The role of food access and utilization for addressing the main food and nutrition security challenges in the world and in Armenia

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Food Insecurity is more than hunger

Around 2 billion people in the world experience moderate or severe food insecurity

FOOD SECURITY
Adequate access to food in both quality and quantity

MODERATE FOOD INSECURITY
People experiencing moderate food insecurity face uncertainties about their ability to obtain food, and have been forced to compromise on the quality and/or the quantity of the food they consume

SEVERE FOOD SECURITY
People experiencing severe food insecurity have typically run out of food and, at worst, gone a day (or days) without eating

1.3 billion

704 million
Nutrition situation in the world

- **Stunting (under 5 years)**
  - 2012: 25%
  - 2018: 21.9%
  - 2025: 14.6%
  - 2030: 12.2%

- **Wasting (under 5 years)**
  - 2018: 7.3%
  - 2025: 5%
  - 2030: 3%

- **Overweight (under 5 years)**
  - 2012: 5.5%
  - 2018: 5.9%
  - 2025: 5.5%
  - 2030: 5.9%

- **Anaemia (Women of reproductive age)**
  - 2012: 30.3%
  - 2016: 32.8%
  - 2025: 15.2%
  - 2030: 15.2%

- **Obesity (Adults)**
  - 2012: 11.7%
  - 2016: 13.2%
  - 2025: 11.7%
Armenia’s risk environment

- Broke food systems
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Rise of non-communicable diseases
- Climate change
- Man-made conflicts and natural disasters
- Landlocked country
Armenia country context today

**ADULTS**
- Poverty: 25.7%
- Food insecure: 15%
- Undernourished: 6%
- Overweight: 48%

**CHILDREN <5**
- Stunted: 9%
- Overweight: 14%
Way forward for addressing the food and nutrition security
Armenia in 2030

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN ARMENIA

HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

STABILITY

Safety nets in place

Food Security pillars

FUNCTIONING MARKETS

AVAILABILITY

Improved purchasing power

Attractive for businesses

Healthier consumption habits

Educated and skilful citizens

Employment opportunities

Reliable data

Mass export of goods

ACCESS

Evidence-based policies and programmes

Increased productivity

Secure Armenia

UTILISATION

Nutrition education

Renewable and accessible energy

WFP Vehicles

SDG 2

Multiplier effects

Improved health of the population

RA Mega Goals
Thank you!

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