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## EFSA's collaboration with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University

In 2018, EFSA and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy established a collaboration to develop and adapt procedures for the implementation of FoodEx2, EFSA's food classification and description system, in select dietary datasets within the Global Dietary Database ([GDD](#)).

This database, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is a global initiative that aims to tackle the global scarcity of dietary data by characterizing intake for 61 dietary factors in all countries and publicly disseminating these data for use by a range of stakeholders in public health and global nutrition. The overall goal of GDD is to perform novel research on global dietary intakes and diet-related disease burdens, thereby informing evidence-based policy and interventions to create a healthier, equitable, and more sustainable food supply.

Guided by EFSA's valuable experience and expertise, GDD will publicly disseminate the resulting harmonized data via its online platform, reaching a network of 500+ corresponding members in more than 160 countries worldwide. Through this partnership, both organizations reaffirm their commitment to expanding the scope of high-quality, publicly-available, and harmonized dietary data.