



Sources of Food Safety Information

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Food Safety Information

- ✿ Food safety information is complex and diverse
- ✿ May contain regulatory, scientific, industrial, commercial and consumer concerns etc.
- ✿ Primary sources of food safety information depend
 - ✿ On the user of information and
 - ✿ On the level of food supply chain

Level of Food Supply Chain

Level of Food Supply Chain	Sources of Information
Supply of Agricultural Inputs e.g. Fertilizers, pesticides, animal feeding stuffs, veterinary drugs	Customs, Registrar of Pesticides, D/APH,
Primary Production e.g. farming, fishing,	D/Agriculture, M/Fisheries, D/APH
Primary Food Processing e.g. at farms, dairies, abattoirs, grain mills	Local Govt., D/Agriculture,
Secondary Food Processing e.g. canning, freezing, drying, brewing	Local Govt., D/Agriculture,
Food Distribution e.g. national/international, import /export	Customs, MoH,
Food Retailing/ Food Catering e.g. restaurants, street foods, supermarkets, shops	MoH, Local Govt.,
Domestic Food Production	D/Agriculture, D/APH



Sources of Information

- ★ Government food safety activities
- ★ Surveillance data
- ★ Outbreak investigations
- ★ Environmental information
- ★ Information coming under Codex, WTO, IHR
- ★ Research and development



Government Food Safety Activities

- ✦ Central Level
- ✦ Provincial and District Level
- ✦ Divisional Level



Government Food Safety Activities at Central Level

- ★ Formulation of policy, legislation procedures and standards related to food safety
- ★ Food safety surveillance
- ★ Food safety education
- ★ Food safety training



Government Food Safety Activities at Divisional Level

- ★ Registration of food handling establishments
- ★ Inspection and rating of food handling establishments
- ★ Sampling of food for analysis
- ★ Health educational activities



Sources of information

Government food safety activities at

★ Central level

- ★ Import inspection data
- ★ Registration data (e.g. Bottled water)
- ★ Surveillance data
- ★ Food standards data
- ★ Food safety training and education data

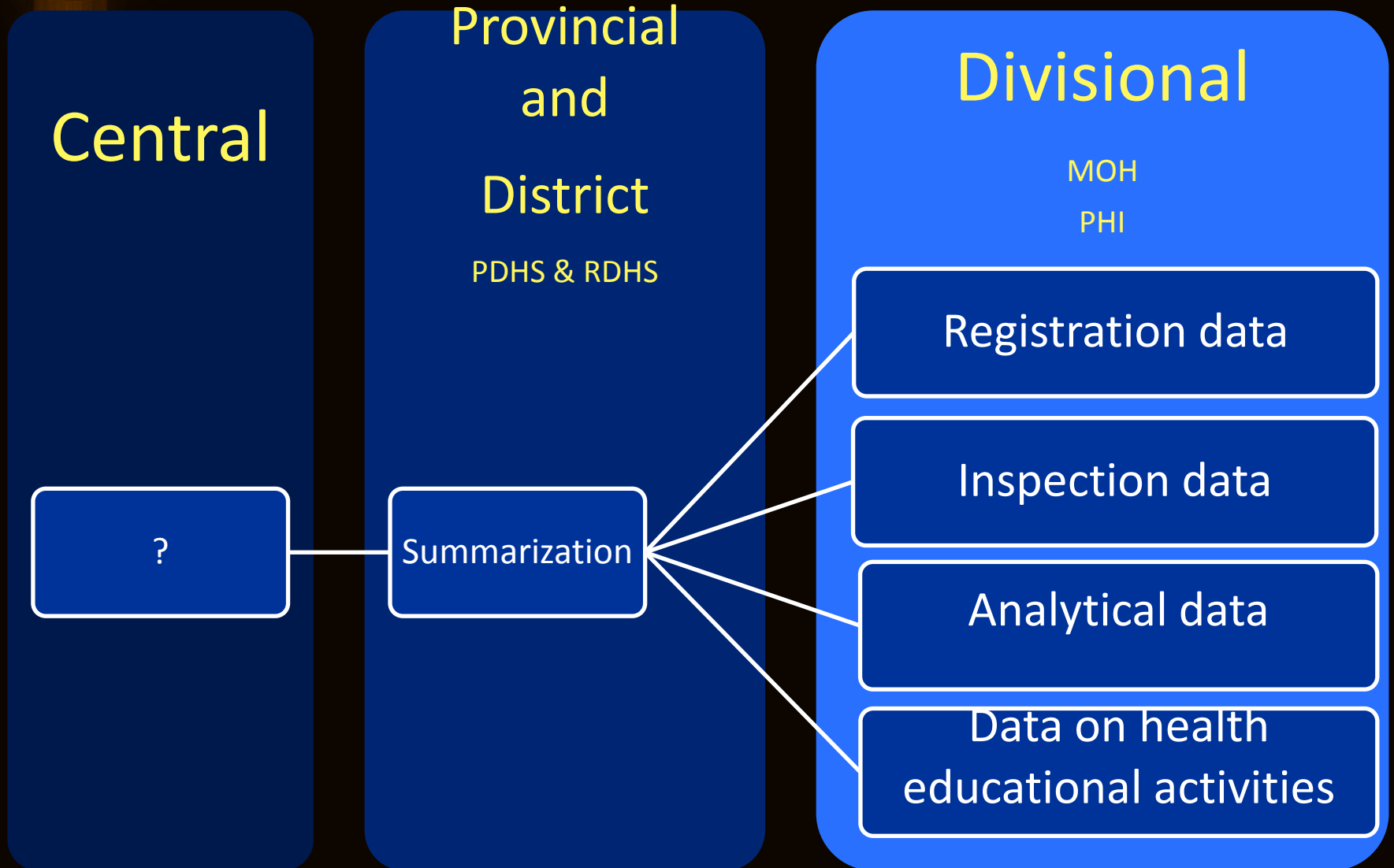
★ Provincial level

★ District level and

★ Divisional level

- ★ Registration data
- ★ Inspection data
- ★ Analytical data
- ★ Data on health educational activities

Flow of Information





Sources of information

- ★ Surveillance data
 - ★ Epidemiological surveillance of food born diseases
 - ★ Food safety surveillance
 - ★ Surveillance on iodization of salt
 - ★ Water quality surveillance
- ★ Outbreak investigations
- ★ Environmental information
 - ★ Levels of contamination (soil, water & air)
- ★ Information coming under Codex, WTO, IHR
- ★ Research and development



Other Sources of Information



Thank You !!!