An overview of food insecurity in the world

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Trends in world hunger
Proportion of undernourished in developing countries

Percentage of undernourished

- 1969–71
- 1979–81
- 1990–92
- 1995–97
- 2000–02
- 2005–07
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010

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Where do the hungry live?

Total = 925 million

- Developed countries: 19
- Near East and North Africa: 37
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 53
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 239
- Asia and the Pacific: 578

Source: FAO.
Global hunger declining, but still unacceptably high

- The number and proportion of undernourished people is expected to decline in 2010 but it is still higher than before the economic and food price crises.

- The decline is due to:
  - increased economic growth
  - the fall in international food prices since 2008
...and the recovery process remains fragile due to new shocks
Recent rises in grain prices

USD per tonne

- Wheat
- Maize
- Barley

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct
Cereal production and utilization

Year-to-year change in cereal production
Floods in Pakistan

- More than 20 million people affected
- 2.1 million hectares of standing crops affected
- Around 1.0 million tons of household food and seed stock lost
4 out of 5 people in affected areas depend on agriculture for their livelihood.
Conclusions for the Committee’s consideration

- The reduction in World Hunger is welcome but global hunger is still unacceptably high.

- Projected hunger reduction in 2010 is the result of the reversal of the crises but structural hunger is increasing.

- Recent developments related to extreme weather events in different parts of the world may jeopardize further progress in 2010.