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LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE CRISIS – VULNERABILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EU AGRI-FOOD SECTOR

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1 Before COVID-19 the world was already facing enormous challenges

Hunger, Health, and Poverty are Critical Global Issues



690 million people are hungry



650 million people are obese



10% live in extreme poverty

and a Number of Threats are Increasing the Risk of Global Crises



Pests and plagues:
desert locust,
fall armyworm



Climate change:
natural disasters,
drought

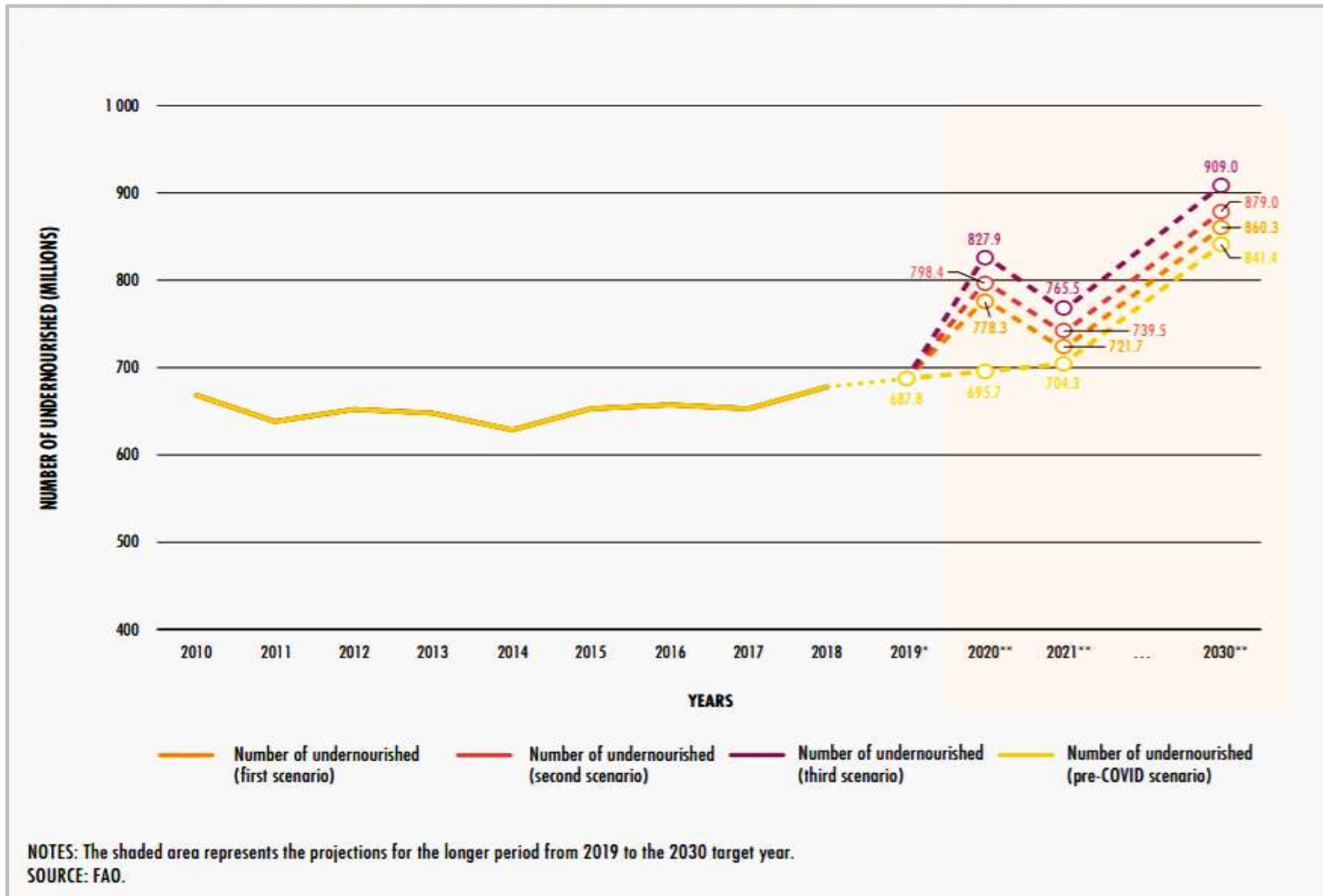


Conflict:
Threatening
food security



COVID-19: RISE IN HUNGER

How the pandemic may affect hunger in the world



Source: FAO SOFI (2020)

