



# Arab Spatial 3.0

## Development and Food Security Information Tool

*Better information for better lives*

Regional Multi Stakeholder Workshop on Food Security and Nutrition  
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Perrihan Al-Riffai, IFPRI

# A brief history of Arab Spatial

- Launched in January 2013
- Rationale for developing Arab Spatial:
  - Arab region is the most under-researched region in the world
  - Access to data is difficult
  - Scope for improving evidence-based decision making and monitoring and evaluation of socio economic performance and development projects
- To address these issues, IFAD and CGIAR-PIM financed the development of Arab Spatial
- More than 20,000 page views from 130 countries
- In 2014, development of several country-specific tools, including for Yemen, Iraq and Palestine and the first Arab Food and Nutrition Security Blog



# Objectives

- Improve access to quality information
  - on food security and related development data
  - interactive mapping experience and analytical tools
- Learn from monitoring and evaluation
  - development progress
  - policies and projects
- Support decision and policy making
  - for policy makers, analysts, media and the public
  - through a mix of information and analytical tools

# Arab Spatial

- ATLAS (online) for mapping and charting
  - Monitoring and evaluation
  - Tracking changes in development and food security outcomes
- BLOG
  - Sharing evidence-based analysis and recommendations to enliven and enrich the debate on food security in the Arab Region
  - Contribute to the implementation of solutions on the ground and to their evaluation.



أهلاً بكم في الحجز العربي

معلومات أفضل لحياة أفضل



المدونة



الخرائط



معرض الخرائط



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# A Gallery of Maps



المدونة



الخريطة

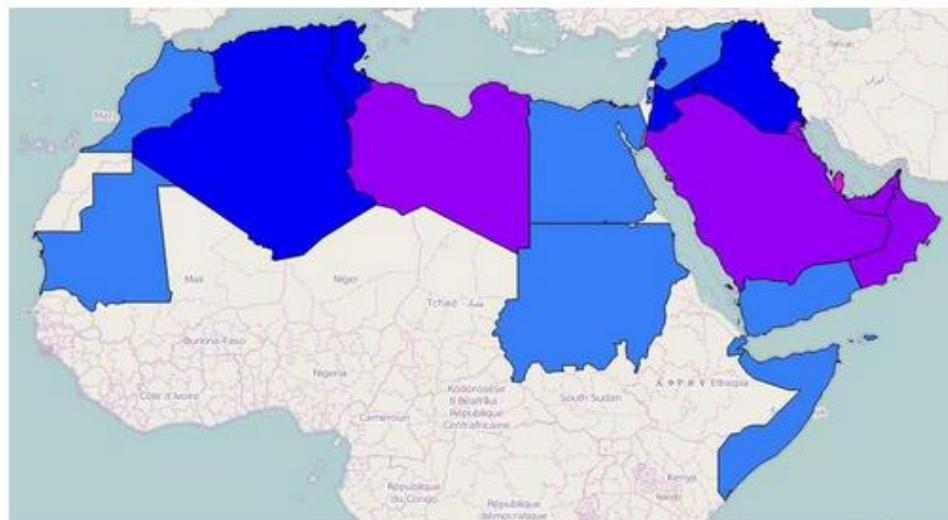


معرض الخرائط



الإطار

اكتشف الخرائط المميزة



إن العالم العربي متعدد، فيما يتعلق بمستويات دخل الفرد و التروءة من الموارد المعدنية



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# Demand for country-specific *Spatial*s, for example Yemen, Iraq, Palestine



## أداة متابعة الأمن الغذائي

يقوم حيز اليمن الإلكتروني برصد أهم مؤشرات الأمن الغذائي و أمن التغذية في اليمن. إن الهدف من هذا الحيز هو المساهمة في رؤية اليمن حتى يتوافر لدى الشعب اليمني كافةً غذاء كافي ومجدي في كل الأوقات حتى يحيوا حياة نشطة و صحية ، أي أن الشعب ككل يتمتع بأمن غذائي."



