# TFNC Training Week 9

Food Composition Data & Food Matching

07 March 2023







# Agenda

Introduction - 5min

Introduction to Food Composition Data - 15min.

Activity 1: Importing & cleaning FCTs - 1h 5min.

BREAK - 15min.

Introduction to Food Matching - 15min.

Activity 2: Exploring food list - 1h 5min.

# Introduce yourself!

# Introduction to Food Composition Tables and Databases

Food Composition Tables and Databases

# Food Composition Tables and Databases (FCTs)

- What are they?
- Uses and limitations
- How to use them?
- Where to find them?
- Strengths and weaknesses

# Food Composition Tables - what are they?

Food Composition Tables and Databases are lists of **foods**, their **nutrient composition** (i.e., proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, etc.) and other descriptive information.

### Food Composition Tables - what are they?

Information in the FCT...

# CONDENSED FOOD COMPOSITION TABLE TABLE DE COMPOSITION DES ALIMENTS CONDENSÉE

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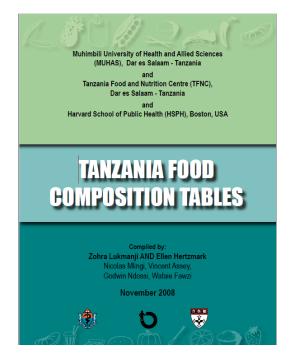
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#### A1 Cereal and Cereal products

	Macronutrients	ENERGY_KC Kcal	PROCNT g	A_PROTEI g	MFP_PROT g	FAT g	CHOCDF g
1	Biscuit	434.0	9.2	0.0	0.0	11.8	71.5
2	Bread roll	274.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	3.0	51.9
3	Bread, white	274.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	3.0	51.9
6	Cake	320.0	4.7	2.2	0.0	12.3	48.6
7	Cookie	478.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	21.1	67.9
8	Donut	478.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	21.1	67.9
9	Infant cereal, Cerelac	387.0	14.0	8.5	0.0	1.0	78.1
33	Macaroni or spaghetti	371.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	77.8
10	Maize, cracked, cooked	119.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.2	25.4
11	Maize, dried, raw	362.0	8.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	76.9
12	Maize, flour, dry	362.0	8.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	76.9
13	Maize, green, cooked	246.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	3.0	57.2
14	Maize, on the cob, immature	59.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	13.8
15	Maize, yellow, flour	362.0	8.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	76.9
16	Millet, bulrush	361.0	11.6	0.0	0.0	5.0	68.7
17	Millet, finger, grain or flour	328.0	6.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	76.2
34	Mixed porridge flour (maize and oil)	414.4	16.9	0.0	0.0	15.6	56.1

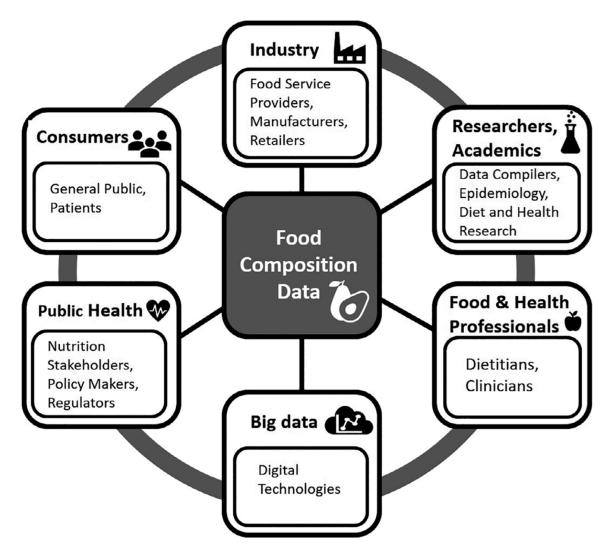
# Tanzania FCT, 2008



## Food Composition Tables – Uses & Users

#### **Examples of application**

- Dietary assessment of nutrient intakes
- Food labelling
- Research and Public Health
  - Establishing relationship between nutrient intakes and disease
  - Informing nutrition policies



