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REGIONAL/NATIONAL EVENTS

Activity (Workshop/Seminar/Training Course)	Organizers	Dates	Venue
Development of imported food control guidelines for Pacific Island Countries	FAO	Ongoing	Pacific Island Countries
Regional guideline on operational aspects of risk-based inspection of imported food for Pacific Island Countries	FAO	Ongoing	Pacific Island Countries
Development of tools to facilitate risk-based imported food control	FAO	Ongoing	Tonga, Solomon Islands, Nauru, Marshall Islands
Developing a food security information system in the Pacific	FAO/SPC	Ongoing	NA
Development of Pacific salt reduction targets for integration into national policy and legal frameworks	WHO	Finalized in November 2014	NA
Development of an Operational guide for the recall of imported food in the Pacific	WHO	Ongoing	NA
Strengthening the food safety capacity of members of the Northern Pacific Environmental Health Officers Association (NPEHA)	WHO	Ongoing	NPEHA strategic planning meeting in Pohnpei, FSM in May 2014.
Online training course for food inspectors in the Pacific	WHO through the Pacific Open Learning Health Network (POLHN)	Ongoing	NA
Countries are being supported in the region to analyse Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) to support evidence based policy making on food security and nutrition (FSN). Further, identifying lowest cost of food basket of food items which also helps households satisfy recommended macro and micro nutrient intakes. In the future this will be expanded to other PIC countries (e.g. Tonga, Fiji and Vanuatu) and linking FSN outcome indicators to agriculture practices such as crop production and fishing activities.	FAO	Ongoing	Samoa, Solomon Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Vanuatu.
Horticulture for Health and Nutrition Workshop in the Pacific Region	FAO/WHO	20-23 October 2014	Nadi, Fiji
Technical Workshop on Developments in Codex relevant to Pacific Island Countries	FAO/WHO	21 September 2014	Kokopo, Papua New Guinea
Foodborne disease surveillance and response workshop	WHO	2-4 September 2015	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
Pacific workshop on nutrition, non-communicable diseases and the role of Codex	FAO/WHO	20-22 April 2015	Nadi, Fiji

Training Workshop on Tonga Food Act	FAO/WHO in cooperation with Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Food	16-17 December 2015	Nuku'alofa, Tonga
National food recall training in Samoa	WHO	25-29 April 2016	Apia, Samoa
National training on applying guidelines for the recall of food in Fiji	WHO	17-18 November 2015	Suva, Fiji
A report on ciguatera situation and recommendations on public health action	WHO	June 2016	Pacific

PROJECTS/DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES

Summary of activities	Organizers	Country	Status
FAO/WHO continued their technical support provided on food standards, food inspection processed and imported food control, review of competent authorities and effective enforcement of newly introduced food standards, technical guidance on conducting microbiological risk assessments, enhancement of food safety education based upon the Five Keys to Safer Food, including food safety education in schools, training on risk assessment		Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.	Ongoing
Strengthening of food control system in FSM	FAO	Federated States of Micronesia	Phase 2 ongoing
FAO TCP Strengthening of Food Control System	FAO	Federated States of Micronesia	Phase 1 completed in Dec 2013, Phase 2 completed in December 2015
Strengthening capacity for the surveillance of and response to foodborne diseases	WHO	Federated States of Micronesia	2015-2016
Risk-based food inspection training	WHO	Federated States of Micronesia	Completed (July 2015)
Improving the capacity of domestic farmers and agro-processors to supply the domestic markets	FAO	Cook Islands	Ongoing
A study of trans fatty acids in the Fijian food supply	WHO	University of the South	Completed in November 2014
Empowering rural communities through village level food processing	FAO	Fiji	Under development
Updating and revising the legal framework for food quality and	WHO	Fiji	Ongoing

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safety			
Technical assistance on the strengthening of the Food Unit, MoH	WHO	Fiji	Ongoing
Development of Food and Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2014	WHO	Fiji	Completed
Develop draft food recall system guide for business and government	WHO	Fiji	Ongoing
Development of draft Food Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2016; Imported and Exported Food Control Regulations 2016; and Food Safety (Amendment) Bill 2016	WHO	Fiji	Ongoing
Development of draft food regulations and standards	WHO	Kiribati	Completed (document approved by the government in July 2016)
Development of food security policy	FAO	Kiribati	Completed
Strengthening food control capacity	FAO	Kiribati	Under development
Development of draft Food Safety Regulations	WHO	Marshall Islands	Completed (Document submitted for approval by the government)
Development of Food security and nutrition policy	FAO	Marshall Islands	Completed in 2014
Strengthened Food Control Capacity in the Republic of the Marshall Islands	FAO	Marshall Islands	Ongoing
Improved nutrition knowledge and promotion of good dietary practices	FAO	Marshall Islands	Ongoing
Strengthening Food Control Capacity in Nauru	FAO	Nauru	Ongoing
Improved nutrition knowledge and promotion of good dietary practices	FAO	Nauru	Ongoing
Development of draft Food Safety Regulations	WHO	Nauru	Ongoing
Assistance with processing and value adding of agricultural products for Niue	FAO	Niue	phase 1 completed in 2013 and phase 2 completed in 2015
Development of a Food and Nutrition Security Policy	FAO	Niue	Completed in 2015
Promoting local food through food based dietary guidelines	FAO	Niue	Ongoing
Technical assistance on the development of a Food Control Act	WHO	Papua New Guinea	2015-2016
Technical support and capacity development for the formulation of the National Food Security Policy	FAO	PNG	Completed in 2015
Development of National Food Safety Policy	WHO	PNG	Ongoing
Technically assist on the development of food safety regulations under the Food Act 2015	FAO and WHO	Samoa	Food Act endorsed and regulations are being endorsed in 2016

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Improving the capacity of small famers to market a consistent supply of safe, quality food	FAO	Samoa	Ongoing
Technical assistance to achieve international accreditation of the Food Laboratory Scientific Research Organization of Samoa (SROS)	FAO	Samoa	Completed
Technical assistance on solar drying food technology	FAO	Samoa	Completed
Developing private sector capacity on food packaging	FAO	Samoa	Completed
Strengthening the capacity for food recall	WHO	Samoa	On-going
Strengthening National Capacity for Food Control in the Solomon Islands	FAO	Solomon Islands	Ongoing
Developing the Capacity of the National Public Health Laboratory to conduct microbial testing on water and food products	FAO	Solomon Islands	On going
Development of standard for mandatory fortification of rice and other amendments to Food (Control) Regulations, 2009	WHO/FAO/FFI	Solomon Islands	Ongoing
Development of draft Pure Food (Food Control) Amendment Regulations 2016	WHO	Solomon Islands	Ongoing
Development of draft Food Recall System Guide for Business and Government	WHO	Solomon Islands	Ongoing
Technical assistance on strengthening legal framework for food quality and safety in Tonga	WHO	Tonga	Ongoing
Strengthening Food Control in Tonga through an Integrated Approach, including technical assistance on Food Regulations	FAO	Tonga	Ongoing
Technical assistance on food regulations and standards development	WHO	Vanuatu	Ongoing
Appropriate food processing, storage, preparation and marketing methods (under UN joint programme on Community resilience and coping with climate-change and natural disasters in Vanuatu)	FAO	Vanuatu	Completed
Developing capacity to establish and enforce Kava standards in Vanuatu	FAO	Vanuatu	Completed
Building local capacity to produce and process pineapple products	FAO	Vanuatu	Ongoing