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José Graziano da Silva  
FAO Director-General

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- Around 870 million people - or one in eight people in the world - are undernourished
- For the world as a whole, per capita food supply rose from about 2 200 kcal/day in the early 1960s to more than 2 800 kcal/day by 2009
- The land sector is responsible for nearly 30 percent of all human-induced GHG emissions into the atmosphere

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## For a world without hunger



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**G**lobal food production capacity is sufficient to feed the world's current population, yet FAO's latest estimates indicate that almost 870 million people are undernourished in terms of energy intake. Efforts to eliminate world hunger are complicated by a number of complex global challenges, including a rapidly increasing population, urbanization, globalization and its effects on agriculture, pressure on natural resources, climate and environmental changes, and a rise in resulting disasters and emergencies.

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- Eradicate hunger, together with food insecurity and malnutrition
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- Reduce rural poverty
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