### Challenges Facing the Global Architecture for Food and Agriculture Going Forward

Uma Lele, Manmohan Agarwal (Assistance-Sambuddha Goswami) Forum on Food Price Increases: Causes, Impacts and Responses - AGENDA Institute for International Economic Policy, Elliott School of International Affairs, GWU September 30, 2011.

### Food Price Rise or Volatility?



#### **Overarching Challenge**

9 Billion + in 2050: Cereal Production (Net of Biofuels) Increase by 70%, Meat production 220%, Cereal Imports of Developing countries by 220%

- Population Growth:
  - All in LDCs
- Income Growth:
  - Mostly in LDCs
- Urbanization:
  - Up from 50% to 70%
- Shift in Food Preferences:
  - Rice, Wheat, Maize,

Soybeans for Feed: On Demand Side Biofuels: maize,

oilseeds

Processed Foods

- Slowing Ag. Productivity Growth?
- Climate Change
- Limits to Land, Water, Soils, Biodiversity, Forests, Fisheries –in Asia
- Increased Market Related Risks and

Understate Supplicated Private Investment in R and D

# What Is Needed to Take On the Challenge by G 20?

- Potentially A Tremendous Opportunity to Get an Organically Grown International Architecture working together effectively around short and long term issues of global food and agriculture
  - Hugely Increased Investments in R and D
  - Infrastructure
  - Macro and Sector Policy Environment
  - Human and Institutional Capacity
  - Knowledge on "How to"?
  - Not Just North-South But South South Partnerships

G 20 Declaration of Ministers of Agriculture on Food and Agricultural Markets & Price Volatility, June 21-22, 2011

- Policy Options Paper By Core International Organizations
- G 20 Declaration is a low hanging fruit

### No Instruments to Deal With

- Role of Biofuels—e.g. Brian Wright, US Diversion of Maize
- Low International Stocks
- Price Stabilization—National/Regional/Global?
- Role of Export Bans—Putting Trading System at Risk?
- Developing Countries Reluctant to take it on?
- Doha?
- Growing Role of Foreign Direct investment
- Private Sector Activity— in R and D, Land Acquisition
  - Production, Value Chains
  - Role of Small and large Farms
- International Good Practice Guidelines Adequate to Deal with the Challenge?

### **Volatility Related Challenges**

- WFP and Increased Demand for Emergency Assistance
- Despite Growing Commitments- Gap in Donor Pledges and Commitments
- Increased Fragmentation of Aid
- Rising Foreign Direct investment--
- Developing Countries' Reticence Towards Bretton Woods Institutions since the 2008 Financial Crisis
- Doha deadlock
- Increased Role of Emerging Countries, New Actors—BMGF, Civil Society

### **Current Situation**

- Dizzying # of Uncoordinated Initiatives
  - L' Aquila Food Security Initiative,
  - Global Partnership for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition,
  - Five Rome principles for Sustainable Food Security @
    World Summit on Food Security in November 2009,
  - Reform of the Committee on Food Security to name only a few mentioned in the statement
  - US's Feed the Future
- Reform of the Committee on Food Security
- Election of FAO DG– Contrast to IMF
- FAO's New DG after two 18 year terms

# Core International Organizations Concerned with Food and Agriculture

From Fragmented and Chaotic To A Virtuous Architecture

#### **Many Stakeholders**

- · 200 Donors Contributing Trust Funds to WB
- · 1075 Trust Funds
- · 10 Large Funds
- · Trust Funds Managed by WB > than IDA
- · High Transaction Costs to Developing Countries of Lack of Harmonization
- Strategic Global Allocation of ODA+ Foundation Flows?: GPGs, RPGs, Country Assistance?

Differences in Governance Among International Organizations: Lack of Priorities, Overlapping Mandates

- UN Institutions inherently different organizations than multilateral Banks—
- FAO a Specialized UN Agency—Like WHO--Based on one country one vote—
- WTO—a platform
- WB, IMF, IFAD, WFP— Where donors have more power

vote weighted according to contributions---

- Differences among developed and developing countries on substantive issues
- personality politics in leadership

