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CONCEPT NOTE

Introduction

Food security and nutrition figure prominently in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2015 resolution by the General Assembly envisions “a world free of poverty, hunger, disease and want, ... where food is sufficient, safe, affordable and nutritious” (para. 7). In the same document, Member States of the United Nations pledged “to end hunger and to achieve food security as a matter of priority and to end all forms of malnutrition.” This pledge was elaborated in Goal 2, containing 8 targets related to hunger, malnutrition, agricultural productivity, sustainable food production systems, genetic diversity, rural investment, trade and food commodity markets.

Work by the United Nations to improve nutrition is guided by the outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition, held in Rome in 2014, and the UN Decade on Nutrition. The Committee on World Food Security