

# Food Safety in Developing Economies: Reflecting on Progress, Envisioning the Road Ahead

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# A FEW NUMBERS



1/6 people in American  
experience foodborne  
disease annually



\$15.6B



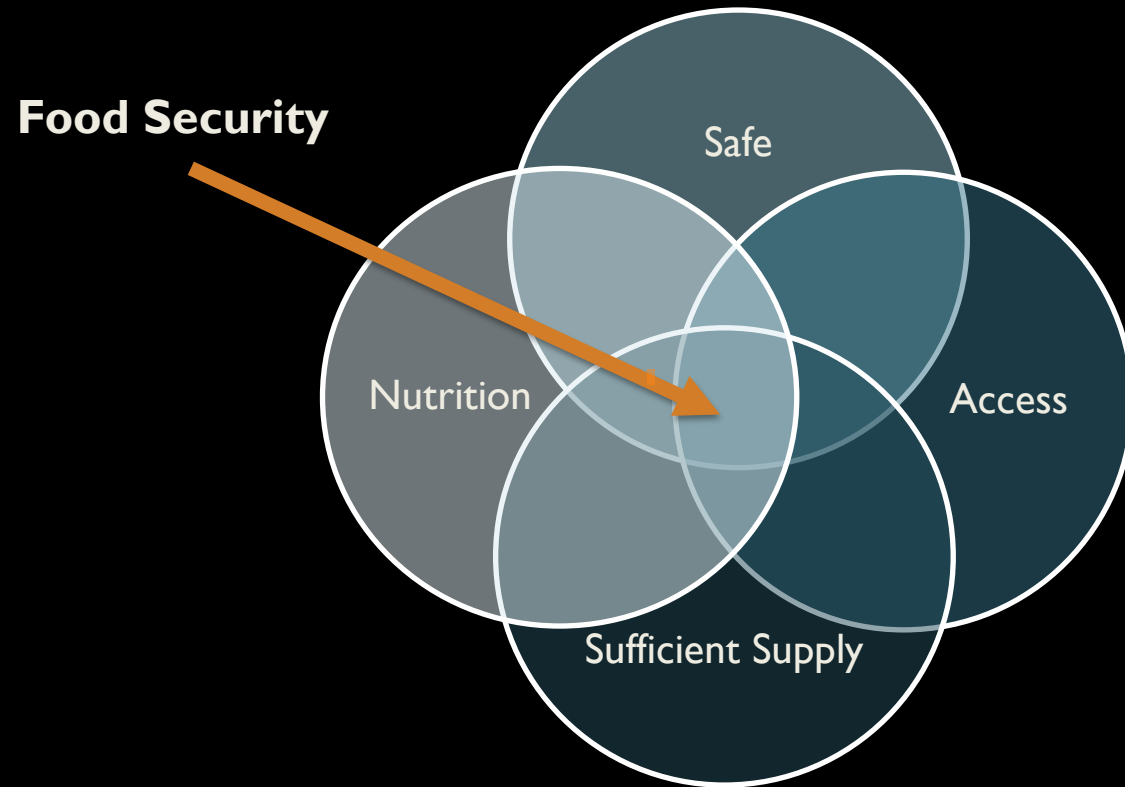
600 MM cases, 420  
deaths globally annually



Norovirus, salmonellosis,  
campylobacteriosis,  
toxoplasmosis

# LINKING FOOD SAFETY & FOOD SECURITY

Food security is achieved when foods are safe, nutritious, accessible, and available





