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#### International & legislative Mandates



#### IHR 2005:

- Constitution of SA 1999:
- National health Act, 61 of 2003;
- Environmental Health Act;
- Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, No. 54 of 1972 (FCD Act);
- Disaster Management Act;
- Promotion of access to information Act;
- International Health Regulation, 2005
- South African Police Service Act 68 of 1995





## Incident Management system



 The standardized structure and approach that WHO has adopted to manage its response to public health events and emergencies.

- Critical functions:
- Leadership, Partner Coordination, Information and Planning, Health Operations and Technical Expertise, Operations Support and Logistics, and Finance and Administration.







- Aim:
  - to control and end the current listeriosis outbreak, and
  - to strengthen systems to prevent future outbreaks





#### NATIONAL LISTERIOSIS RESPONSE PLAN



|   | Objectives supporting the overall goal of the response  |
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| 1 | Strengthen Multi-sector Coordination, under one structure, working as one team  |
| 2 | Strengthen Listeriosis surveillance to ensure timely detection and response to clusters and outbreaks   |
| 3 | Strengthen lab capacity to support food and environmental testing, including enumeration of the levels in food  |
| 4 | Strengthen food safety monitoring programs in food production facilities and monitor the recall of implicated foodstuffs  |
| 5 | Review and enhance existing legislation relating to food safety, enforcement and outbreak response  |
| 6 | To continuously inform stakeholders and public in an accurate, timely, consistent, transparent and comprehensive way on the response to Listeriosis outbreak in SA. |





#### DRAFT Joint Incident Management Team (IMT) organogram













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Strengthen and capacitate food safety testing in line with international and new guidelines

# How is the project managed?

- Key activities
  - Information
    - Epi and surveillance
    - Situation reports
  - Legislation
    - Review and alignment of food safety legislation
  - Environmental health
    - Monitoring recall of affected food
    - Conduct risk assessment and identify high risk food production facilities
    - Conduct inspections
    - Train provincial/district EHPs
    - Food laboratory testing









# How provinces can help?



- Contribute towards strengthening health systems in South Africa
  - Monitor & control listeria and prevent future outbreaks
  - Strengthen provincial health systems
  - Support national ERP





# How provinces can help?



- Be aware of the ERP distribute the 2-pager summary in your department, esp with your media liaison officers
- Work with the IMT in the following areas
  - Epi and Surveillance case notifications, activate your provincial ORT, share activities with the IMT (reports)
  - Risk Management/Communications continue with activities, address misunderstandings, promote food safety, share activities with IMT
  - Environmental health, DAFF/VPH participate in training, work with districts, participate in inspections, follow up inspections, share activities with IMT



# Thank you