# Arab Food and Nutrition Security Blog

Bloggers are diverse and write about key topics

	Regional/National Organization	International Organization
Macro-economy & Subsidies	Imed Drine	Olivier Ecker, Jean Francois Trinh Tan & Perrihan Al-Riffai
Trade & Transport	Moez El Shohdi	Eckart Woertz
Agriculture & Water	Heba Handoussa & Dyaa Abdou	Hafez Ghanem
Poverty, Health & Nutrition	Najib Saab; Abdul Wahed Mukred	Shenggen Fan; Abdesalam OuldAhmed; Gerda Verburg
Resilience & Shocks	Mahmoud Solh; Nadim Khouri; AFED	Khalida Bouzar; Perrihan Al-Riffai & Nerina Muzurovic

*Coming Soon: N Hwalla, S. Devarajan, M. Saade, A. El Mahdi, S. Ghoneim, I. Elouafi and many more*





المدونة



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## مدونة الأمن الغذائي و التغذوي العربي

### هل تؤجج أسعار الغذاء المرتفعة والجفاف من النزاعات؟

17 April 2015



المعهد الدولي لبحوث السياسات الغذائية، الفصل السابع من تقرير السياسات الغذائية العلمية 2014/2015 - تلخيص جاكوبور بورديجنون

لقد تشهد العالم في السنوات الأخيرة المزيد من النزاعات مثل ما يحدث في سوريا ونيجيريا واليمن، ما الذي يفسر هذه النزاعات وما هي الأسباب الجذرية للعنف الأهلي المستمر...

### الحرب الأهلية تشعل انعدام الأمن الغذائي على نطاق أوسع في اليمن

17 April 2015



ملخص حول تحديث مشروع نظام معلومات الأمن الغذائي الخاص بمنظمة الأغذية والزراعة فيما يتصل باليمن (مارس 2015) - إعداد: جاكوبور بورديجنون

يتزايد عدد الجوعى والفقرا فى اليمن فى الوقت الراهن مع انتشار النزاع الأهلى فى مناطق أخرى من البلد، ووفقاً لآخر تحديث لمشروع نظام معلومات الأمن الغذائي الخاص بمنظمة الأغذية...

### العمل مع الانسياب لتحقيق اصلاح منظومة الدعم في منطقة الشرق الأوسط و شمال افريقيا

09 April 2015



دانيلا رistik، زميل باحث بالمعهد الدولي لبحوث السياسات الغذائية

حيث أن لكثير من الإيساترات الداعمة للقراء تؤدي إلى تبعع متصلة بإعادة التوزيع، فإنها عادةً ما تولد مجموعة من الرابحين والخاسرين المتصورين، بناءً عليه، فإن عمليات الإصلاح تتحرف

بسرعة...