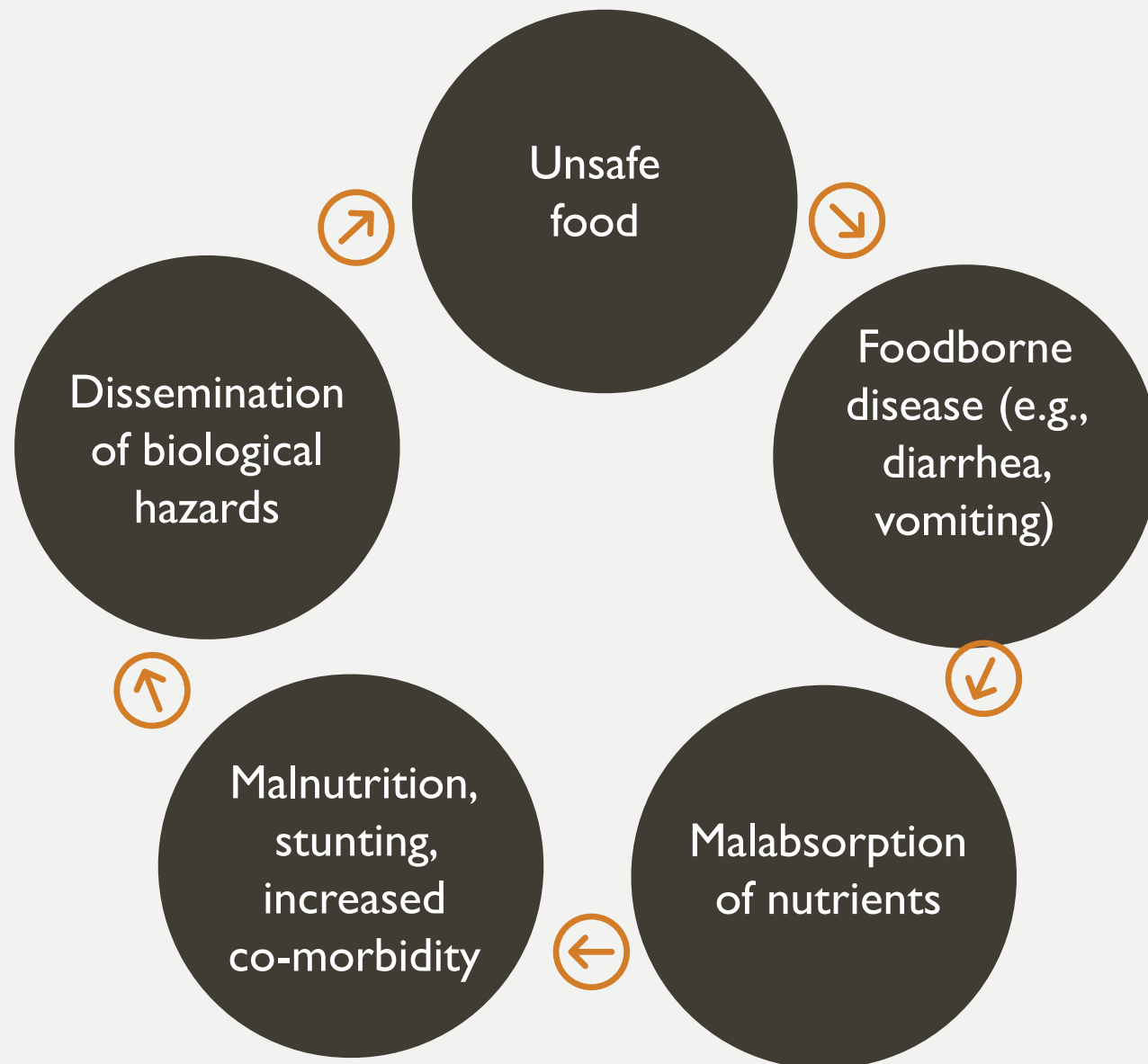
## WHY FOOD SAFETY?

### **Foodborne illnesses:**

- Contribute to malnutrition
- Can have lifelong negative health effects
- Are preventable
- Are an economic burden