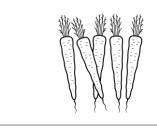
# Food Composition Table – Uses & Limitations

Factors influencing the accuracy of nutrient values reported

- 1. Variability in the composition of foods
- 2. Type and Quality of the underlying data

### 1. Variability in the composition of foods

Nutrient variability in raw foods



Cultivar/ Variety



Environmental factors



Agri-practices



Maturity/ Colour

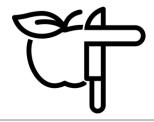
Nutrient variability by local and cultural practices



Transportation/
Storage



Processing/ formulation



Preparation (EP)



Cooking

### 2. Type and Quality of the underlying data

- Type of data used to populate the FCT
- Sampling design and analytical methods
- Calculations & data standardisation

### 2. Type and Quality of the underlying data

Type of data used to populate the FCT

Chemically analysed values

Borrowed values (i.e., from other FCTs)

Calculated values (i.e., Energy, recipes)



Primary data



Secondary data





# Sampling design and analytical methods

Example of diversity of analytical methods for total fat

	ds of analysis for lipids			
Procedure	Application	Limitations	Capital costs	Selected references
Total fat				
Continuous extraction (single solvent)	Low moisture foods (dry analytical samples)	Incomplete extraction from many foods. Time consuming. Extracts cannot be used for fatty acid studies	Low	Sullivan and Carpenter, 1993
Acid hydrolysis	All foods except dairy and high sugar products	Some hydrolysis of lipids. Extracts cannot be used for fatty acid studies	Low	AOAC International, 2002; Sullivan and Carpenter, 1993
Hydrolysis and capillary GLC	Most foods (NLEA compliance)		High	Ngeh-Ngwainbi, Lin and Chandler, 1997; House, 1997
Mixed solvent extraction	Rapid, efficient for many foods. Extract can be used for fatty acid measurements	Complete extraction from most foods. Extracts often need clean-up	Low	Bligh and Dyer, 1959; Hubbard et al., 1977
Alkaline hydrolysis	Dairy foods	Validated for dairy foods only	Low	AOAC International, 2002
NIR	Established for cereals	Requires extensive calibration against other methods	High	Hunt et al., 1977a

### Calculations & data standardisation

**Food component names/ description standardisation** using Tagnames. For example...

- "Vitamin B12" -> VITB12
- "Vitamin A" -> VITA or VITA\_RAE
- "Vitamin B6" -> VITB6A or VITB6C or VITB6-?

#### Re-calculation of food components and foods. For example, ...

- Energy, Carbohydrates by difference or Vitamin A (RAE).
- Recipe calculation

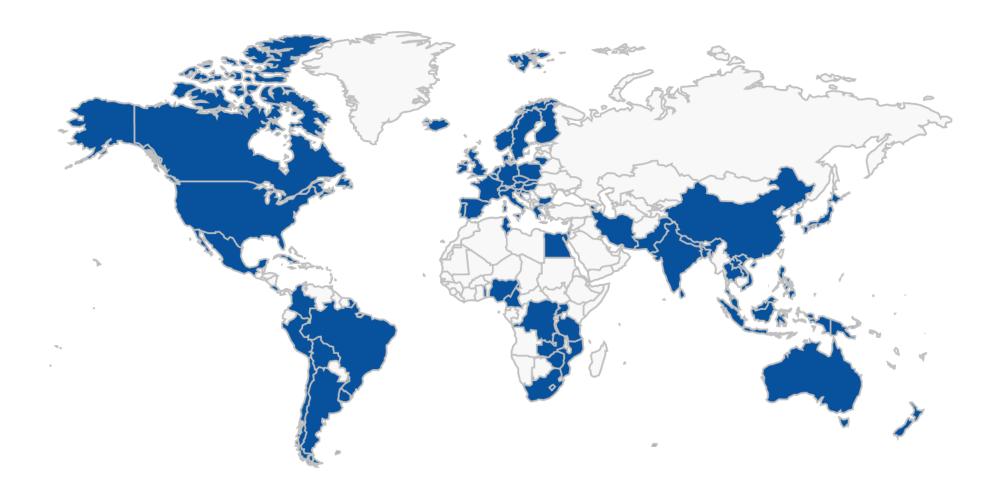
#### Unit of measure standardisation. For example, ...

