STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILTY FOR EFFECTIVE RELIEF (SAFER)

Ensuring safe and nutritious food in crises, relief and protracted emergencies

Co-organized by: FAO, WFP, MSF, UNICEF, Government of Ireland

Thursday, 9 July, 15:45-17:00

Event overview:
Food safety and quality (FSQ) is essential for food security, particularly for vulnerable populations reliant on humanitarian assistance. Yet, operational challenges often hinder the delivery of timely, effective, and safe aid.

This side event will explore the important role Codex can play in addressing food safety in humanitarian food assistance. Participants will examine opportunities for establishing a pathway for resilient food standards, able to respond to disruption while remaining protective and enabling a clear, effective recovery of food systems.

The session will:

- highlight FSQ challenges encountered in humanitarian settings;
- share experiences and lessons learned from emergency response operations;
- present the benefits of risk-based approaches to FSQ management; and
- explore pathways toward more resilient and responsive food standards.

The event will feature presentations, a panel discussion, and an interactive roundtable exchange.

Participants are warmly invited to stay after the session for light refreshments.

Agenda	
Opening remarks	Karl Walsh (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Ireland)
Interagency perspectives: SAFER challenges in humanitarian operations	Odile Caron (MSF) Deblina Sarkar (UNICEF) Peijie Yang (WFP)
Codex perspectives: a retro-perspective	Steven Wearne (Ex-CAC chair)
Systematic challenges & capacity strengthening	Markus Lipp (FAO)
Panel discussion and Q&A	All speakers
Closing remarks	Karl Walsh

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