

**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.

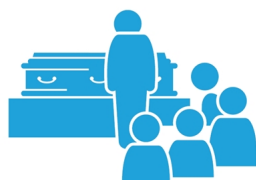
Morbidity and mortality rates caused by contaminated food pose a serious threat to public health and place significant constraints on socioeconomic development in many of the Region's countries.

### **Foodborne diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region**



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people fall ill



**37000**

die



**32 million**

children under 5 fall ill

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**70% of the burden of foodborne diseases**



*E. coli*



Norovirus



*Campylobacter*



Non-typhoidal *Salmo*

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