• mg/100g to g/100g.<sup>1</sup>

### How to use them? – How to choose FCTs

- 1. Relevancy for the study/context (e.g., geographically and culturally close)
- 2. FCT availability & missing values (e.g., relevant foods and nutrients are reported)
- 3. Data quality and reporting (e.g., method of analysis, good metadata)

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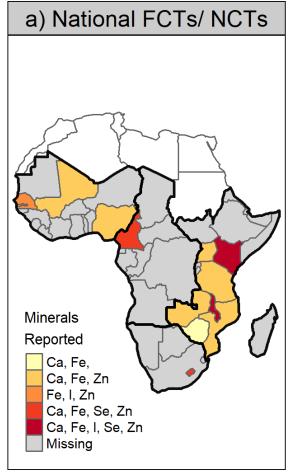


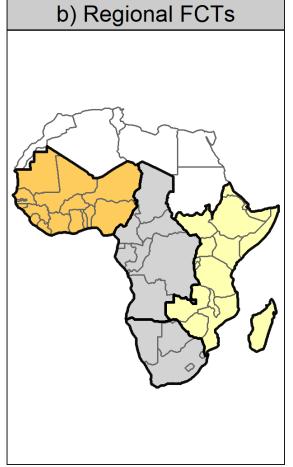
Food composition data availability widely varies across different regions

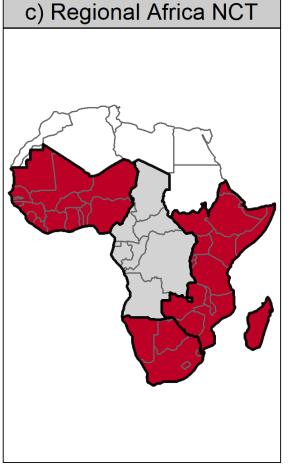
FCDB: Food Composition Tables and Dases

# 2. FCT availability & missing values

Mineral composition availability in FCTs for use in Southern, Eastern, Central and Western Africa







Nutrient reported varies in different food composition tables

# Data quality and reporting

#### 1. Coverage of foods and food description, including...

- 1. Edible portions
- 2. Raw or cooked (boiled, grilled, etc.)
- 3. Variety, fat content, etc.
- 4. Fortification

#### 2. Food components, description and analytical methods

- 1. Definitions and calculations
- 2. Method of analysis and sampling
- 3. Units of measure (e.g., g/100g of EP)\*

#### 3. Reporting

- 1. Sources of the data for each component value
- 2. Food composition data and metadata format

# Food Composition T them?

International Network of Food Data Systems (INFOODS)





**Food and Agriculture** Organization of the **United Nations** 

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**FAO Home** 

Nutrition home

INFOODS

Structure and tasks of INFOODS

Food composition challenges

Regional data centres

Plans and achievements

Standards & Guidelines

Tables and databases

FAO/INFOODS **Databases** 

Asia

Africa

Canada, Caribbean

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numbers of contact persons are indicated. When po

INFOODS handles hundreds of requests each year

now including information on their availability and

tables and is not a commercial endorsement for any

FAO/INFOODS Databases

Canada, Caribbean, United States

Asia

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LINKS

Proposals Downloads Contacts About the web names

Other DFI sites

ARGENFOODS - Tabla de Composición de Alimentos

Food Composition on the Web

Food Composition Table for Armenia by Karine Babikyan (available from FAO INFOODS website)

**ASEAN** 

ASEAN Food Composition Tables

Australia

Brand Miller et al - Tables of Composition of Australian Aboriginal Foods (Google Books) FSANZ - The Nutrition Panel Calculator

ÖNWT - Die österreichische Nährwerttabelle [The Austrian Food Composition Table] Michael Murkovic et al. - Carotenoids in Austrian Vegetables Michael Murkovic et al. - Carotenoids in Austrian Pumpkins

