

USING FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION TO PRIORITIZE FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS IN SRI LANKA

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- **Sources of information**
- **Notification system**
- **Mechanisms of implementation**
- **Using information for prioritizing**
- **Issues and challenges**

SOURCES OF FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Notification system in the health sector**
- **Information from non health sectors**
- **Outbreak investigations**
- **Laboratory information**
- **Global food alert system**
- **Food Advisory Committee**

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

- 1. Information on food borne diseases through the Epidemiological Surveillance system**
 - 2. Information on food safety in the public health information system**
- Information flows from the grassroot level to the national level**

Epidemiological Surveillance System

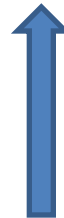
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Regional Epidemiologist (District Level)



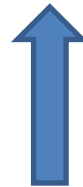
Medical Officer of Health (Divisional Level)



Public Health Inspector (Grassroot Level)

Food Safety Information in the Public Health System

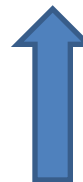
Directorate of Environment & Occupational Health
Principal Public Health Inspector (National Level)



Regional Director of Health Services
Supervising Public Health Inspector (District Level)



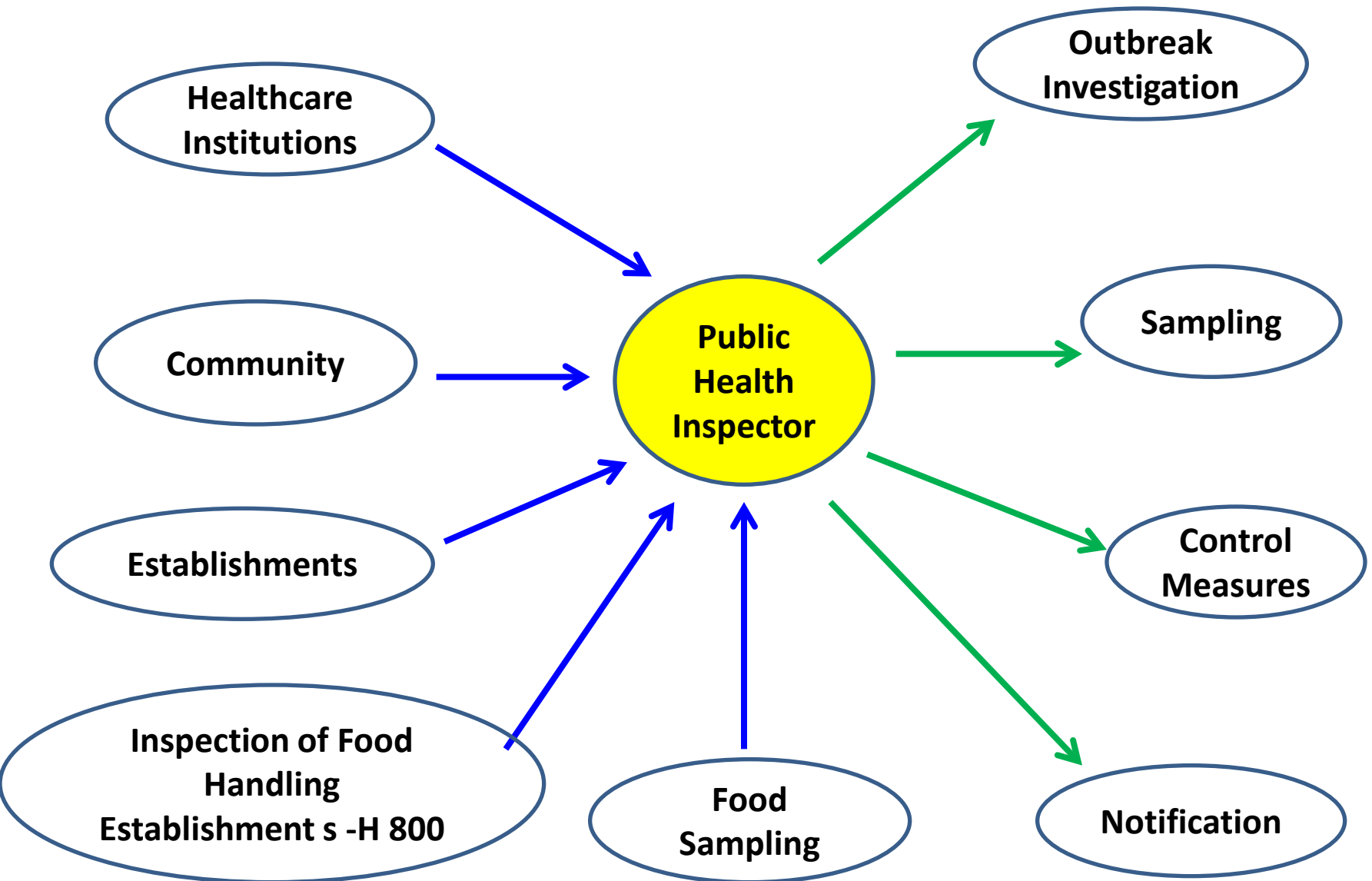
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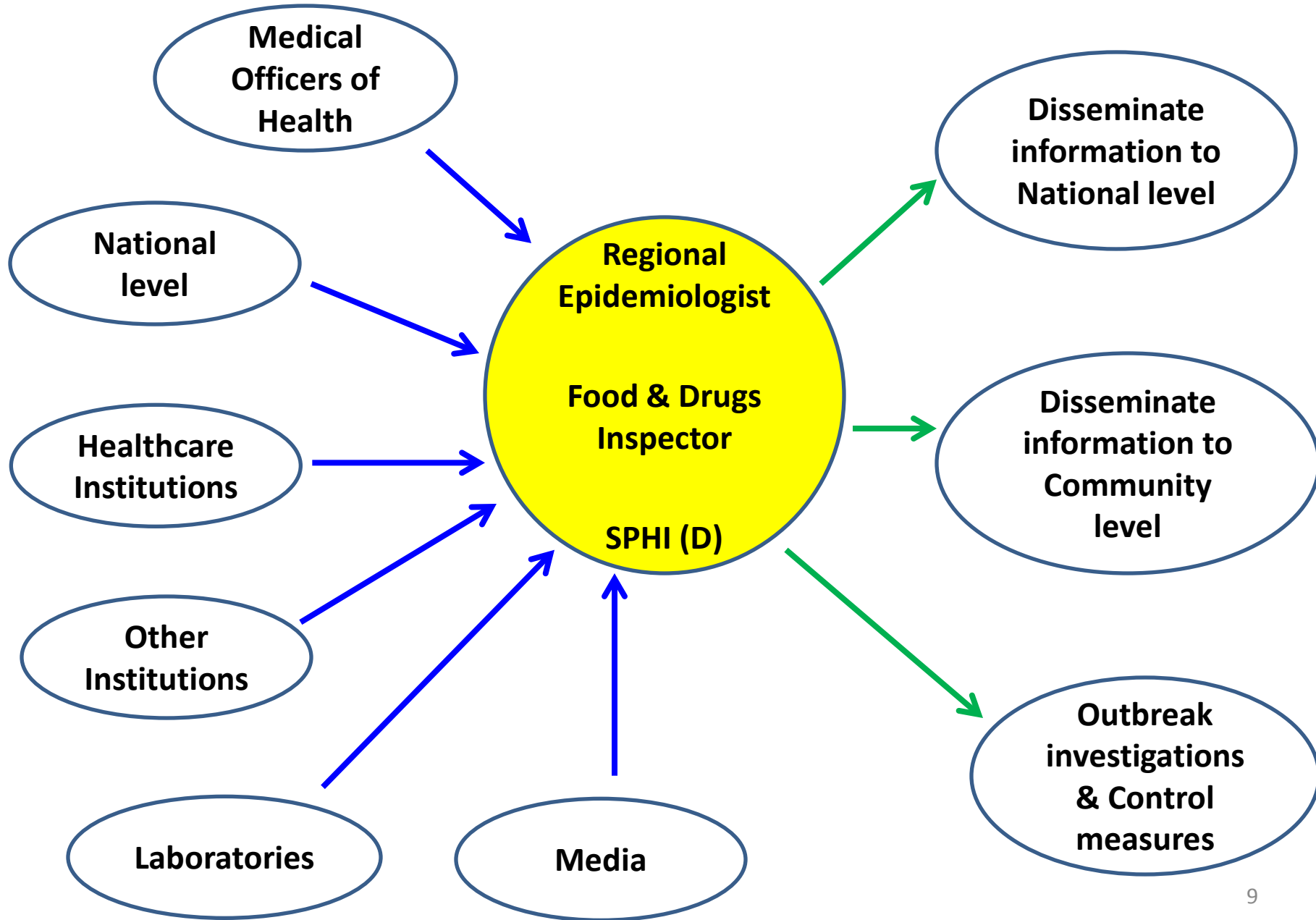
Public Health Inspector (Grassroot Level)

