Global Food Security

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'Population increases geometrically and food arithmetically'





World population stabilization unlikely this century (Gerland et al. Science 346: 234 2014)



Number of undernourished has been on the rise since 2014 (FAO)



Failure to reach targets



Note: Data for 2011–13 in all graphics refer to provisional estimates. Source: FAO.

Internal migration and food for the cities



Rio's Rocinha shantytown: informal settlements like this are booming as developing countries urbanise. Image: Getty.



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Smart Villages E4sv.org

Climate change - damages and losses in agriculture (FAO 2015, 2018)



Food insecurity and social impact





FAO 2018 Food Security and Nutrition in the World





The 'sustainome' and risk





Lusseau and Mancini (2019) Nature Sustainability

New technology proliferation

after Brook-Cunningham 2019



Global Food Security initiatives

after Brook-Cunningham 2019

Developed countries

- Consumer-driven change in food chain
 quality, authenticity, sustainability
- Farmers need integrated solutions to increase productivity and profitability
- Sleepy agribusinesses need infusion of innovation
- Ag Tech innovators need capital, experience and better relations with agribusiness

Developing countries

- Farmer-driven need integrated solutions to increase productivity and resilience
- Policies to develop food systems that are accessible and sustainable
- Agribusinesses need an infusion of innovation
- Ag Tech innovators need capital, experience and grow relations with agribusiness

Hunger allows no choice To the citizen or the police We must love one another or die **Defenceless under the night Our world in stupor lies:** Yet, dotted everywhere, **Ironic points of light** Flash out wherever the Just **Exchange their messages;** May I, composed like them Of Eros and of dust Beleaguered by the same Negation and despair, Show an affirming flame



W H Auden from M S Swaminathan (2002)