#### Implications of Differentiation Among Developing Countries

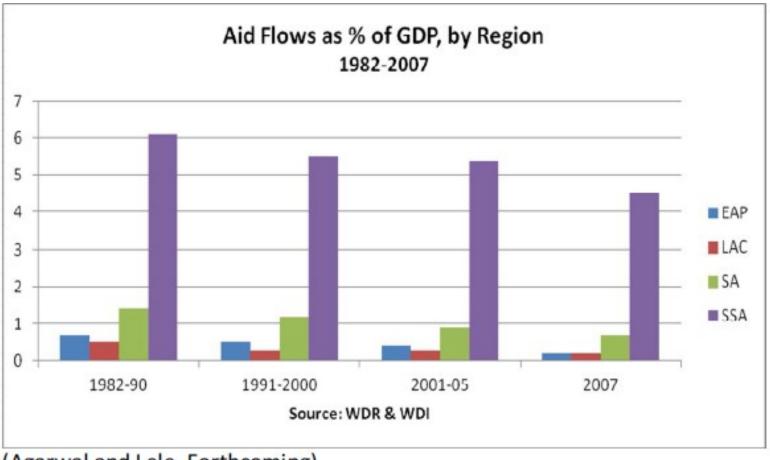
- Large Share of Global Poverty in Middle Income countries where aid is unimportant
- Importance of Knowledge Transfers?

- Special Challenges of less developed countries
  - Diseconomies of scale
  - Limited capacity
  - Early stage of demographic transition

### Middle Income Countries

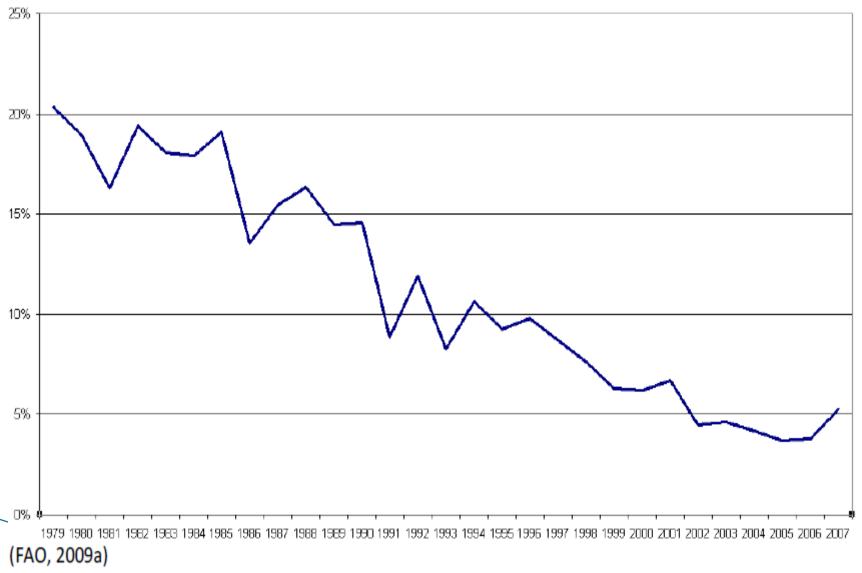
### Low Income Countries

### Already Declining Share of ODA Compounded by OECD Economic Woes



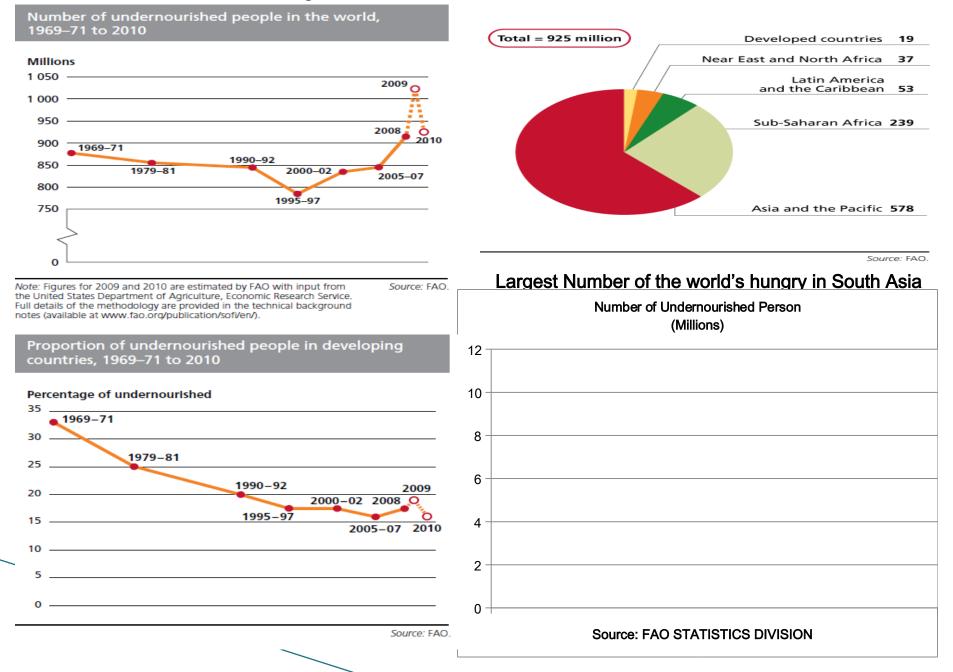
(Agarwal and Lele, Forthcoming)

