Food loss is a complex issue, often with multiple and interrelated causes operating at different levels. This e-learning course introduces the FAO Case study methodology for the analysis of critical food loss points. This method focuses on revealing and analyzing the multidimensional causes of losses in selected food supply chains, identification of critical loss points, and recommendation of feasible food loss reduction solutions and strategies.

You will learn about

• Underlying concept of food loss and definitions of different types of losses
• Symptoms and underlying causes of food loss throughout the food supply chain
• Concept of food loss analysis, different approaches, and the steps of the Case study methodology
• How to interpret results and synthesize into a full food loss analysis report
• How to communicate conclusions and recommendations to stakeholders
Who is the course for?

The target audience for this course includes:

- Field level programme officers who wish or need to design, organize, coordinate and implement a food loss analysis
- Technical advisors and academics who want to learn more about the topic in order to teach others

The course aims to provide practical guidance, and quickly develop an understanding of the topic.

Key partners

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