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Item VII. National Initiatives for Food Security and Nutrition

A Comprehensive Approach to Food
Security: the National Food Policy Plan of
Action and Country Investment Plan

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Key Findings

Improving food security and nutrition requires:

- Political commitment and investment
- A comprehensive approach including
 - Availability and stability of supply
 - Economic, social and physical access
 - Food utilization for safe and balanced nutrition
- Flexible policies to adjust to changing market conditions



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Key findings continued

- Balance between short term social expenditure (e.g. input subsidies, off-farm employment, social safety nets), and long term investment to improve agricultural productivity (e.g. research, infrastructure)
- Balance between State intervention and regulation, and the role of private sector, including small scale producers
- Intersectoral integration through consultation and decision taking mechanisms at all levels
- Coordination among development partners, and between these and Government policies and programmes



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Key findings continued

- A periodically revised national food policy plan of action to provide a policy framework for a multi-sectoral approach, and a country investment plan as a framework to mobilize additional resources from development partners
- Sound policy formulation processes take time and include broad participation and consultation

CFS could contribute by providing platform to seek technical support for ongoing policy design and implementation, and for resource mobilization from wide ranging development partners