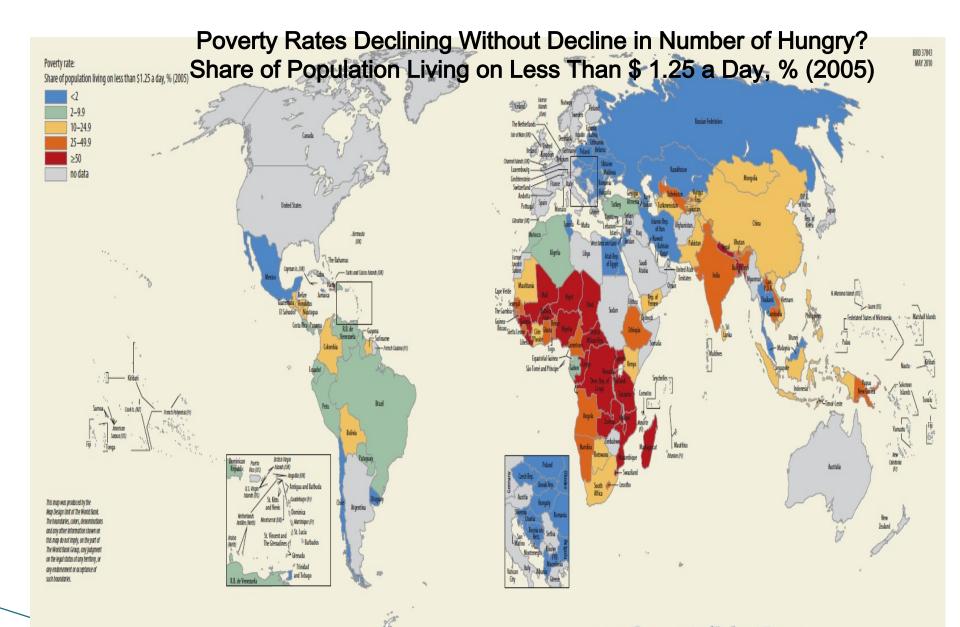
#### DE capitalization of Agriculture with Declining ODA to Agriculture (1979 – 2007)+ Government Neglect



#### Trends in world hunger

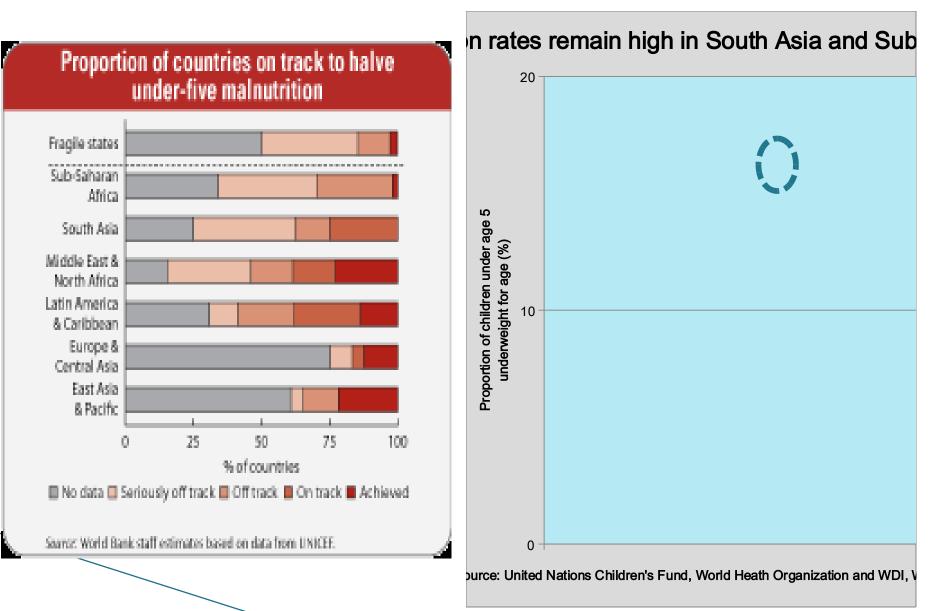
#### Undernourishment in 2010, by Region





Source: PovcalNet, the World Bank; and GMR 2010.