Food Composition Tables for Kingdom of Bahrain

Ministry of Food (FPMU) - A food composition database for Bangladesh with special reference to selected ethnic foods University of Dhaka - Food Composition Table for Bangladesh (printed table - pdf file)

INTERNUBEL - Belgian food composition brand name database NUBEL - Belgian Food Composition Data

**Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition** Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition - Species Database

List updated 2022-10-04 at 09:40:53

2021 Release of the New Zealand Food Composition

2022-10-04 The 2021 update of New Zealand food composition database (NZFCD) released online on 31st March 2022 For more information, see the EuroFIR website.

7th edition of the Belgian food composition table

New version of the Belgian printed food composition table. For more information see the EuroFIR website.

First edition of the Kyrgyz

Food Composition Table

2022-10-04

Kyrgyzstan has released their first national food composition table. For more information see the EuroFIR website.

Version 6.4 of the Swiss food composition database.

2022-08-01 The updated Swiss Food Composition Database vitamins carried out in Switzerland, see the FSVO

includes new data from analyses of minerals and

# Strengths & weaknesses (Food composition Tables)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>Provide essential information for estimating apparent nutrient intake</li> </ul>	Missing data (foods or nutrients)
	<ul> <li>Inadequate reporting and/or</li> </ul>
Can provide good insight about food and nutrients consumed in a region	description (food items, nutrients, etc.)
Most of the FCTs are freely available	Obsolete methods and instruments
	<ul> <li>Inaccurate data (errors in imputed values, calculations, implausible values,)</li> </ul>

# Activity 1: Importing & Cleaning FCTs

Food Composition Tables and Databases

## Tanzania FCT, 2008 – Food Composition Data

- 1. Get familiar with food composition data processing
  - Importing FCT
  - Checking food groups
  - Food item descriptions
  - Food component descriptions
- 2. FCT data cleaning and standardisation

# BREAK

# Introduction to Food Matching

Food Composition Tables and Databases

# Food Matching

What's food matching?

Why is important/ necessary?

• How to do it?

Potential pitfalls

# What's food matching?

Food matching links food consumption/supply data with food composition data.

# Why is important/ necessary?

- 1. To obtain (high quality) estimations of apparent nutrient intakes
- 2. For compiling FCTs (e.g. when filling missing data)

### Food Matching: Estimating nutrient intakes & adequacy

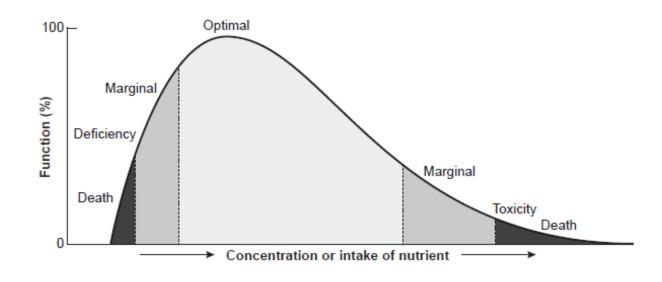
#### Food composition tables



#### Food (apparent) consumption



$$Nutrient(k)\ intake_{d,i} = \\ \sum_{f=1}^{Nutrient\ (k)content_{100g}^{(f)} x} \frac{Consumed\ food\ amount^{(f),d,i}}{100}$$



## How to do it? - Example of Food Matching Process

# NPS-SDD – apparent food consumption in Tanzania



#### Food composition tables



- 1) Waerstæmin Æft Tç 2008, 2019
- 2) **Kenya FCT, 2018**
- 3) **Ta/esaeria ACTi,c207027**, 2019
- ....

