SERVICES PROVIDED

ORGANIZATION CHART

DIRECTOR

Public Services

- Implement nutrition intervention programs and projects in the community.
- To create, manage and monitor the nutrition surveillance and food safety monitoring systems, as well as build a nutritional epidemiology database.
- To inform, educate, communicate and provide counselling regarding nutrition & food safety. To periodically develop food-based dietary guidelines and nutritional requirements of the Vietnamese people.
- To conduct state-required assessments on imported food and control for food safety.
- To participate in developing legal provisions relating to the food quality standards for Vietnamese meals.

Services Meeting the Needs of the Society

- Research; applying scientific results for the manufacturing and trading of nutritional products; receiving and transferring formulations and technological processes of food production.
- To provide clinical services, nutritional counseling and other services.
- To associate with companies, organizations, domestic and foreign enterprises in order to apply and disseminate results of scientific research into praxis.
- To consult and conduct food testing services as required.
- To provide the services of training, re-training, and continuing education on nutrition and food safety; training, and re-training professional knowledge about food safety testing; biochemical testing and diagnosis of nutritional diseases by using innovated technology.
- To provide investigation and evaluation services related to nutrition and food consumption status.
- To provide services related to direct export and import of nutritional products, functional food, publications, chemicals and medical-nutrition laboratory equipment.



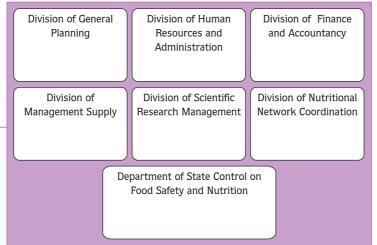
Specialized Departments

Department of Community Nutrition	Department of School and Occupational Nutrition	Department of Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics	Department of Nutrition and Non- Communicable Diseases
Department of Nutrition Surveillance and Policies	Department of Food Microbiology and Molecular Biology	Department of Food Chemistry	Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition Metabolism
Department of Micronutrients	Center for Nutrition Information and Communication	Center for Food and Nutrition Training	Center for Scientific and Technological Service in Food and Nutrition
Center for Nutrition Counselling, Rehabilitation and Obesity Control		Laboratory Center on Nutrition Metabolism and Food	



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In 2010, the National Institute of Nutrition was honored to receive the noble title of Labor Hero which was conferred by the President.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Scientific Research

- Research on nutritional requirements and the dietary intake of the Vietnamese people.
- Food and nutrition surveillance, nutritional epidemiology studies and other nutrition-related health issues.
- Research on food science and the development of a Vietnamese food composition database.
- Research on food hygiene and food safety.
- Clinical trials and studies regarding therapeutic foods and nutritional therapies.
- Research-based policy suggestions to improve nutritional health and food safety of Vietnam.
- Nutritional counselling and practical expert advice related to nutrition and food.

Training

- To provide medical doctors with specialized training in nutrition as per Decision of the Prime Minister.
- To provide continuing education, re-fresher courses with current information for officials and employees working within the scope of nutrition, food systems and food safety in Vietnam.
- To collaborate with secondary schools, colleges, and post-graduate courses universities (specifically master specialist I and specialist II in nutrition). This collaboration includes medical, pharmaceutical and technical universities as well as other types of training on nutrition and food safety.



Nutrition Information Education and Communication

- To coordinate with other agencies to develop content, formatted methods of communication and education material related to nutrition and food safety.
- To perform interdisciplinary coordination in communication and education of nutritional health, as well as the mobilizing social forces to effectively implement nutrition and food safety activities.

Nutritional Network Coordination

- To assist the Ministry of Health to direct, support, provide guidance and technical expertise in the field community nutrition food systems, and hospital dietetic programs nationwide.
- To participate in providing professional/technical guidance involving a food safety assessment system.
- To organize and implement, monitor, and evaluate programs and projects regarding nutrition, food safety and nutritional programs and projects.

International Cooperation

- To encourage international cooperation, particularly in the field of scientific research, personnel training, building infrastructure, equipment and facilities.
- Apply scientific achievements in the field of nutrition, food, and implement programs and projects relating to nutrition and food safety.
- Assign staff members to study, research, and work abroad, receiving foreign experts, trainers, trainees who come for research, exchange of experience and learning at the Institute.