### **Under Five Malnourishment**



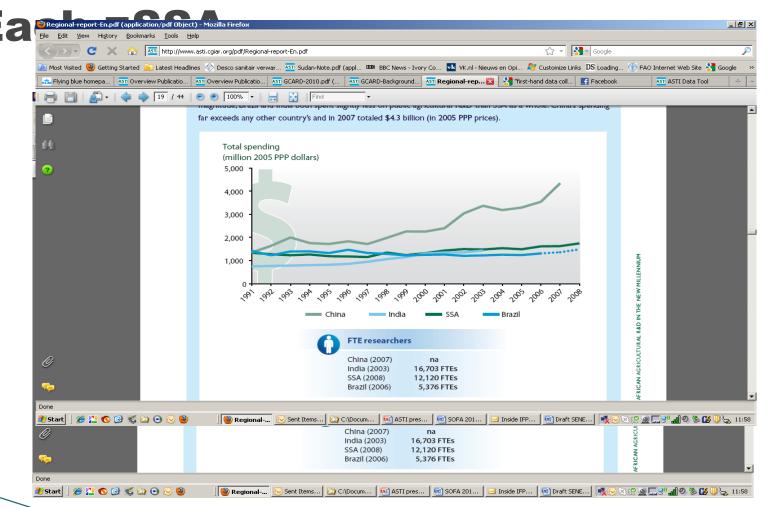
### Agricultural TFP Growth: SA and SSA Lagging in TFP Growth

### **CGIAR Reforms: Work in Progress**

- Fund Council
- Centers' Consortium
- SRF Proposes Tripling of CGIAR Funding by 2020
- CRPs Approved or in Process of being Approved
- Centers Coming Together
- 300 to 900 stated partners in Some CRPs
- Design of Partnerships: their Costs and Benefits
- Independent M and E of CRPs Work in Progress
- Complementary Funding Needed for NARS of \$14 Billion to Achieve Stated SRF objectives of Hunger and Poverty Reduction

### CGIAR Funding Grows but Remains Restricted

### South Now Important Players China Spending= Brazil + India/



Source: ASTI as reported in Beintema and Stads (2011)

#### More South South As well as North South Cooperation Needed

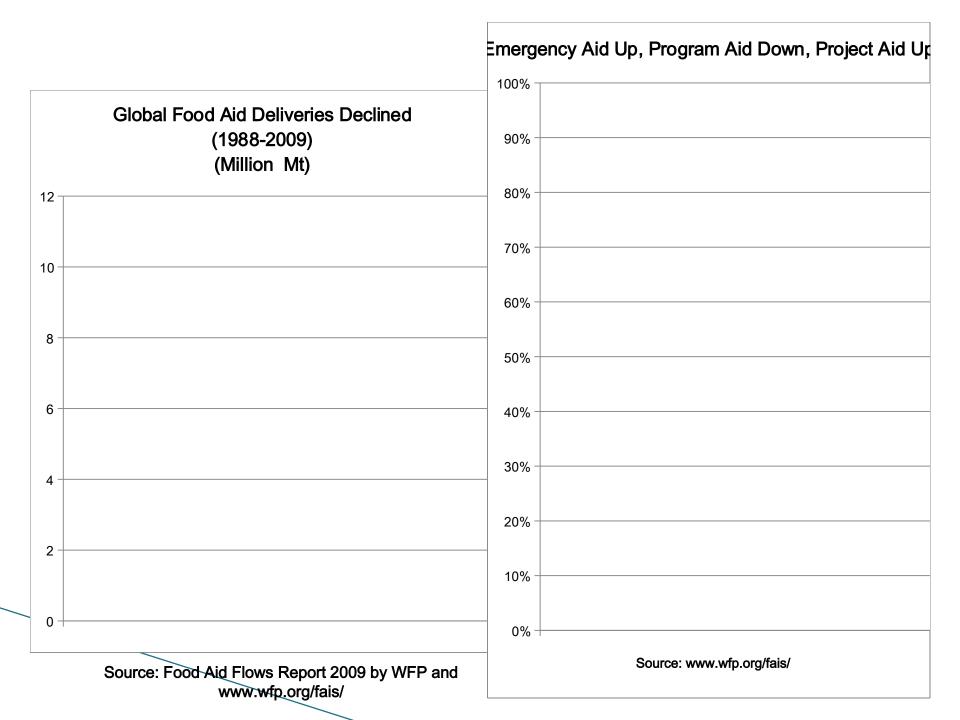
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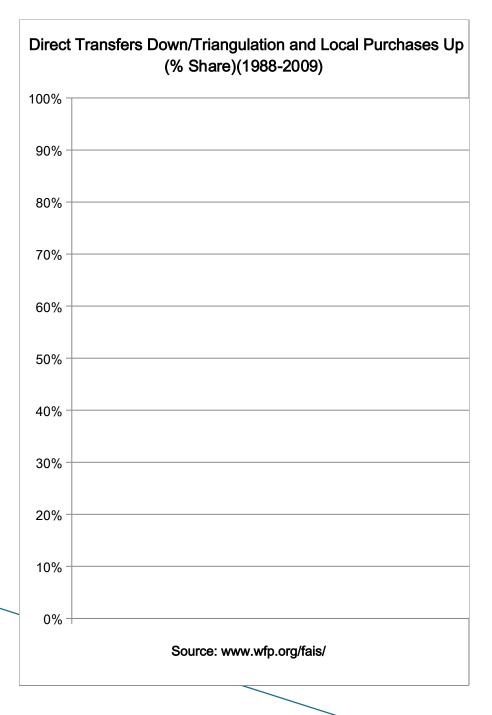
Developing Country	Scientist Numbers
China	80,000
India (2003)	16,700
SSA (2008)	12,100
Brazil (2006)	5,400

