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Message on World Food Safety Day 2026, 7 June 2026
Theme: “From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere”

On the occasion of World Food Safety Day 2026, I extend my warm greetings and appreciation to all stakeholders, food business operators, farmers, laboratories, institutions and consumers who continue to contribute towards ensuring safe and quality food for our people.

This year’s theme, “From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere,” reminds us that food safety is not only a public health necessity but also a shared responsibility requiring collective action across the entire food chain. The theme is particularly timely and relevant in light of the recent food safety incidents affecting school children in Haa and Trashiyangtse Dzongkhags. These incidents have underscored the serious public health risks associated with unsafe food handling practices and inadequate hygiene standards in food establishments.

Unsafe food continues to pose significant risks to human health, livelihoods, and economies worldwide. However, many foodborne diseases are preventable through stronger food safety systems and the adoption of basic hygiene and safe food handling practices by food establishments, food businesses, and consumers alike. Practical measures include maintaining proper personal hygiene, regular handwashing, using clean water and safe raw materials, ensuring thorough cooking of food, preventing cross-contamination between raw and cooked foods, maintaining appropriate food storage temperatures, keeping food preparation areas clean, conducting regular training for food handlers, and raising consumer awareness on safe food handling and consumption practices.

The theme also highlights the importance of understanding the burden of foodborne diseases and translating scientific evidence into practical and effective solutions. Reliable data, surveillance, laboratory testing and risk assessment are essential for preventing contamination and protecting public health.

In Bhutan, the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority, Ministry of Health remains committed to strengthening food safety through enhanced monitoring, market surveillance, laboratory services, public awareness, and collaboration with relevant stakeholders and international partners. We also encourage all food businesses and consumers to continue adopting responsible and hygienic food practices to ensure safe food from farm to table. On this important occasion, let us renew our commitment to building a stronger food safety culture and work together towards ensuring safe food everywhere for the health and wellbeing of present and future generations.

Together, let us make food safer for everyone, everywhere.

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