

#FOODSECURE Plausible Futures for Global Food and Nutrition Security

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The 2050 world food equation is risk prone

Supply

Land (degradation) Water (scarcity) Productivity & technology Labor & farm structure Climate change

Demand

Population (growth) Income (growth, urbanization) Poverty and inequality Consumer behavior, waste Bio-energy

Supermarkets Protection

Financial markets Food stocks

J. von Braun, ZEF 2013

The objective is to design effective and sustainable strategies for **assessing** and **addressing** the challenges of food and nutrition security.

FOODSECURE provides a set of **analytical instruments** to experiment, analyse, and coordinate the effects of **short and long term policies** related to achieving food and nutrition security (FNS).





Key features

- 19 research institutes
- Multidisciplinary
- Stakeholder panels
- EC grant € 8 mln, duration 2012-17
- 60 journal/working papers, more coming
- User-friendly access to findings, data











FOODSECURE research components

Determinants: understanding the causes of hunger **Future**: tools for crisis surveillance and foresight **Guidance:** on a global / EC policy framework to support FNS

Vision Development & Stakeholder Engagement WP5









The framework on "basic" and "immediate" causes by The Lancet (2008) is good, but attention in research and policy action focuses too little on "basic" causes

J. von Braun 2015

Income growth drives evolution of undernourishment

... but is neither enough nor strictly necessary. Other factors: Inclusiveness, basic services, policy, political system, etc.



Political reforms and trade liberalization appear good for food security,

.... but effects are heterogeneous

Average effect of a democratic transition on food security among the 10 countries with a positive effect Average effect of trade liberalization on food security among 40 LMIC countries with data covering 20years



Growing Human Pressure

Climate change

Ecosystem decline

Surprise

Source: Johan Rockstrom: Let the environment guide our development

Plausible Futures for FNS





GDP assumptions by scenario and income group: 2010-2050



Wheat yield by scenario for representative region income groups: 1990-2050





Underpinning a sensible policy framework, short term and long term strategies

- The purpose is to support EU policy makers and other stakeholders in the design of FNS strategies.
 - Agriculture
 - Fisheries
 - Trade
 - Agricultural R&D
 - Climate change
 - Environment
 - Development aid











Thank you!

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