Sources AST and: Chen, K. Z., and Y. Zhang. 2010. Agricultural R&D as an engine of productivity growth: The case of China. Report prepared for UK Government's Foresight Food and Farming Futures project

### FOOD AID

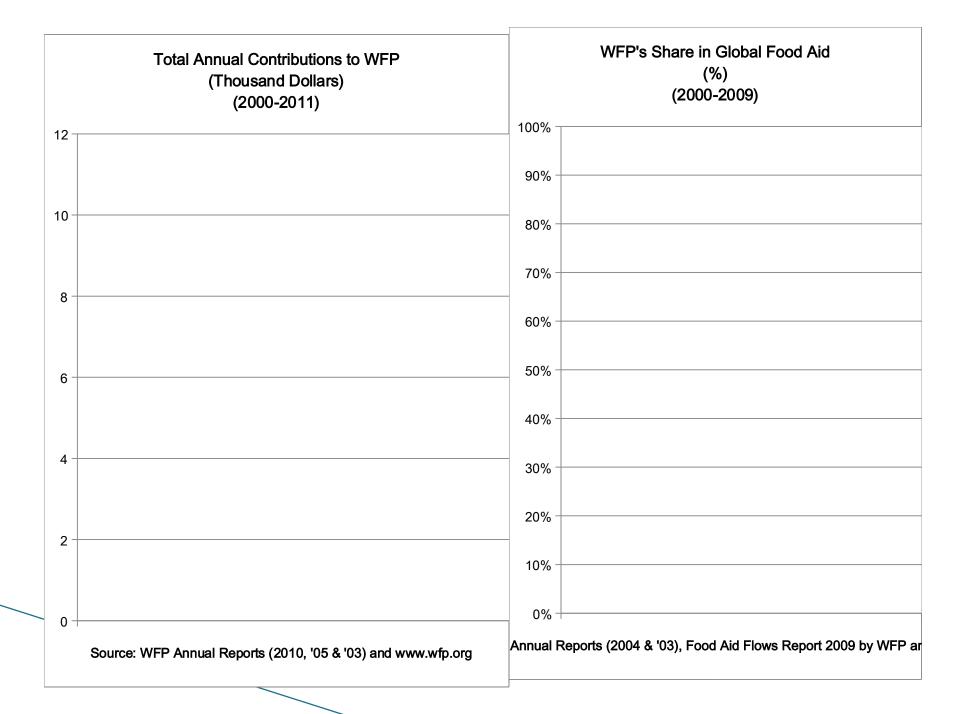
 From Food Aid to Food Assistance?
 Evolution of WFP Strategy in Recent Years