FIRST SCENARIO

World economic growth to be -4.9 percent in 2020 and +5.4 percent in 2021

+ 83 million undernourished in 2020

SECOND SCENARIO

World economic growth to be -7.0 percent in 2020 and +3.3 percent in 2021.

+103 million undernourished in 2020

THIRD SCENARIO

World economic growth to be -10 percent in 2020 and +0.3 percent in 2021

+ 132 million undernourished in 2020



COVID-19: IMPACTS ON DEMAND AND SUPPLY

Disruptions in both the demand and supply side are likely to have a **detrimental impact on most countries worldwide**

SUPPLY

Restrictions on the movement of people and people falling ill: severe impact on migrant workers; shortages in workforce in agriculture, processing and distribution facilities.

Logistics: Transport and trade restrictions

Existing crisis: topping-up effect in different countries stemming from pre-existing problems (locusts in East Africa, African Swine fever, climate change, etc.)

DEMAND

Recession: Global growth is projected at - 4.4 percent in 2020, with significant implications for incomes and consumer spending.

Change in consumption patterns: increased demand for both staple foods and ready-to-eat foods that can be stored.

Shift in purchasing modalities: slower food services industry, increased e-commerce deliveries, and rise in at-home consumption.

COVID-19 CAUSES IMMEDIATE DISRUPTIONS



➤ **It's an opportunity to drive longer-term transformation**

86%

Suspension of school meals

68%

Restrictions in selling food in public spaces

57%

Restrictions in functioning of markets

40%

Limiting supply of food commodities

60%

Rising prices

Impact of COVID 19 on Food Systems in Cities, FAO 2020



COVID-19 is our priority ...

FAO created a comprehensive Response and Recovery Programme



Global Humanitarian Response Plan:
Addressing the impacts of COVID-19
and safeguarding livelihoods in food-
crisis contexts



Data for Decision-making:
Ensuring quality data and analysis for
effective policy support to food-
systems and Zero Hunger



**Economic Inclusion and Social
Protection to Reduce Poverty:**
Pro-poor COVID-19 responses for an
inclusive post-pandemic economic
recovery



Trade and Food Safety Standards:
Facilitating and accelerating food and
agricultural trade during COVID-19
and beyond



**Boosting Smallholder Resilience
for Recovery:**

Protecting the most vulnerable,
promoting economic recovery
and enhancing risk management
capacities



**Preventing the Next Zoonotic
Pandemic:**

Strengthening and extending the
One Health approach to avert
animal-origin pandemics



Food Systems Transformation:

Building back better during
response and recovery



WHAT MORE IS NEEDED?

- **Continued resource commitments**
- **Enabling policies**
- **Innovation – social, institutional and technological**
- **Trade**
- **Smart partnerships and collaborations**
- **Outcomes – Food Systems Summit**



Food
Coalition
A COVID-19 RESPONSE



UNITED NATIONS
FOOD SYSTEMS
SUMMIT 2021



EU/FAO COLLABORATIONS TO DRIVE IMPACT

- Working together on the EU Green Deal, Farm2Fork and the Biodiversity Strategy to bring food systems transformation
- Institutional Coordination
 - EU Commission-FAO Strategic Dialogue in 2021
 - European Parliamentary Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition
 - EU Council presidencies
- FAO-AU Africa Task Force on COVID-19 with the EU as permanent observer



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THANK YOU
