

**Module 11    Lecture 03**

**Role of WHO and ICD  
in food safety**

# Role of WHO in food safety

- **Normative functions**
- **Technical co-operation**
- **Information gathering and dissemination**
- **Advocacy**

# Normative functions in food safety

- **Develop international food standards, guidelines, recommendations through the Codex Alimentarius Commission**
- **Provide policy guidance for food control (legislation and inspection)**
- **Assess safety, effects of food technologies**
- **Assess risks posed by hazards in food**
- **Provide guidance for development of food safety policy and infrastructure**

# Technical co-operation

- **Assessment of country situation and assisting in development of national food safety policies**
- **Human resource development and capacity building**
- **Strengthening food safety infrastructure**

# Information gathering and dissemination

- **Guiding investigations and surveillance of foodborne illnesses**
- **Monitoring and assessing chemical contaminants**
- **Establishing regional or international programmes for surveillance of foodborne illnesses**
- **Promoting health education**

# Advocacy

- *Raise awareness of public health authorities of*
  - ◆ new developments of relevance to food safety
  - ◆ food safety problems
  - ◆ management options
  
- *Promote inter-sectoral collaboration*

# Industry Council for Development

**“The food and allied industries helping to meet food safety and nutrition goals worldwide through practical partnership projects with governments and UN agencies.”**

# ICD Membership (6/00)

**Barry-Callebaut**

**Danone**

**Mars**

**Monsanto**

**Nestlé**

**NSF International**

**Unilever**

**Pro Gastronomía**

# ICD products

- ***Training manuals***
  - “Food Safety for Nutritionists and other Health Professionals”
  - “HACCP: Principles and Practice”
- ***Translations of WHO, FAO and the International Live Sciences Institute (ILSI) food safety publications***
- ***Quarterly Newsletter “Food Safety Matters”***
- ***Training manuals in preparation***
  - “Drinking Water : Quality Assured”
  - “Non-communicable Diseases : Diet and Physical Activity”

# ICD participation

## *Participation in WHO and country activities*

- ◆ Review of food safety situation in Indonesia
- ◆ Food safety curriculum development, Thailand

## *Participation in WHO/FAO consultations*

- ◆ HACCP
- ◆ Prevention and control of EHEC infections

## *Participation in WHO/FAO training courses*

- ◆ Food Safety for Nutritionists
- ◆ HACCP

# **International Conference on Nutrition (ICN) Rome 1992**

- **Improving household food security**
- **Protecting the consumer through improved food quality and safety**
- **Preventing specific micro-nutrient deficiencies**
- **Promoting healthy diets and lifestyles**