

Food Security: Post-MDG Strategy

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Key Questions

- Future of Food Security in countries with high population density---for example in South Asia--- is uncertain. What are some of the major economic and political economy issues that might prevent the achievement of food security in this region? What will be the optimal strategy to achieve food security?



Four major elements

- the four main elements of food security
- availability, stability, utilization and access.



Optimal Post-MDG Strategy

- Short Term
- Medium Term
- Long Term

Short-term : availability and access

- *Economic and social access*
- *Social protection for food production*
- *Insurance schemes*
- *Common property resource management*
- *Productivity-related schemes*
- *Physical access: transport and logistics*
- *Improving choice and utilization*



Short-term : availability and access

- *governance, accountability and administration of protection schemes*
- *Poverty Reduction through Cash Transfers*
- *Poverty Reduction through Guaranteed Employment*
- *Subsidies on essential food items for the poor—price stabilization*



Medium Term

- Sustainable Agriculture Policies
- Work towards changing unfair WTO rules
- Work towards protecting communities' intellectual property rights in seeds
- Build Resilient Communities
- *Common property resource management*
- *From chemical fertilizer subsidy to Organic*



Medium Term

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Price Stabilization through supply
- Target Small Farmers for Credit
- Extension Services
- Seeds, Organic Fertilizers and Irrigation
- *Better water management*
- *Village knowledge and technology centers*



Long-term

- **adaptation to climate change**
- **Trans-boundary and other support measures---role of aid for development**
- **Global Consortium to go beyond the MDGs**
- **Reducing population pressure on land**
- *Common property resource management*



To Practice

- Need for activist academics
- Activists and academics working together
- Building local and global commons
- Cooperating across borders and disciplines

