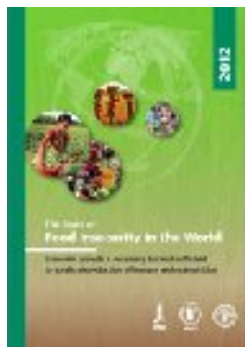


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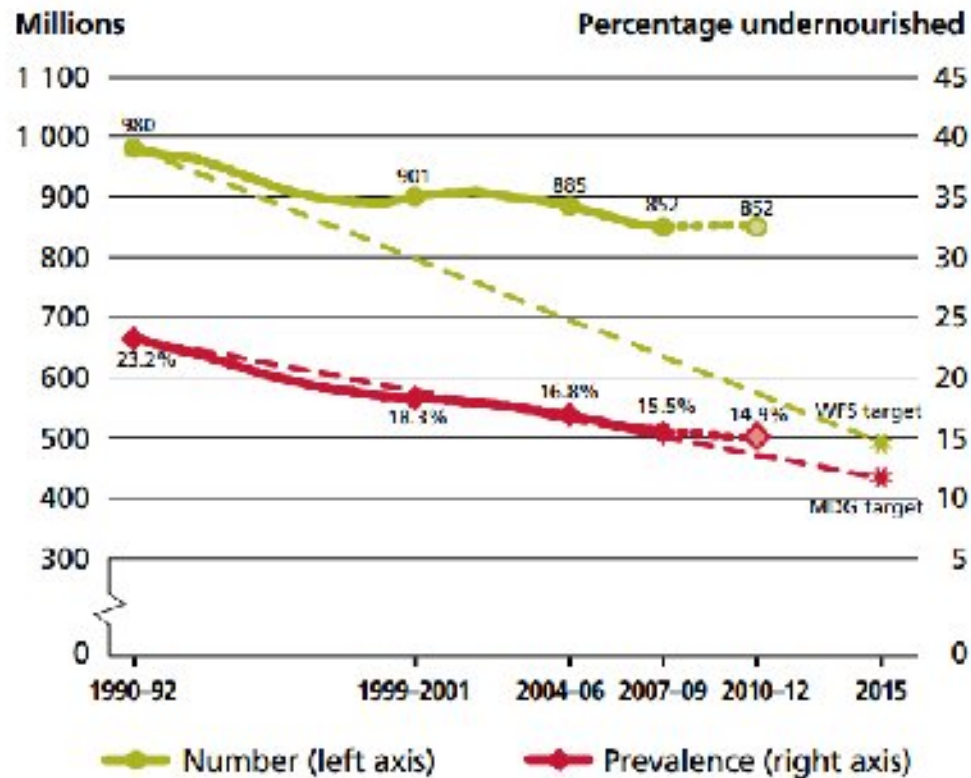
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The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012

Undernourishment in the developing world



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870 million
hungry people
worldwide



There are 130 million fewer hungry people today than there were 20 years ago

Number of hungry declining in Asia and Latin America



Number of hungry rising in sub-Saharan Africa






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- Theme chosen to highlight the role of cooperatives in improving food security and contributing to the eradication of hunger.
- Interest in cooperatives and rural organizations is also reflected in the decision of the UN General Assembly to designate 2012 “International Year of Cooperatives.”



International Year of
COOPERATIVES 2012





Agricultural cooperatives facilitate small producers' access to:

- Natural resources such as land and water
- Information, knowledge, training, innovations and extension services
- Markets, negotiation, food and productive assets such as seeds and tools
- Policy decision making (voice in decision making)



Cooperatives world wide

Socially responsible and equitable organizations

- Employ 100 million people (20 more than multinational companies)
- The 300 largest cooperatives generate \$1.1 trillion = 1/10 GDP of the US
- Market up to 50% of global agricultural output
- **1 billion members of cooperatives**



A C - reduce poverty and generate employment

Egypt: 4 million farmers earned income from membership in agricultural cooperatives

Kenya: 924,000 farmers e.g. 70 % coffee, 76 % dairy and 95 % cotton

United States: 80 % of dairy production

India: >50 % of all cooperatives serve as primary agricultural credit societies or provide marketing, warehousing and other services to their producer members.

Strong agricultural cooperatives = improved food security



FAO at work

- Establishes favourable policies, legal frameworks, economic incentives and participatory processes that empower A C
- In 2011, more than 180 FAO programmes & projects in >100 countries, and strengthen the capacities of producer organizations, cooperatives and local community groups
- 9 July 2012 FAO opened a new liaison office for cooperatives and producer organisations



