



HOW TO FEED GROWING CITIES



Malnutrition affects every country and most major cities in Africa and Asia are already struggling to cope with the double burden of malnutrition: undernutrition alongside overweight and obesity. The world can no longer ignore urban nutrition problems.

At the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and across the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement, we believe that building nutritious urban food systems is crucial to achieve both improved nutrition (SDG2) and make cities inclusive and sustainable (SDG11).

Food waste amounts to 1.3 billion tonnes of food every year, namely 1/3 of all food produced for human consumption, while almost 800 million people continue to be undernourished globally.

The Sustainable Food Systems Programme of the UN Environment and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization aims to make resource use more efficient and reduce the pollution intensity of food systems by drawing on knowledge and expertise from a wide range of stakeholders throughout the food chain.

GAIN and the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies have hosted the first #UrbanNutrition talk in Geneva "Protecting Our Planet's Health: Growing Cities, Poor Nutrition, What Can Be Done?" on 10 November 2016 to discuss how we can improve the nutrition of vulnerable urban populations.

The "Cost of Ending Hunger", a report by the International Institute for Sustainable Development, and funded by Gates Foundation provides a new estimate of additional public spending to reach the goal of ending hunger by 2030.

While ISO standards have already played an important role in the food chain, ISO is currently developing new documents on sustainability and social responsibility for the agri-food sector.

From crop to shop, ITC's Standards Map helps ensure that smallholders in developing countries produce food that is fair, ethical and safe for consumers.

The International Labour Organization is helping farmers to double their productivity by 2030 through skills-building activities ranging from business development to support for farmers' cooperatives.

Adequate and reliable water resources are a prerequisite to the sustainable production of food and energy for human well-being as well as mitigating potential conflicts between increasing food and energy production.



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