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First, China and those countries formerly known as Asian centrally planned economies, which were previously excluded in the traditional estimates of the prevalence of food inadequacy or undernutrition, are now included.

Second, the methodology of estimation, which is essentially the same as in *The Fifth World Food Survey*, has been refined and improved.

Third, the coverage of anthropometric indicators, which provide information on the nutritional status of subgroups such as children, adolescents and adults, has been expanded.

The main conclusion of the survey is that in the developing countries as a whole, per caput dietary energy supplies have continued to increase so that during the two decades from 1970 the prevalence of food inadequacy declined. Twenty percent of the total population had inadequate access to food in 1990-92 as compared with 35 percent two decades ago. Nevertheless, the number of people with inadequate food still remained high - one out of five in the developing world faced food inadequacy in 1990-92.

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