

Global Food and Nutritional

Security: Are we making

progress?



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The five agricultural megatrends



A hungrier world

Population growth will drive global demand for food and fibre

A bumpier ride

Globalisation, climate change and environmental change will reshape the risk profile for agriculture

A wealthier world

A new middle income class will increase food consumption, diversify diets and eat more protein

Transformative technologies

Advances in digital technology, genetic science and synthetics will change the way food and fiber products are made and transported

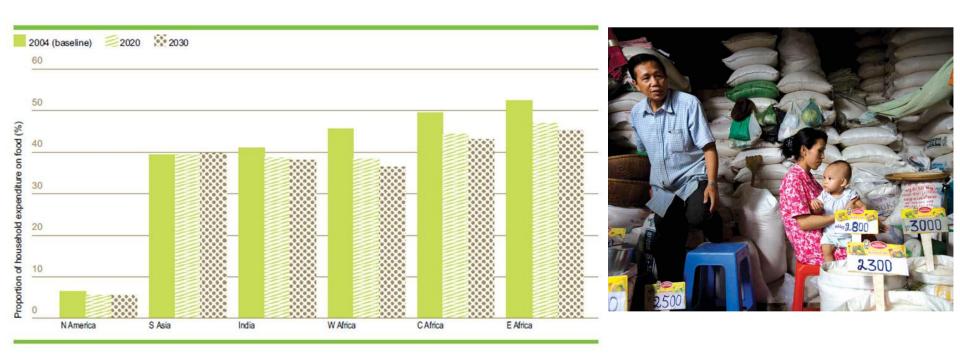
Choosy customers

Information empowered consumers of the future will have expectations for health, provenance, sustainability and ethics

Source: Rural Diversity Issue No. 18 / 2015

The proportion of household expenditure allocated to food, with predictions to 2030





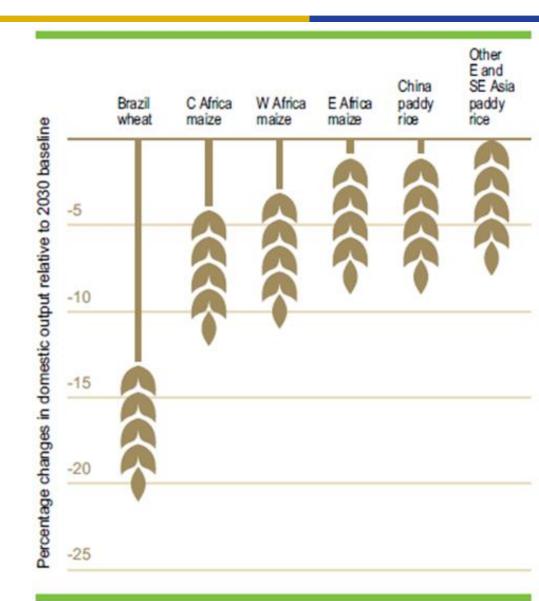
Many of the developing regions facing the gravest challenges with malnutrition, food still accounts for around 50% of average household spending- and for an even greater share of spending by people living in poverty.

Source: Oxfarm

The predicted impact of climate change on regional staple food production to 2030



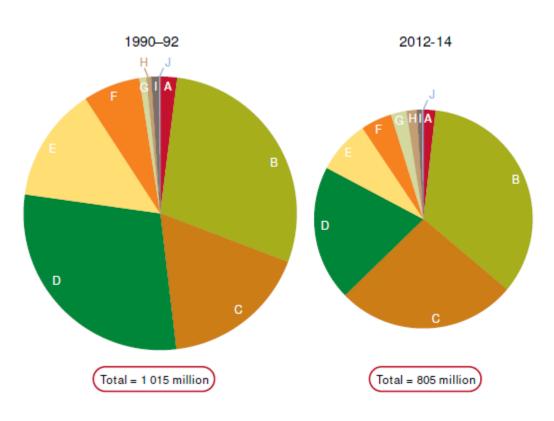
- The impact of climate change on food prices is closely linked to the impacts that climate change will have on crop and animal production.
- Predictions based on models point towards some disturbing warning signals.
- For example, maize is major staple across much of sub-Saharan Africa, Central America and the Andean countries



Source: Oxfarm

The changing distribution of hunger in the world: numbers and shares of undernourished people by region, 1990–92 and 2012–14



