Feeding 9 billion in 2050

Challenges and opportunities ahead





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Millennium Development Goals

Halving malnutrition by 2015

'Fewer than one-quarter of the 143 countries for which data are available ... are on track...

Malnutrition rates have increased in twenty-six countries, half of them in sub-Saharan Africa ... the number of undernourished people in the region increased from 169 million to 206 million between 1990 and 2003'

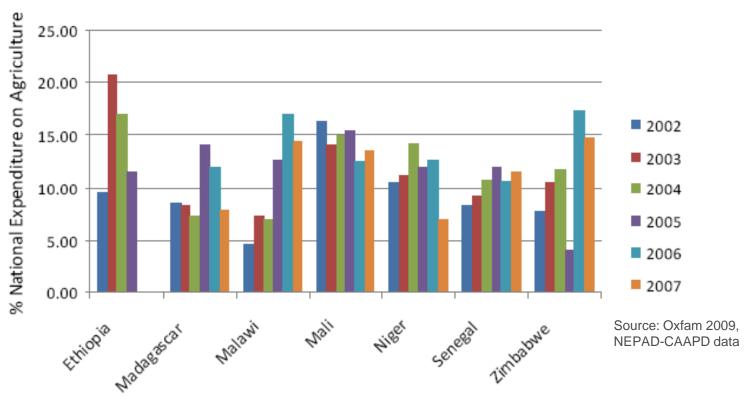
UNESCO Education for All 2009 Progress Report

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National drivers of malnutrition

Agricultural (under)investment

Few African nations have met Maputo targets of 10% national expenditure to agriculture



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Focussing investment? Romantics v modernisers





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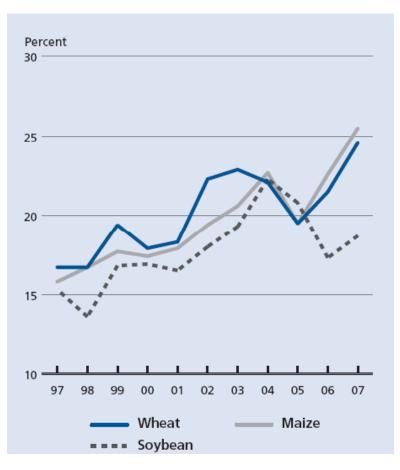
Global drivers of malnutrition Food prices?



Global drivers of malnutrition

Market volatility

But **food price** is not the whole story...



Volatility combines with **price** to influence vulnerability

Source: FAO

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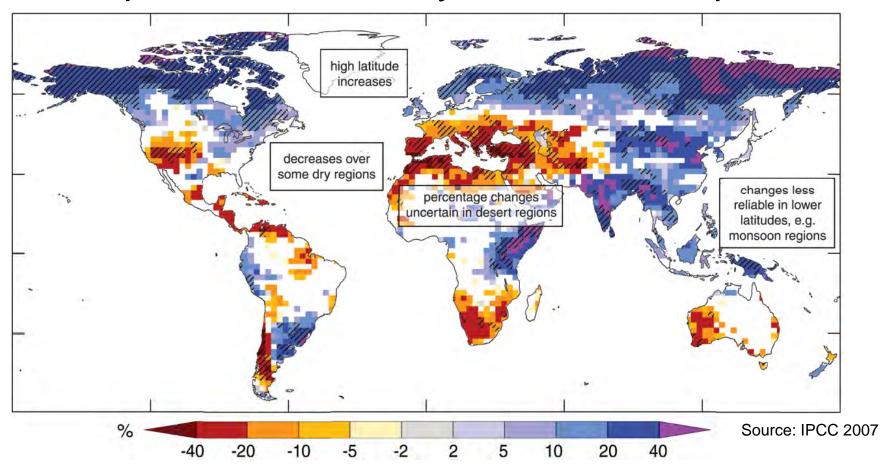


Global drivers of malnutrition

Climate change

Climate change will likely impact water availability

- with implications for many of the world's poorest



The global bailout for climate?

Adaptation funding

World Bank estimate for p.a. funds required \$75bn

Total multilateral funding dispersed \$128mil

And yet...

Enhancing London Tube air conditioning \$347mil



...and we need to be careful with 'solutions'

'The biggest problem is how to secure food for the family. All our gardens, where we used to get food, have been taken over by the park rangers'



Amina Gidong of Uganda, evicted from her home for a CDM project

Source: Lohmann 2006

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Then how do we feed the world? It's about power



Feeding the world A national checklist

- ✓ More (and better) investment
- ✓ Agrarian reform land rights, especially women's
- ✓ Agricultural Revolution for the 21st C
- Strengthen social protection
- ✓ Policy space for developing countries



Feeding the world An international checklist

- ✓ Fair and safe climate deal
- ✓ Trade reform
- ✓ Better (pro-smallholder) aid



✓ New global rules – land grabs and food security

Thank-you