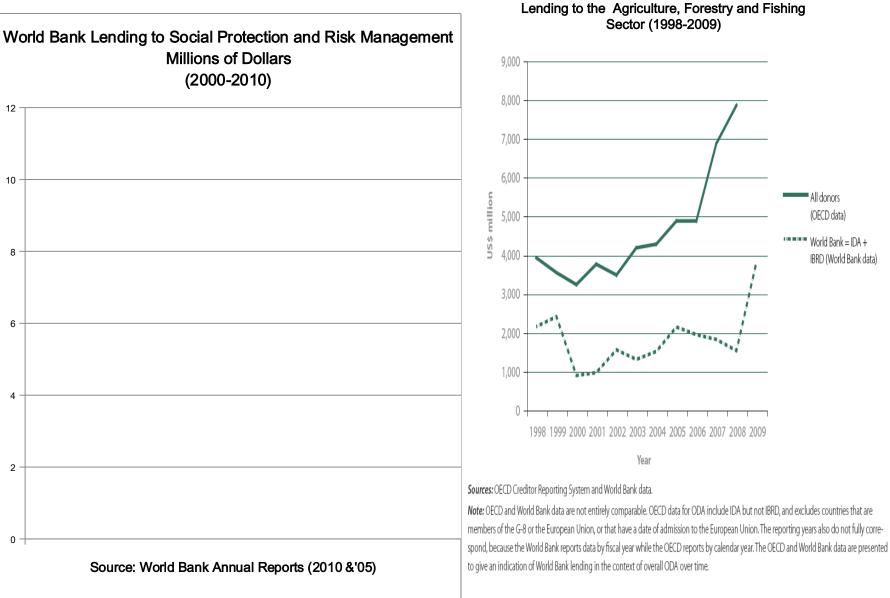


#### SSA Growing Recipient of Global Food Aid Deliveries

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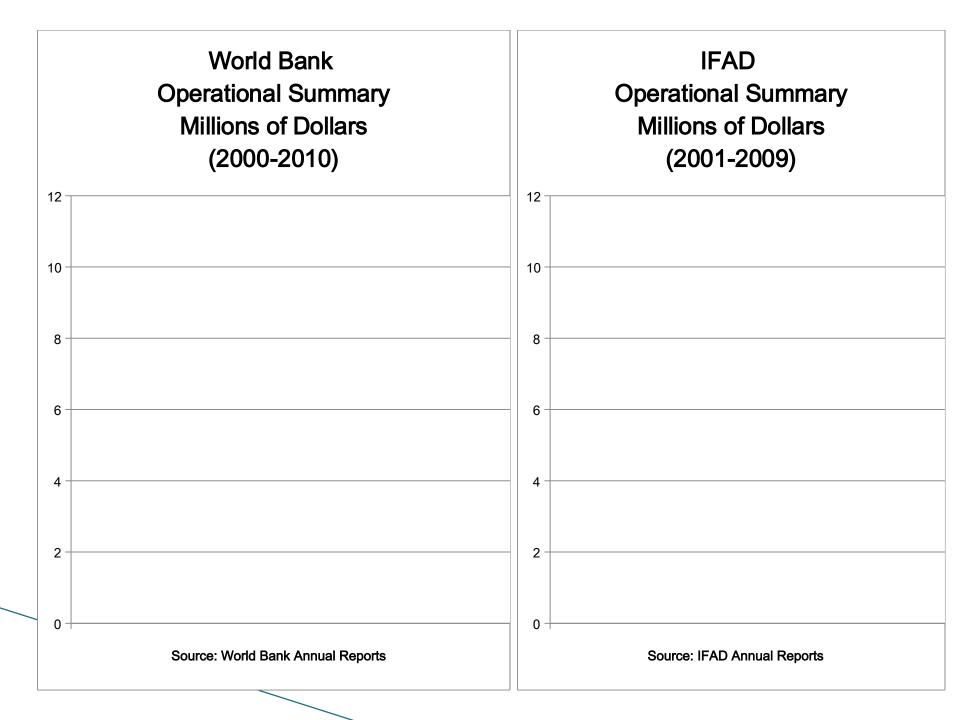


### World Bank: Recent Rise in Lending as Share of total and still the Largest Single Lender to Has been Transforming itself As a Knowledge Bank mobilizing Relevant global Development Experience And More grant funding

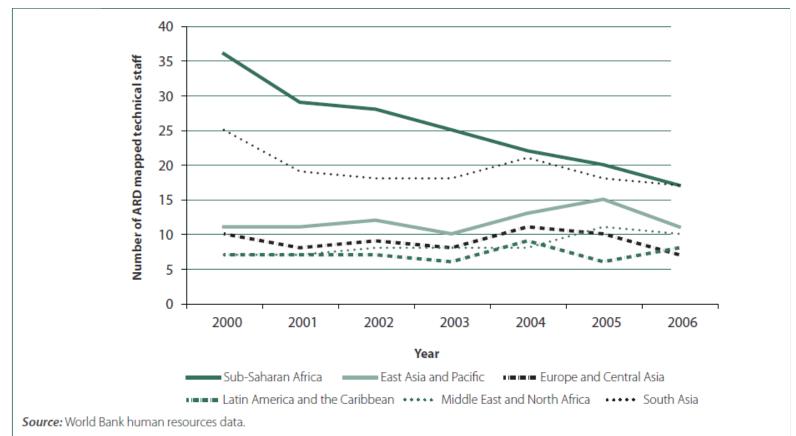


#### Source: Growth and productivity in agriculture and agribusiness: Evaluative lessons from World Bank Group experience, IEG 2010.

Official Development Assistance and World Bank



### Decline in Technical Capacity at the World Bank: Does It Matter?



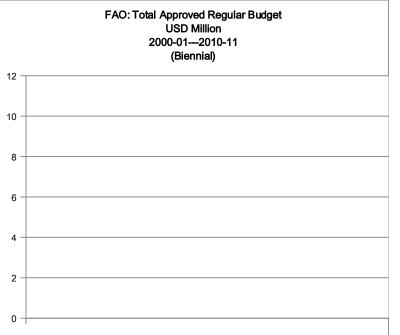
*Note:* Technical staff include, among others, soil scientists and forestry experts and extension, livestock, agribusiness, and irrigation specialists. Generalist staff include, among others, operations officers, economists, and rural development specialists.

