



SocEnter

Food security

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About the project

SocEnter project supports individuals at risk of social exclusion and those wanting to establish social enterprises.

The project collects experiences from social cooperatives across various EU countries, analyzing all aspects of their operations to find universal principles that aid in establishing social enterprises. According to the International Labour Organization, almost 45% of all jobs worldwide are low-skilled, often requiring significant physical, mechanical, and communication skills.



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What is food security?

“Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”

-World Food Summit, 1996



Four dimensions of food security

Food availability

- Determined by production levels, stock levels, and net trade
- The "supply side" of food security
- Ensures sufficient quantities of food of appropriate quality

Utilization

- The body's ability to make the most of the nutrients in food
- Involves adequate diet, clean water, sanitation, and health care
- Ensures nutritional well-being and health

Food access

- Ensures individuals have resources to obtain adequate food
- Legal, political, economic, and social arrangements influence access
- Involves income, expenditure, markets, and prices

Stability

- Both availability and access dimensions are included
- Consistent access to food over time
- Factors like adverse weather, political instability, or economic issues can affect stability

Food security and insecurity

Food security

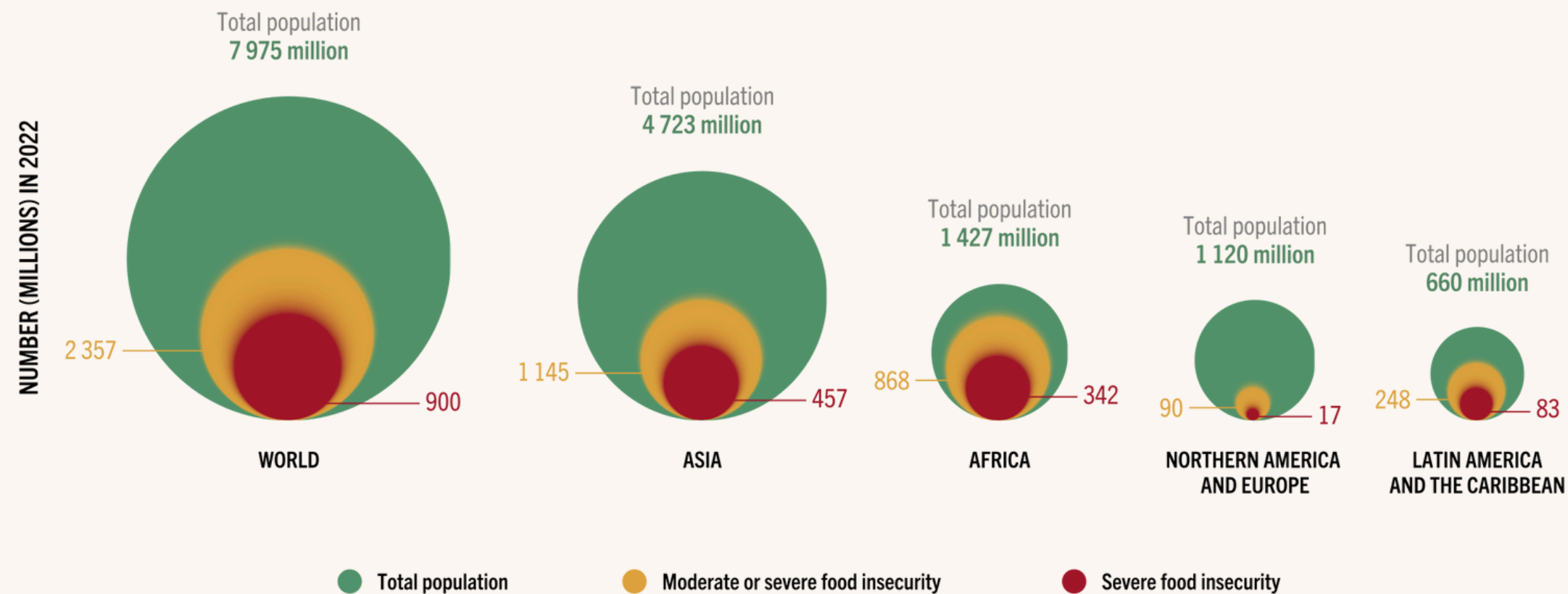
Consistent access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food

Food insecurity

Limited or uncertain access to adequate food

10% of population is undernourished

THE CONCENTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD INSECURITY BY SEVERITY DIFFER GREATLY ACROSS THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD



SOURCE: FAO. 2023. FAOSTAT: Suite of Food Security Indicators. In: FAO. [Cited 12 July 2023]. www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/FS

State of food security and nutrition in the world – video by FAO



The right to food

- **Recognized in the UN Declaration of Human Rights (1948)**

Article 25 *“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control”*

- **Formal adoption in 1996 highlighted the right to adequate food**

“food should not be used as an instrument for political and economic pressure”

- **Over 40 countries have this right enshrined in their constitution**



Current food security challenges

01. Conflicts

**02. Natural
disasters**
Climate change

**03. Economic
inequality
and poverty**

Food security is affected by actions taken at every stage of the supply chain



- suppliers of agricultural inputs,
- agriculture,
- distribution,
- processing,
- storage,
- trade (wholesale, retail, foreign),
- catering,
- consumption.

Local food system

- Growing
- Processing and packaging
- Consuming

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- Raising awareness
 - Involving local stakeholders
 - Education and outreach programs



Urban Growers Collective

- Provides training and education on urban agriculture and food systems; as well as skill building experiences, jobs, and economic opportunities to youth
- Fresh Moves Mobile Market - bringing food into food deserts
- This initiative supports local agriculture and reduces food waste by distributing unsold produce that would otherwise be discarded



Food Recovery Networks

- Collecting surplus food from businesses/schools
- Delivering to shelters and food banks
- Reducing food waste and feeding the hungry



Impact of social enterprises on food security

- Empowering local communities
- Promoting sustainable agriculture practices
- Enhancing economic opportunities
- Building resilient food systems



Conclusions and reflections

- Ensuring availability, access, utilization, and stability is essential
- Collaborative efforts needed to tackle food security challenges



Thank you for listening

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 <https://socenter.eu/>

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