The Eastern Mediterranean Region has been estimated to have the third highest burden of foodborne diseases per population, after the African Region and South-East Asia Region.

It is estimated that more than 100 million people living in the Region become ill with a foodborne disease every year, and 32 million of those affected are children under 5 years.

Diarrhoeal diseases caused by E. coli, Norovirus, Campylobacter and non-typhoidal Salmonella account for 70% of the burden of foodborne disease.

An estimated 37 000 people in the Region die each year as a result of diarrhoeal diseases, typhoid fever, hepatitis A and brucellosis, caused primarily by unsafe food.

Morbidity and mortality rates caused by contaminated food pose a serious threat to public health and place significant constraints on socioeconomic development in many of the Region's countries.

Foodborne diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region



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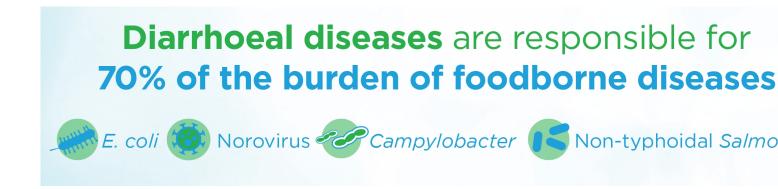
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