الوجه إلى حين آخر / العربي English

**English Blog Site: <http://www.arabspatial.org/blog/>**

**Arabic Blog Site: <http://www.arabspatial.org/blog/arabic>**





# Arab Spatial Atlas

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ARAB SPATIAL

Zoom to: ARAB COUNTRIES ▾

MAP BLOG



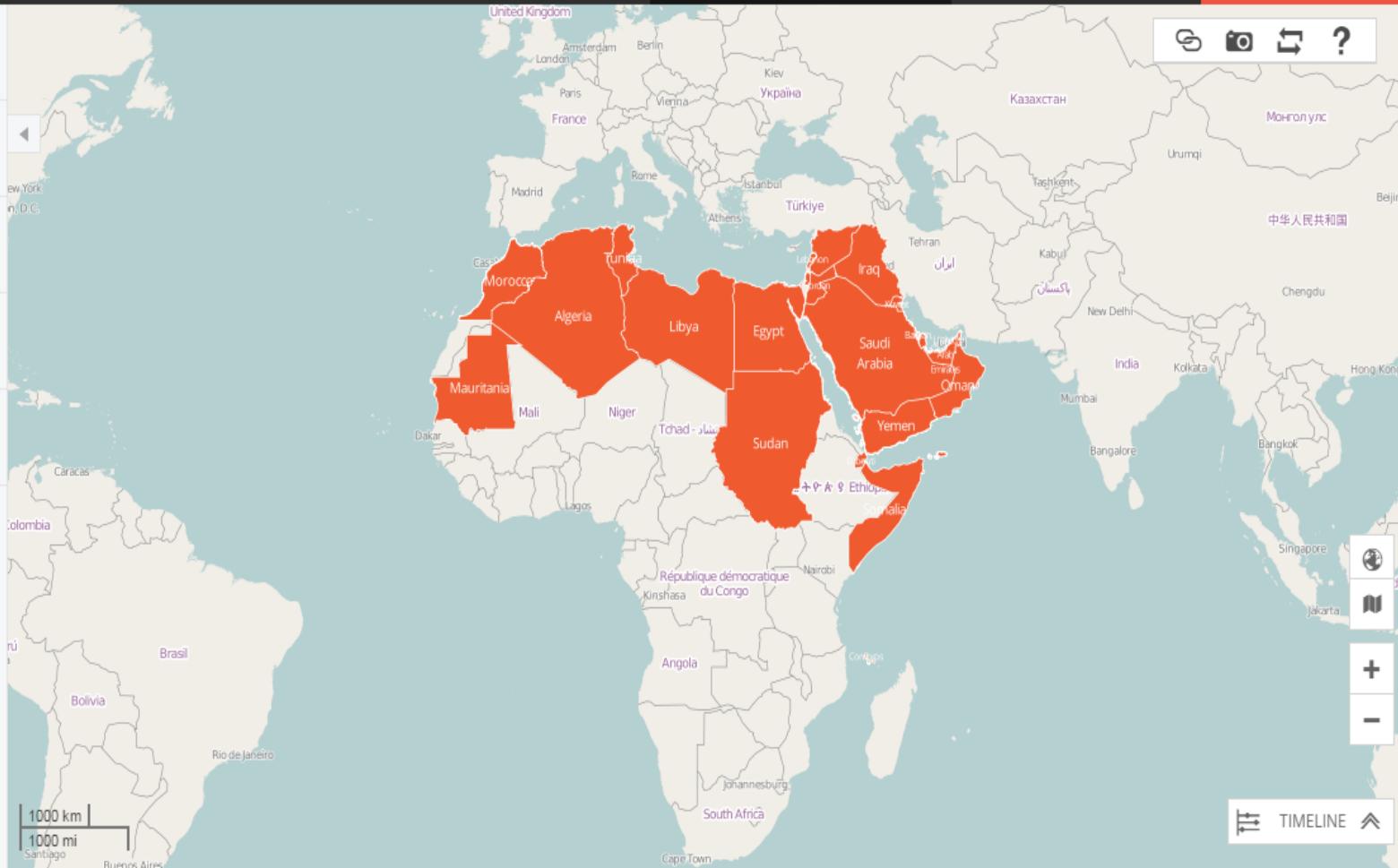
Economy

Households

Policies

Shocks

Overview indicators



[Download indicator meta-data \(CSV\)](#)



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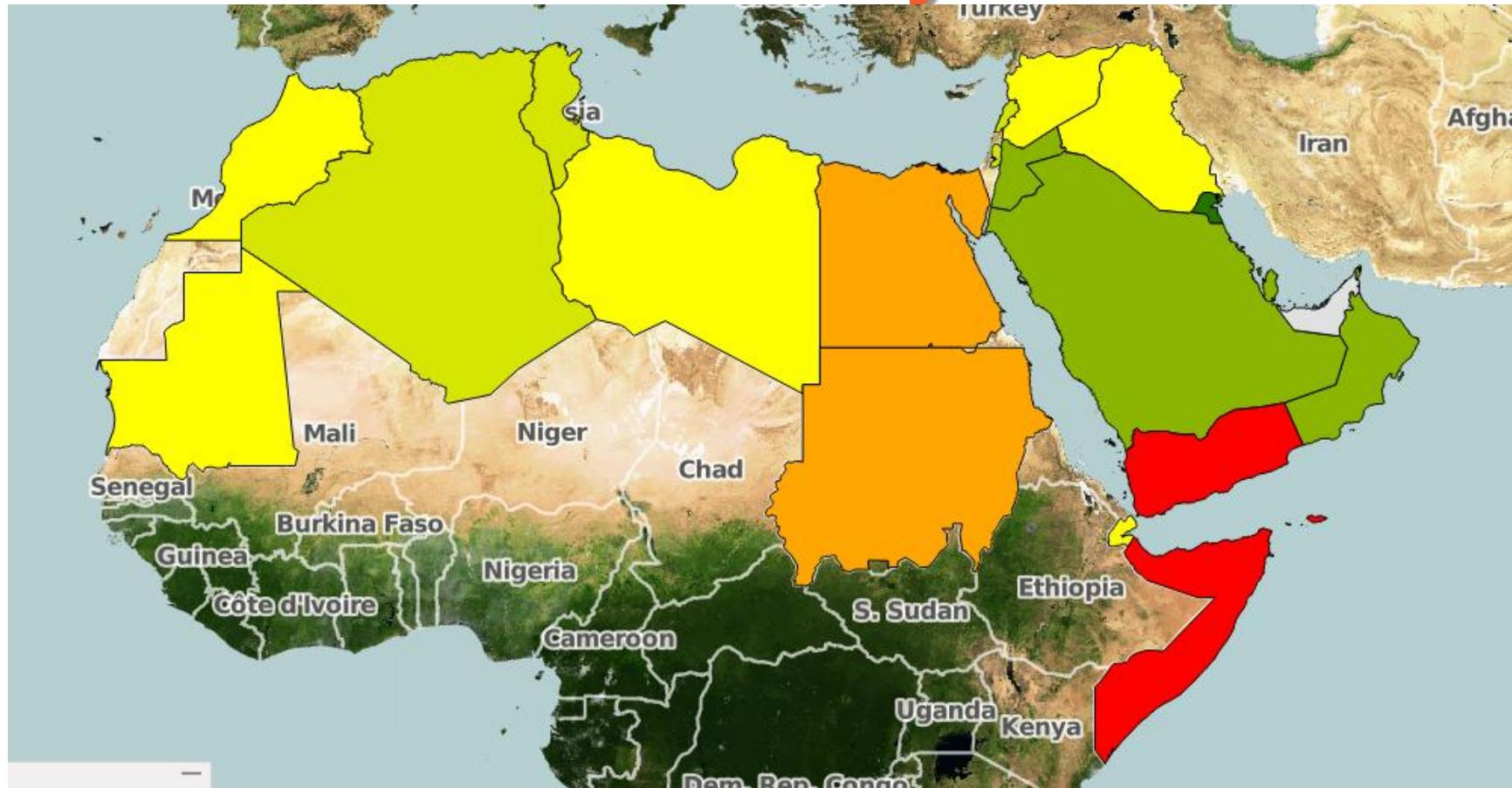
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# Mapping Tool