### FAO's Essential Roles

"FAO would Need to be Created if it did not exist"

- Bring Strategic View of the State of Global Food and Agriculture
- Mobilize Information and Knowledge on State of the World's Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Agriculturally Related Natural Resources
- Provide a Neutral Platform for discussion and reaching of International Agreements and Standard Setting—food safety, Plant Genetic Resources, Agricultural Practices
- · Promote Guidelines and Their Implementation
- FAO-CP 's Support for World Bank Lending
- Other TA/Regional Offices
- Emergency Assistance growing most rapidly through voluntary contributions

#### FAO'S Total Approved Biannual Regular Budget (USD Million) (2000/01-2010/11)



The Director General's Medium Term Plan 2010-13 and Program of Work & Budget

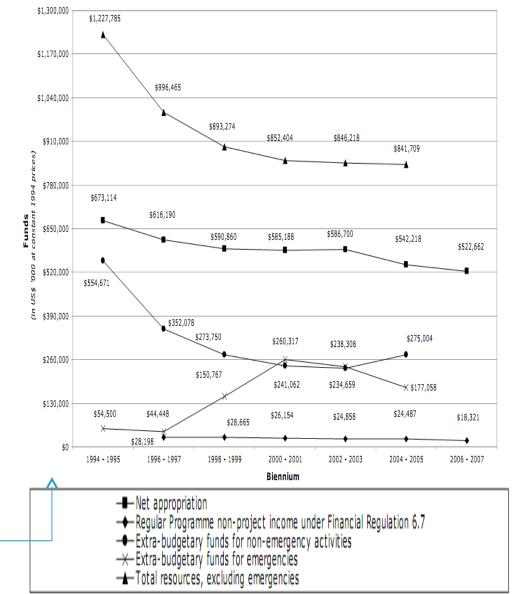
**Foot Note:** The above figure shows FAO's regular program budget is funded by its members, through contributions, adjusted to the Euro/US dollar exchange rate fixed by the FAO Conference. This budget covers core technical work, cooperation and partnerships including the Technical Cooperation Program, knowledge exchange, policy and advocacy, direction and administration, governance and security.

The FAO's regular budget for the biennium 2010-2011 has been increased by 7.6% to US\$ 1000.5 million from the biennium 2008–2009 US\$ 929.8 million, adjusted to the Euro/US dollar exchange rate fixed by the FAO Conference. Member states froze FAO's budget from 1994 through 2001 at US\$650 million per biennium. The budget was raised slightly to US\$651.8 million for 2002–03 and jumped to US\$749 million for 2004–05, but this nominal increase was seen as a decline in real terms. In November 2005, the FAO governing Conference voted for a two-year budget appropriation of US\$765.7 million for 2006–2007; once again, the increase only partially offset rising costs due to inflation.

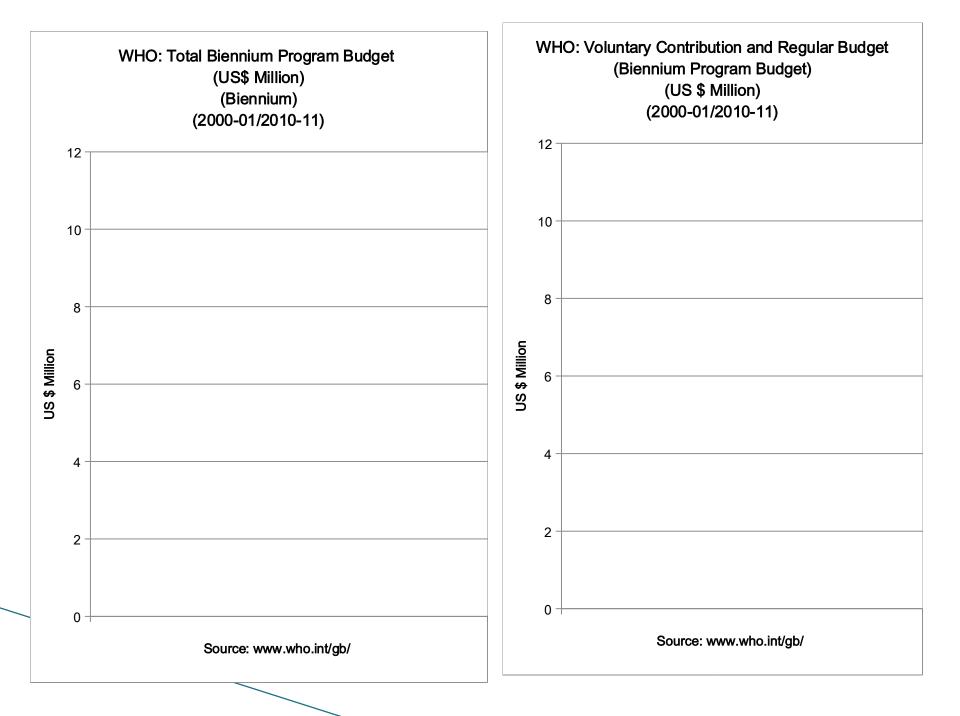
Source: FAO: The Challenge of Renewal: Report of the Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): September 2007---

