



Finance as a lever of change

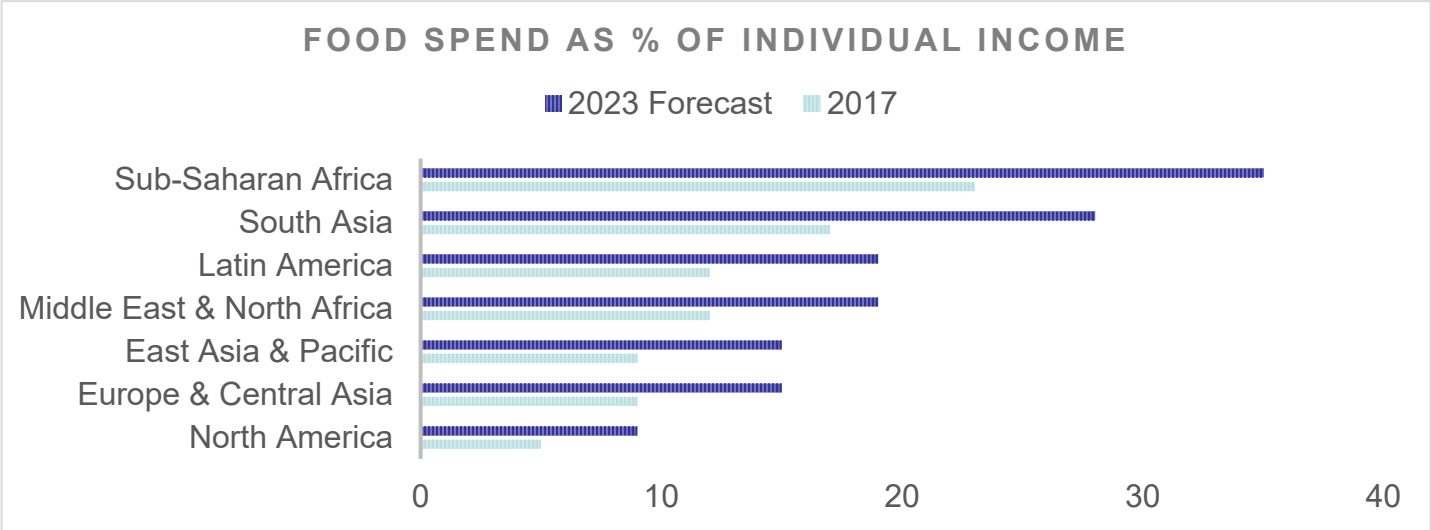
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Global context



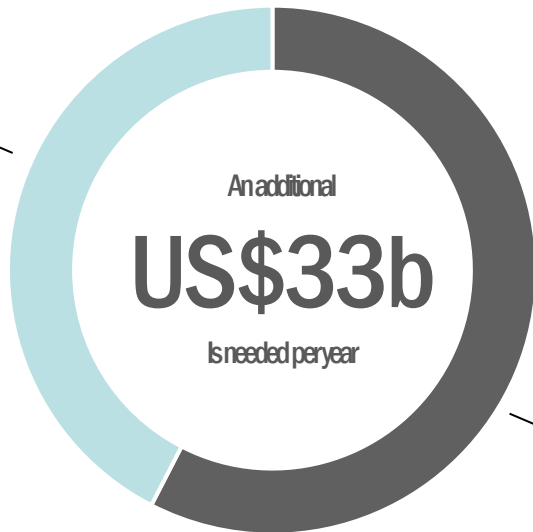
Climate, conflict and COVID and increasing cost of food risk having significant impact on food supplies, access to food and long-term sustainable development. This will hit **poorest** the hardest including IFAD's main target groups.



Source: The Economist

Financing sustainable food systems

We need to urgently mobilize additional funding...



...and to ensure that funding reaches the poorest, most vulnerable.

To end hunger by 2030

Source: Ceres2030

IFAD's Role

IFAD helps channel finance to small-scale producers. It has worked on rural finance systems in more than 70 countries, and has invested over US\$3 billion in rural finance systems.



Benin: Adapted Rural Financial Services Development Project

Aims to expand sustainable financial services for over 150,000 smallholder farmers through microfinancing.



Bangladesh: Promoting Agricultural Commercialization and Enterprises Project

Aims to enhance rural livelihoods by improving profitable business opportunities for microentrepreneurs.



Armenia: Infrastructure and Rural Finance Support Programme

Aims to generate income growth and sustainable employment opportunities by strengthening agricultural production systems.

Conclusions

1

Promote **investments** in sustainable and inclusive food systems, following the five financial imperatives.

2

Monitor the ongoing impact of crisis on poor countries and rural communities.

3

Continued focus on **inclusive rural finance** as a crucial element of food systems transformation and building resilience amongst volatile food and agricultural commodity prices, and the perils of climate change.