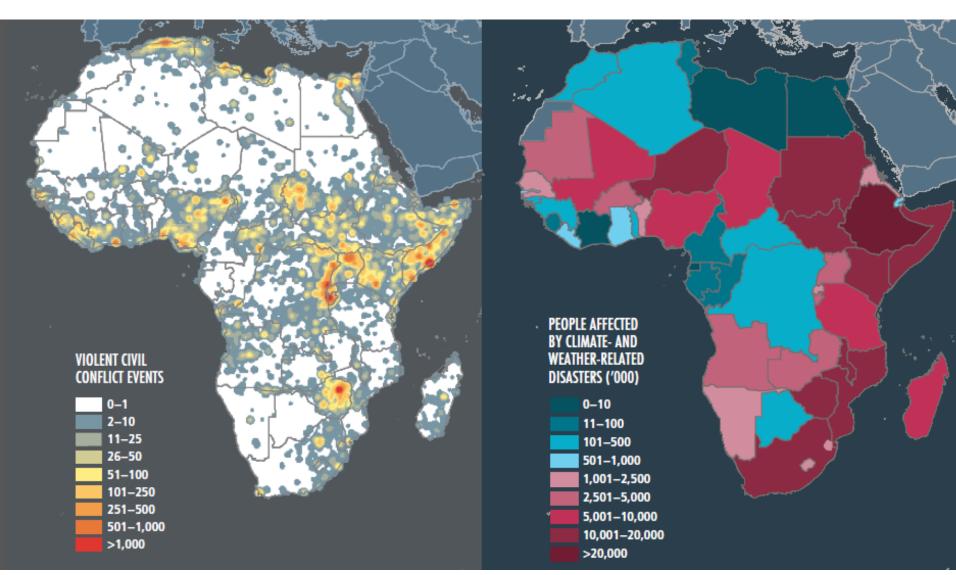


	Number (millions)		Regional share (%)	
	1990–9	2 2012–14	1990–92	2012-14
Developed regions	20	15	2.0	1.8
3 Southern Asia	292	276	28.8	34.3
⊕ Sub-Saharan Africa	176	214	17.3	26.6
Eastern Asia	295	161	29.1	20.0
🕒 South-Eastern Asia	138	64	13.6	7.9
(and the Caribbean	69	37	6.8	4.6
⊚ Western Asia	8	19	0.8	2.3
Northern Africa	6	13	0.6	1.6
Caucasus and Central Asia	10	6	0.9	0.7
Oceania	1	1	0.1	0.2
Total	1015	805	100	100

Source: FAO.

Frequency of violent civil conflict events and severity of climate- and weather-related disasters in Africa, 2000–2014

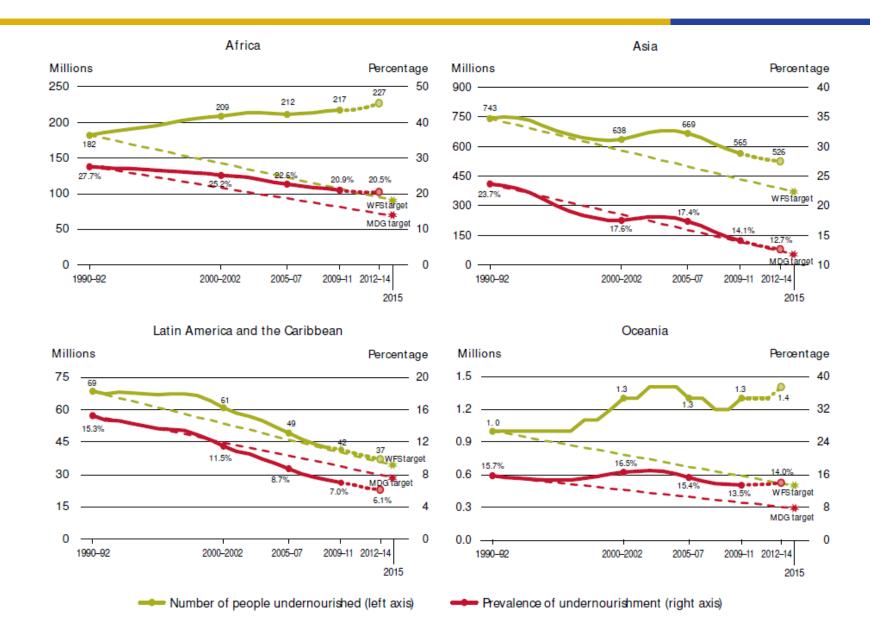




Source: 2014-2015 Global Food Policy Report IFPRI

Regions differ markedly in progress towards achieving the MDG and WFS hunger targets