### **Food safety:**

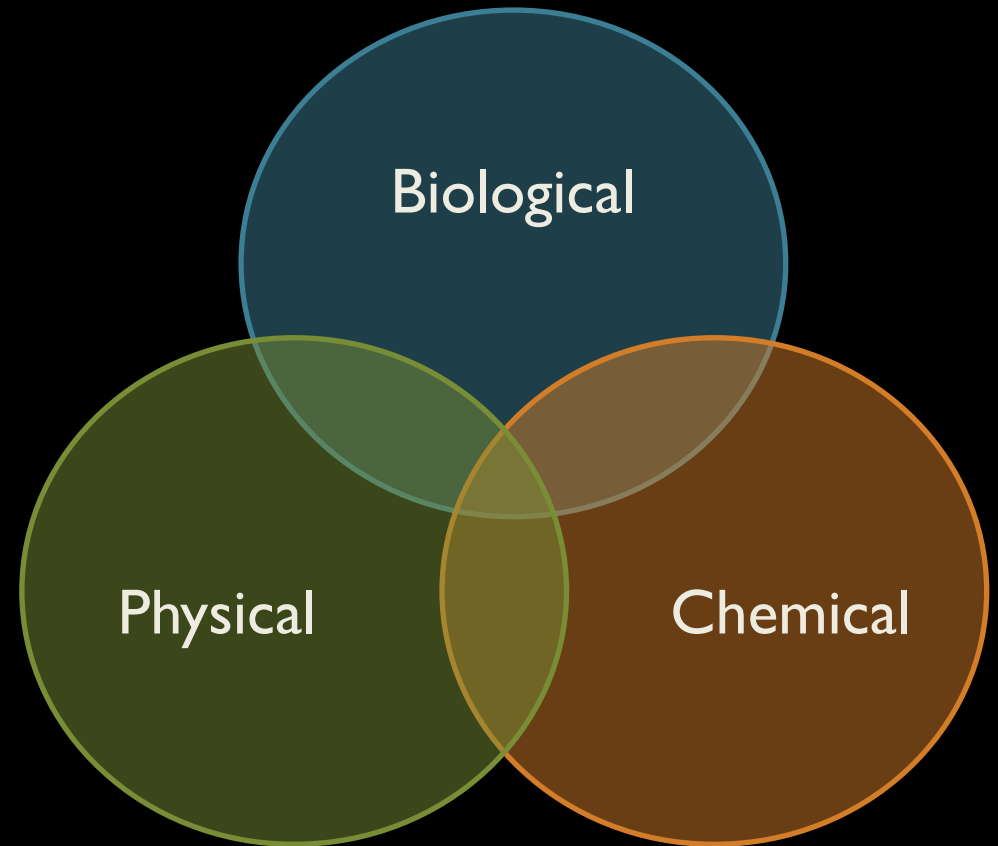
- Removes barriers to economic growth
- Has a global impact



Unsafe food creates a cycle of disease and malnutrition, particularly affecting infants, young children, elderly, and sick

# Advancements in Developing Economy Food Safety

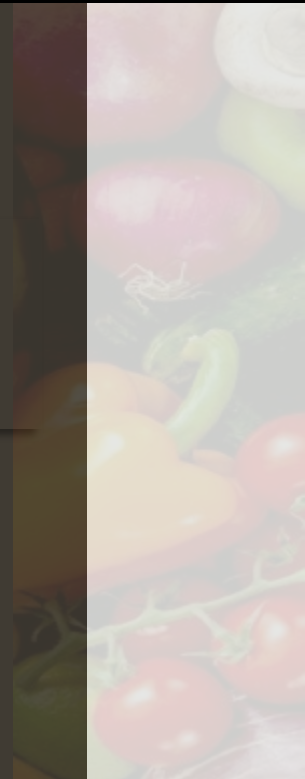
- Aflatoxin in prevention and awareness
- Pesticide and fertilizer use



# BARRIERS TO ACHIEVING FOOD SAFETY GOALS IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES

- Other priorities!
  - Political, climate, disease
- Resource constraints (time, money)
- Quality/safety confusion
- Infrastructure (location to national)
  - Testing labs, cold chain, inspection
- Education, personnel, access
- Leadership commitment
- Regulatory structure
- Liability/consequences

Enabling Conditions







# FEED<sup>THE</sup>FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative



## FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR FOOD SAFETY (FSIL)



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## RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



### AWARENESS

Increase awareness of food safety issues, impacts, and measures to reduce food safety risks.



### RESEARCH

Build local research capacity and conduct research on regional food safety challenges.



### POLICY

Develop policies that enable conditions for food safety research, translation, and practice.



### TRAINING

Accelerate translational research technologies and practices.

# WHAT I'M THINKING ABOUT

- POST-PANDEMIC SANITATION HAS RETURNED TO “NORMAL”
- DIG DEEPER INTO BEHAVIOR AND MOTIVATORS
- LESSONS LEARNED FOR HOSPITALS, LONG-TERM CARE
- ADVANCING DEI IN FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD SECURITY
- CELLULAR AGRICULTURE
- LIMITATIONS OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO  
DISINFECTANTS/SANITIZERS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FOOD  
INDUSTRY
- DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH LOW MOISTURE FOODS