

The 6th Annual Biosafety Conference

The role of Public Health Department in Coordination of Food Safety Activities in Kenya

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The Ministry of Health

- ***Our Mission***

To build a progressive, responsive and sustainable health care system for accelerated attainment of the highest standard of health to all Kenyans

- ***Our Mandate***

- **Health policy**

- **Health regulation**

- National referral Health facilities

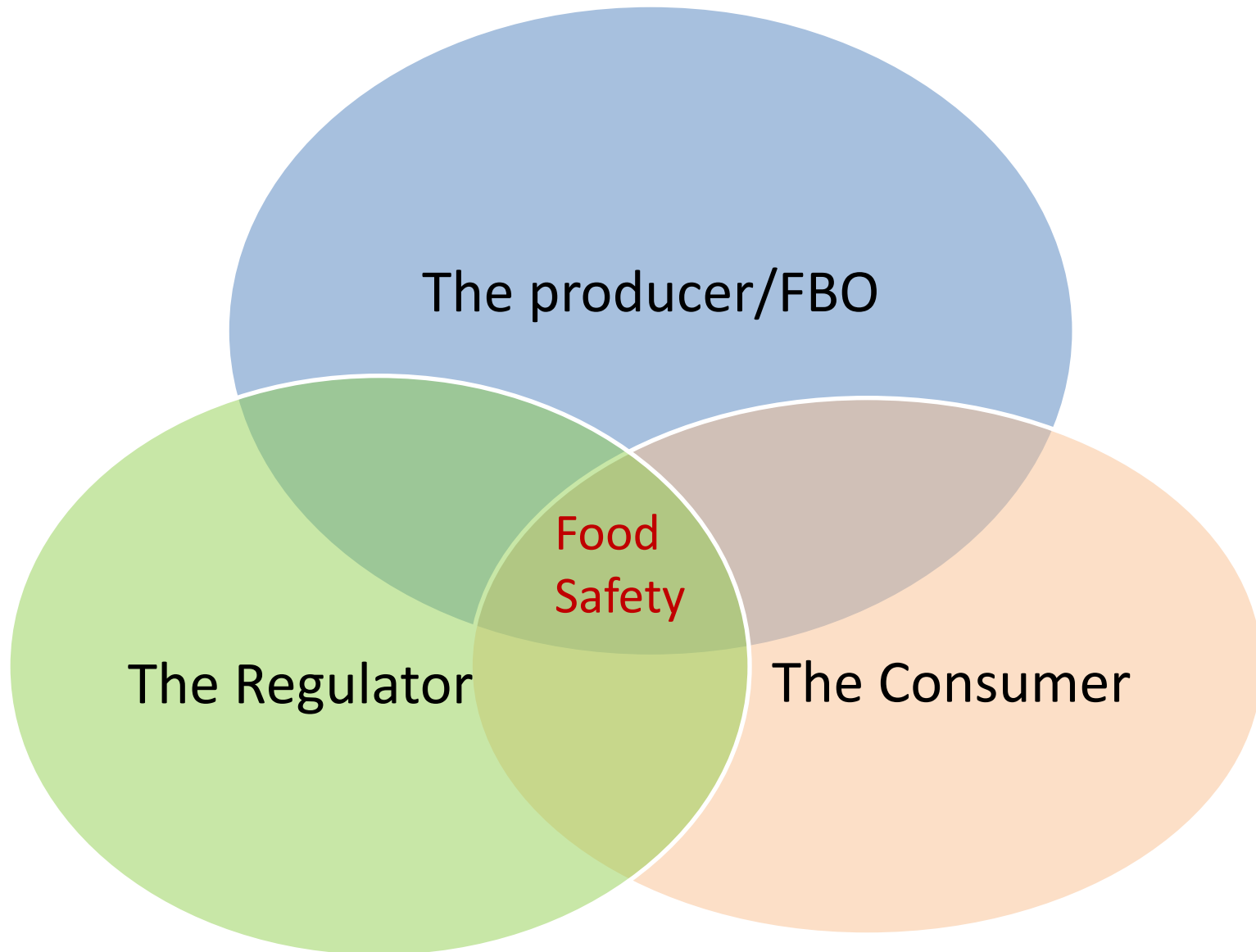
- Capacity building and

- Technical assistance to Counties

Food Safety

- *Food Safety*: All measures to ensure that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared and/or eaten according to its intended use.
- The measures are towards prevention and control of hazards [microbiological, chemical or physical agents]
- The probability of hazard occurring in food is of interest, hence application of risk based food safety measures

The Role and Responsibility for Food Safety



The MoH Mandate on Food Safety

- This is derived from:
 - a) The constitution – the bill of rights
 - b) The Executive Order No. 2/2013
 - c) The CAC and WTO/SPS Agreement

Food Safety Legal Framework

- The Public Health Act, Chapter 242
- The Food, Drugs and Chemical Substances Act, Chapter 254
 - a) Provisions on food safety measures along the food chains (farm to fork)
 - b) Food to be of the nature, substance and quality demanded
 - c) Wholesome food
 - d) Deception – packaging, labeling, advertising, e.t.c,
 - e) Standards of food

MoH Role in GM Food

- Member of the NBA Board of Management
- The GM food **safety risk assessment**
 - a) Toxicity
 - b) Allergenicity
 - c) Nutritional modification
- Import and export of GM food
- GM food on transit
- Environmental release and placing on the market of GM food and their products

Coordination of Food Safety Activities in Kenya

- The NBA and Regulatory Agencies
Coordination Structure
- The National Food Safety Coordinating
Committee
- The National Executive Codex Committee

The Future Ahead

- The Health Act 2017
- The Development of Kenya Food and Drug Authority (K-FDA)
- Implementation of the recommendations of the Taskforce on review of matters relating to GM foods and food safety - *Gazette Notice (No 13607)*

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