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# Mountain Partnership

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# The Mountain Partnership

The Mountain Partnership (MP) is a **UN voluntary alliance** dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and mountain environments

It currently has **over 270 members**  
(Governments, IGOs, civil society)

**Secretariat** funded by Italy, Switzerland and FAO



# Why focus on mountains?

- **22% of the earth land surface**
- **915 million people:** 13% of world population
- **60 - 80%** of global **freshwater**
- **25%** of terrestrial **biodiversity**
- Mountain **forests:** **23%** of earth's forests
- Gene pool of globally important **crops**
- High **value niche products**

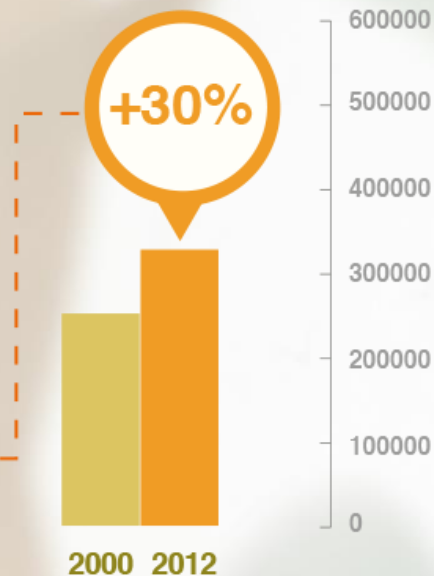


# The hunger challenge:

*Mountain people are highly vulnerable to food insecurity*

- **2000:** 253 million = **35% mountain population**
- **2012:** 329 million = **39% mountain population**

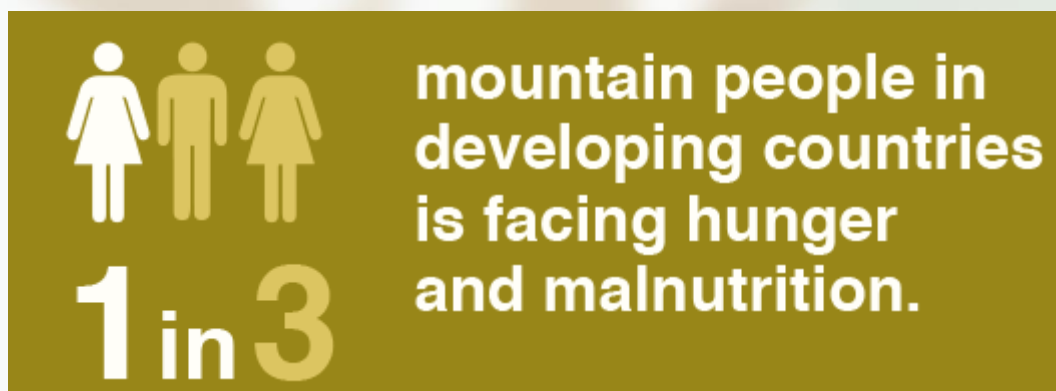
vulnerability  
to food insecurity  
in the mountains  
has **increased**





# The hunger challenge (II)

- The number of people at risk of food insecurity in the mountains is unacceptably high:



- **Rural mountain areas: 1 in 2**

# The Partnership in action



Advocacy



Joint projects



Knowledge and communications



Strengthening capacity

# Points for consideration

*Fight hunger and promote development in Mountains*



**investment and specific policies** for livelihoods and resilience

**support** the Mountain Partnership and the new Facility

**develop national and local capacities** in sustainable mountain development

more **research and data** as basis for informed decision-making



A scenic landscape featuring a calm pond in the foreground, surrounded by tall reeds and grasses. The water reflects the surrounding forest and the clear blue sky. In the background, a hillside is covered with a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, some of which are in vibrant autumn colors of yellow and orange. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**THANK YOU !**