figure 7.1.

#### Total Biennial Resources Available (1994-2007)



Foot Note: This figure shows FAO's biennial resources in terms of US \$ '000 at 1994 constant prices.



### Looking To the Future

Zero Hunger and Sustainable Intensification of Small Farm Agriculture:

> Walking on Two legs: Productivity Growth and Effective Safety Nets

### A Five Point Agenda for G 20: Harmonization Under Conditions of Extreme Fragmentation

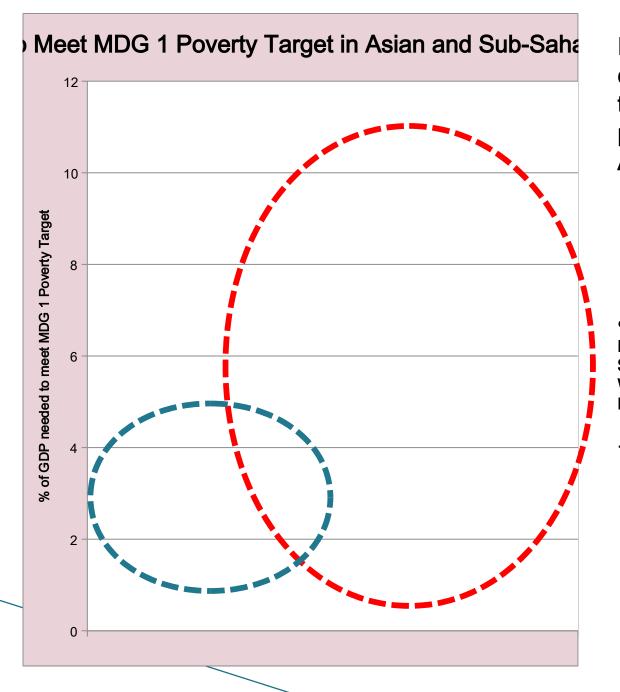
### UN and FAO

- Information and Knowledge
- Managing Natural Resources: Water, Climate, Biodiversity
- Standards for the Multiple Roles of the Private sector in Agricultural Development
- O Technical Assistance
- Emergencies and Food Aid—WFP , FAO and IFAD
- CGIAR+ Investments in Global, National and Local Research and Innovation: \$14 leveraging

North-South and South South Cooperation

• Global Policy on Technology, intellectual Property and GMOs: How might those issues be addressed?

## Annual Cost of Bringing Populations to the Poverty Line: Possible G 20 Agenda?

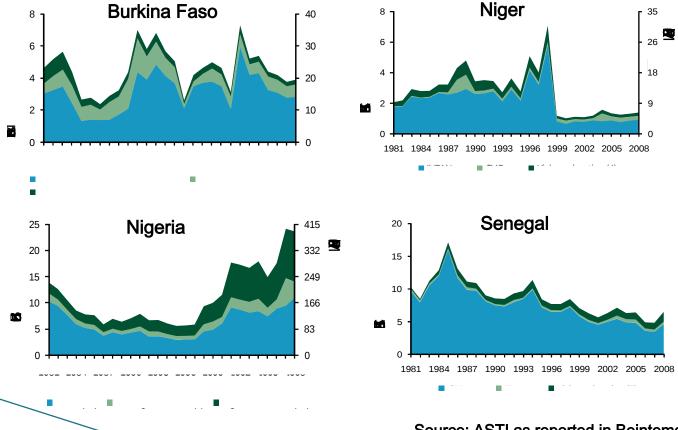


In SSA Countries the cost is higher because the extent and depth of poverty is greater than Asian Countries.

#### **Calculation**

% of GDP needed to meet MDG 1 Poverty Target= (Gap/ GDP million \$) Where, Gap= (\$1.25\* 365\* Population\* Poverty Gap)/100

### Investment Challenge: Funding Volatility Needs to be Replaced by Funding Predictability and Stability



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