

Street food and nutrition security

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Sir, the recent report on street food and nutrition security is very interesting¹. Bezerra et al.¹ concluded that “it is essential to improve the quantity and quality of the training of food handlers in order to implement food and nutrition security as promoting the human right to adequate food”. In fact, street food can be seen worldwide and street food shop is a common place for eating for people living in several developing countries. It is no doubt that if there is no good sanitation, street food can be the source of infectious disease outbreak. According to a recent report by Piyaphanee et al. on traveler’s diarrhea in Thailand, “food from streetvenders” is the main food source². However, it should be noted that some travelers got the problem from food from restaurant. Hence, it is suggested that food sanitation must be applied for all food sellers, not only in street foot shop but also in luxury restaurant.

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