Unsafe food causes many acute and chronic diseases, with more than 200 diseases spread through food.

125 million people in the Western Pacific Region become ill from contaminated food each year. 30% are children under the age of five.

Every year, over 50,000 people die from contaminated food. 7,000 of them are children under the age of five.

The two main causes of food-related death in the Western Pacific Region are Aflatoxin and Chinese Liver Fluke.

**AFLATOXIN** - a toxin produced by moulds on grains, nuts and spices - is the main cause of food-related death in the Region.

10,000 people develop liver cancer due to aflatoxin.

**CHINESE LIVER FLUKE** infects more than 30,000 people a year, causing death of 1 in 5.

Almost all of those who are infected by Chinese Liver Fluke worldwide live in the Western Pacific Region.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Make safe food a priority
- Take responsibility to ensure food safety
- Invest in strengthening national food safety systems