#### Food Matching -



- 1. Tanzania FCT has the food?
  - a) Yes Check:
    - Food description
    - Moisture content
    - Nutrient values
  - b) No, go to the next FCT

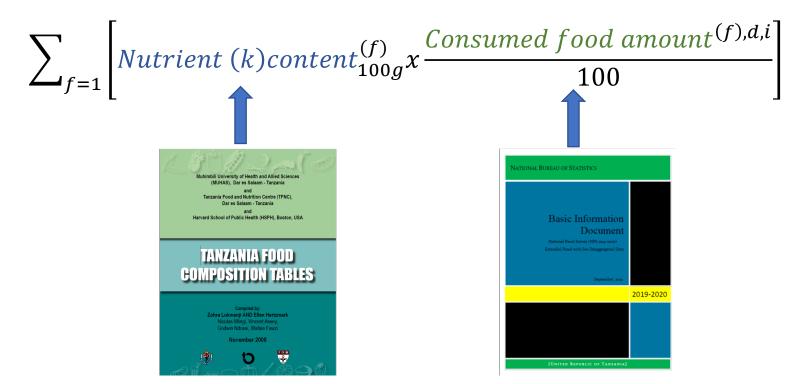
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# Estimating apparent nutrient intakes

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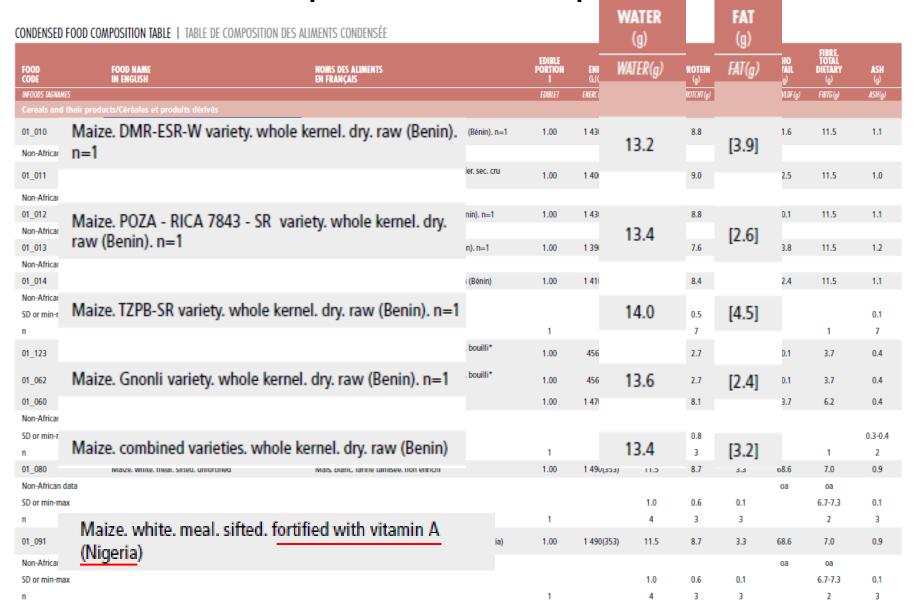
Lukmanji Z., et al. (2008). Tanzania food composition Tables. MUHAS- TFNC; Bailey, West, Black, (2015). Ann Nutr Metab.

# Potential Pitfalls – Food Composition Tables

Factors influencing the accuracy of nutrient intake estimation

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- 2. Type and Quality of the underlying data
- 3. Food and component description

### 3. Food and component description



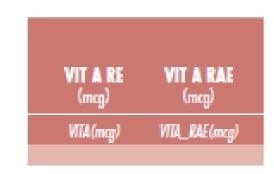
Importance of good food description:

Nutrient variability in different maize varieties in Benin

Example of fortification in Nigeria

### 3. Food and component description

Nutrient descriptions are also important: Vitamin A (RAE) and Vitamin (RE) are calculated differently.



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01_168	Beenkida (Burkina Faso)*: maize porridge with maize granules	5	0.2	13	14	25	3	0.18	0.03	0	0	0	0
01_188	Biscuit, sweet, plain, unfortified	67	1.3	16	109	119	390	0.54	0.10	111	106	101	[61]

# Activity 2: Exploring food list

**Food Matching** 

# NPS-SDD — apparent food consumption in Tanzania

1. Get familiar with the food listed as consumed

- Number of foods in the list
- Food highly consumed
- Food item descriptions
- Key foods for certain nutrients

2. Start thinking about food matching

# Questions?

# THANK YOU!