazards (cyanide and aflatoxin) cause more than 3,000 deaths annually

- Paralysis (Konzo) caused by cyanide in cassava, is unique to the African Region, resulting in death in 1 in 5 people affected

Foodborne diseases are preventable. Everyone has a role to play.

For more information: www.who.int/foodsafety

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