

The State of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE 2012

Investing in agriculture



Farmers must be central to any investment strategy because they are the largest investors in agriculture in developing countries.

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On-farm investments are more than three times as much as all other sources of investment combined (government investment, ODA and FDI). Investments by farmers are more than four times as large as government investment in agriculture.

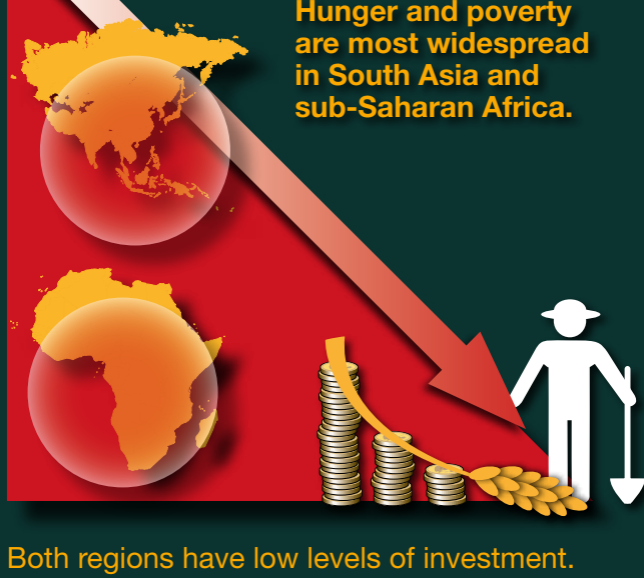
Hunger and poverty reduction



Investing in agriculture is the most effective way to reduce hunger and poverty in rural areas. Many countries that have invested in agriculture are on track to achieve the MDG hunger-reduction target.

Low levels of investment

Hunger and poverty are most widespread in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.



Both regions have low levels of investment. Farm capital per worker has been stagnant or declining for three decades.

Call for a

New investment strategy



We need a new investment strategy that puts farmers at its centre fostering an appropriate climate for agricultural investment. Governments must provide better conditions for farmers who want to invest.

