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Concept Note

Transforming food systems Hand-in-Hand to deliver affordable healthy diets in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

**13 July 2020, 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm EST (1.5 hrs)
Virtual Webinar**

FAO launched on 13 July its annual Flagship report, the 2020 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World Report (SOFI). This year the report's theme is "*Transforming food systems for affordable healthy diets.*"

The SOFI monitors progress towards globally agreed food security and nutrition targets, presenting and analyzing global, regional and country level trends, and providing in-depth analyses on emerging issues to inform decision making and contribute to the achievement of ending hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms. Since 2017, the publication reports progress towards the targets of ending hunger (SDG Target 2.1) and all forms of malnutrition (SDG Target 2.2).

Five years into the 2030 Agenda, it is time to assess progress and to question whether continuing efforts implemented thus far will allow countries to reach SDG 2 targets of ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition. For this reason, this year's report provides new estimates of hunger in the world with greater accuracy and complements the usual assessment of the state of food security and nutrition in the world with projections of what the world may look like in 2030 if trends of the last decade continue. Importantly, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this report attempts to foresee some of the impacts of this global pandemic on food security and nutrition. In this year's report, the most recent estimate of the prevalence of undernourishment, the indicator to monitor Target 2.1 of the SDGs, is based on new data on population, food supply, and more importantly, new household survey data that enabled the revision of the inequality of food consumption for 13 countries, including China.

More specifically, the SOFI 2020 report looks at the cost and affordability of healthy diets around the world, by region and in different development contexts. Beyond the direct cost of nutritious food and the affordability of healthy diets, the report will also examine the hidden costs to society and our planet associated with current consumption patterns; for example, costs in terms of both health (SDG 3) and climate change (SDG 13). The report will present estimations of the health and climate change costs associated with current consumption patterns and compares them with potential impacts if consumption patterns shifted toward healthy diets that include sustainability considerations. The analysis will lead to a discussion of the policy instruments and strategies that can be used to prioritize and plan for making the most of synergies while avoiding unfavorable



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trade-offs, as countries move to transform their food systems to ensure affordable healthy diets, while both ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition.

The virtual webinar will highlight the food security and nutrition situation in LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, based on latest SOFI data and highlight FAO approach taken to support LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS in transforming their food systems in a sustainable manner. It will identify key priorities, gaps and shortcomings to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition as a pathway to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs for Sustainable Development. the challenges? Previous editions of the SOFI report are available [here](#).

Please follow the [link](#) to register for the event.