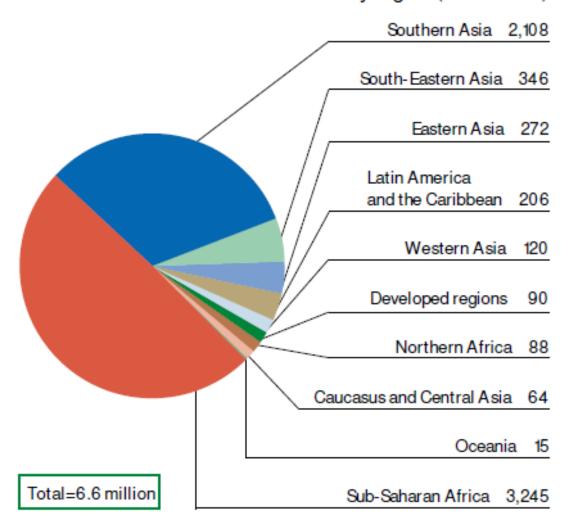




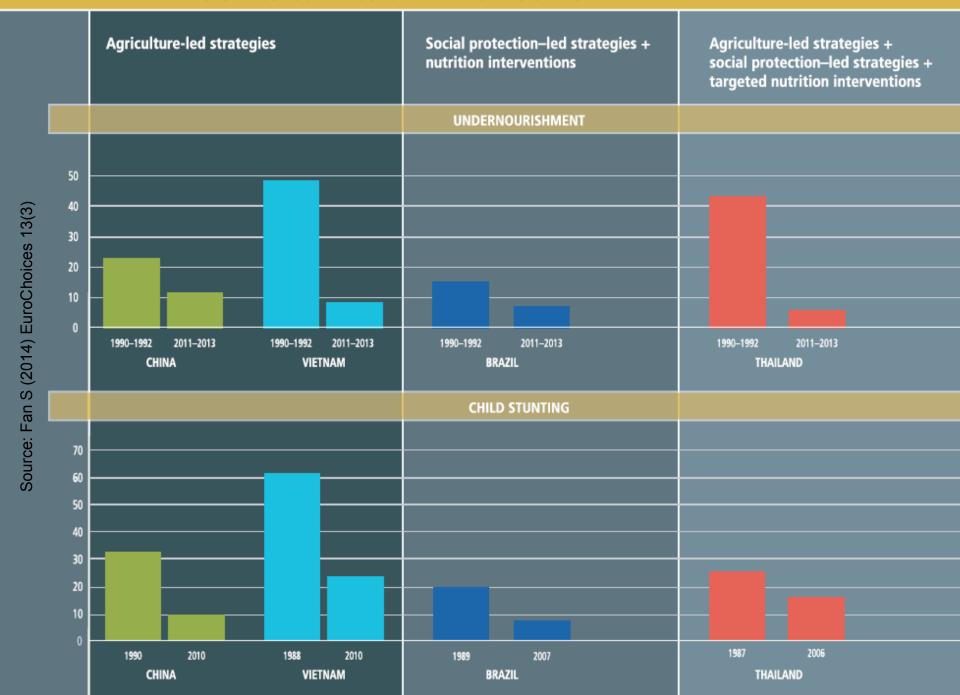
Number of child deaths in sub-Saharan Africa & Southern Asia



Number of under-five deaths in 2012 by region (Thousands)



PATHWAYS TO REDUCING UNDERNOURISHMENT AND CHILD STUNTING



Conclusions



- We must produce enough nourishing food for 9 billion people by 2050 while remaining within the planetary boundaries;
- We must manage volatility in food prices and reduce vulnerability to climate change;
- About 80% of hungry people are living in rural areas where most of them work as small-scale food producers (farmers, herders, fishers or labourers). They are surrounded by the means to produce food, and yet they go without;
- The number of hungry people has dropped from its 2008 high point of 1 billion;
- It is critical to reduce the hunger, malnutrition and child deaths in sub-Saharan Africa & Southern Asia;
- Pathways to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty = Agriculture-led strategies + social protection-led strategies + targeted nutrition intervention.