Mechanisms of Utilizing Food Safety Information

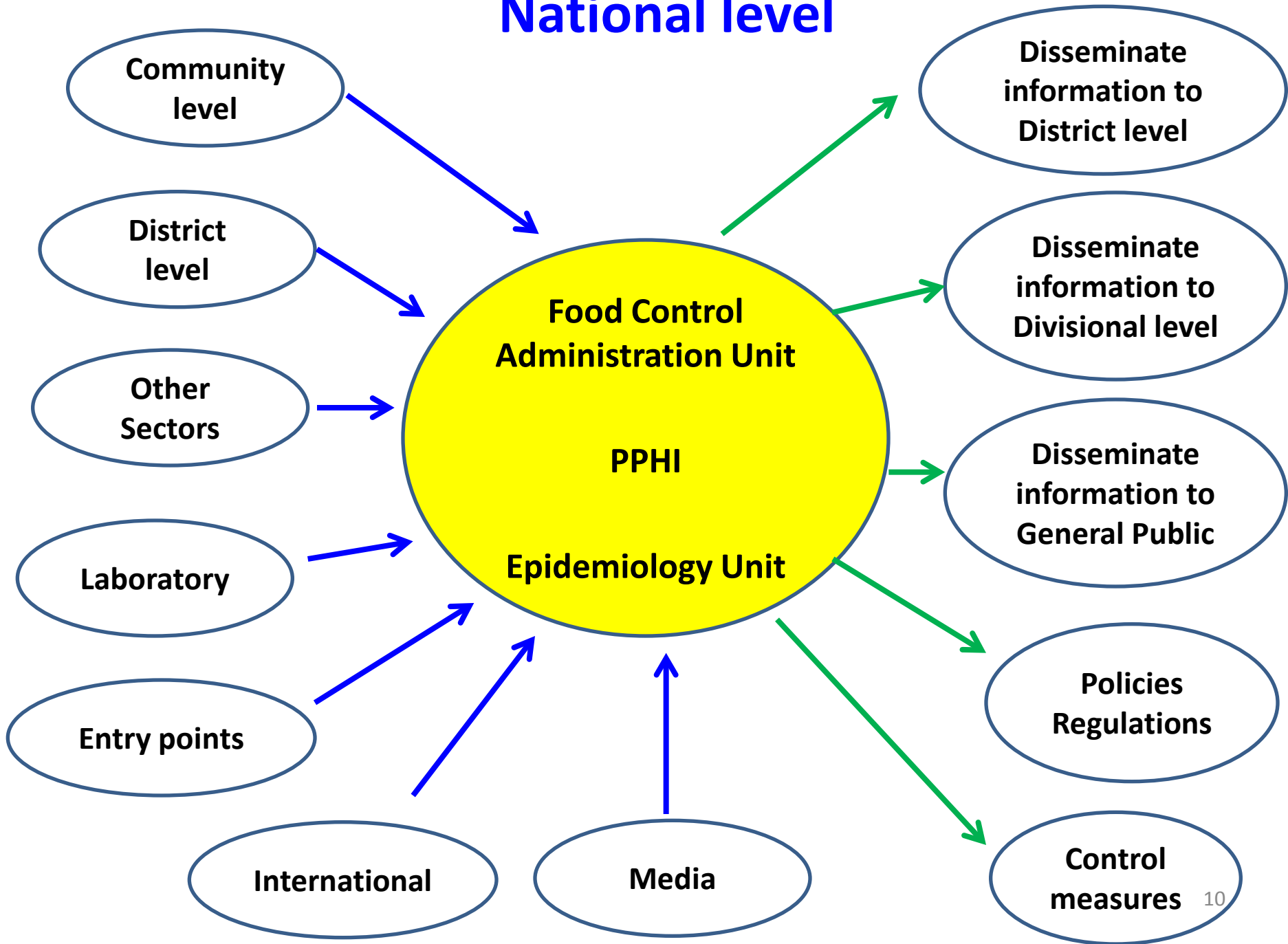
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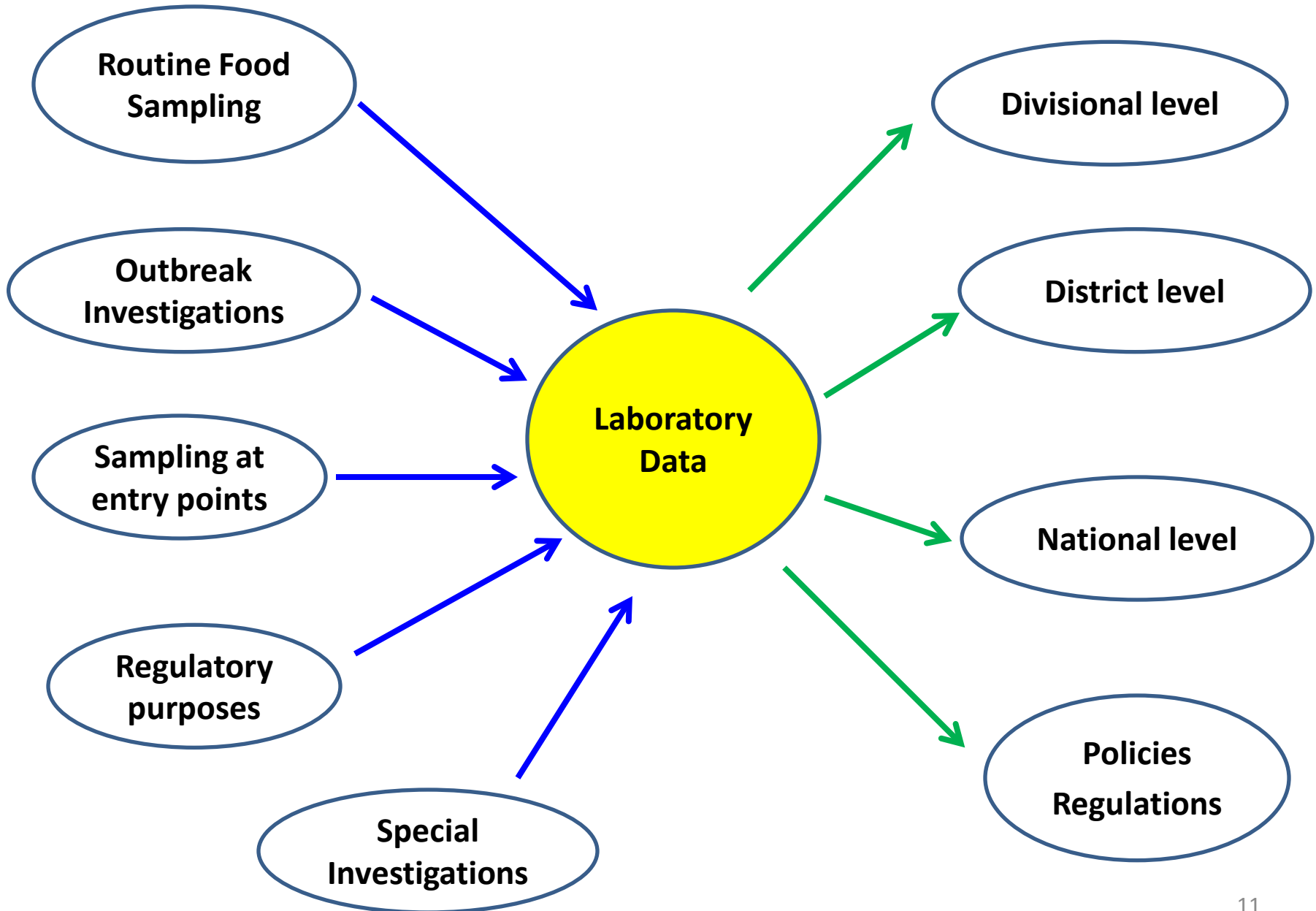
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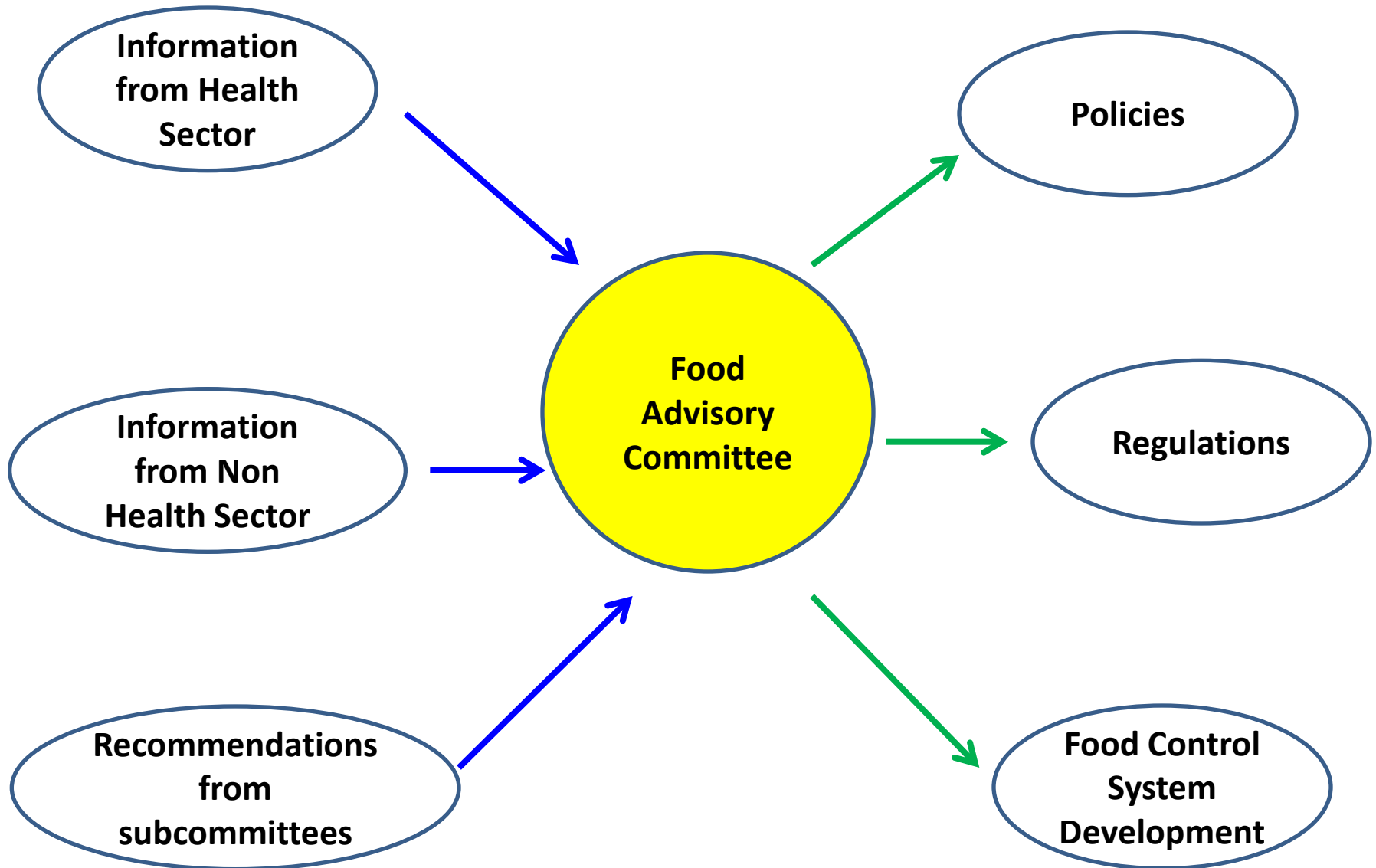
National level



Laboratory data



Food Advisory Committee



USING INFORMATION FOR PRIORITIZING

- **Epidemiological Surveillance data on food borne diseases**
- **Data on Food Handling Establishment Inspection and Rating**
- **Laboratory data on food samples**
- **Research and surveys**

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

1. Use of information optimally for prioritization

- Timeliness
- Compilation/Analysis
- Feedback

2. Flow of information outside the health sector

- Industries
- General public

- 4. Coordination between different levels in the health sector**
- 5. Inter sectorial coordination**
- 6. Separate budgetary allocation for food safety and hygiene**
- 7. Capacity building**
- 8. Facilities in existing laboratories and setting up provincial food laboratories**

9. Registration/Licensing of food establishments

10.Active involvement of the consumer

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