# Identify Areas Vulnerable to Food Insecurity

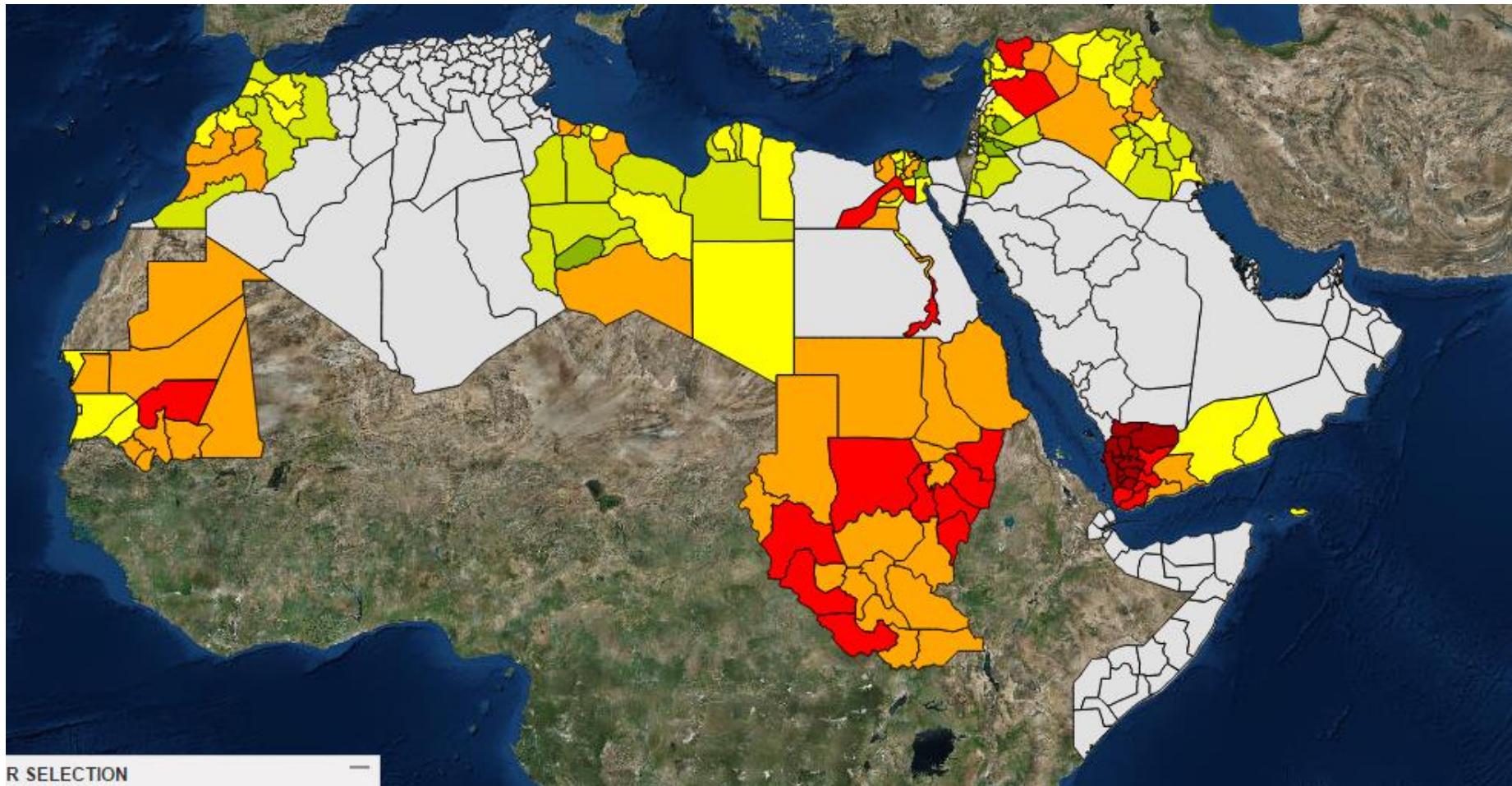


Child malnutrition rates are particularly high in Yemen and Somalia.

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# Even at the Sub-national Level

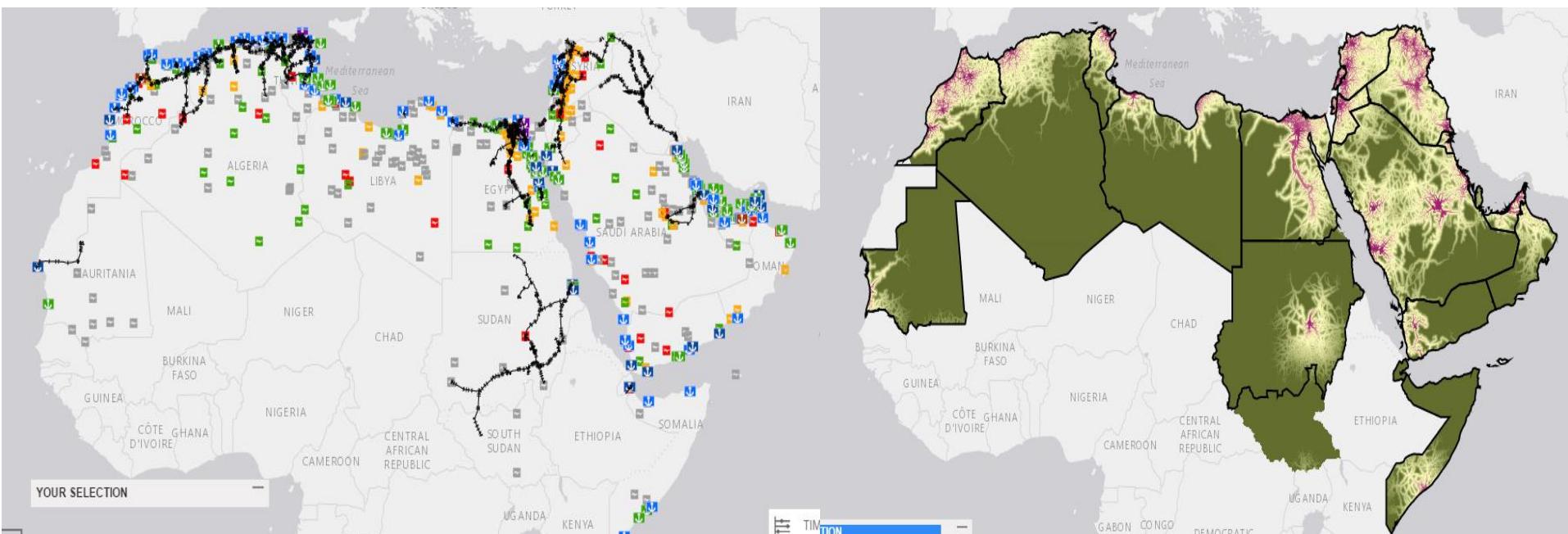


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# Investment in Infrastructure and Access to Cities



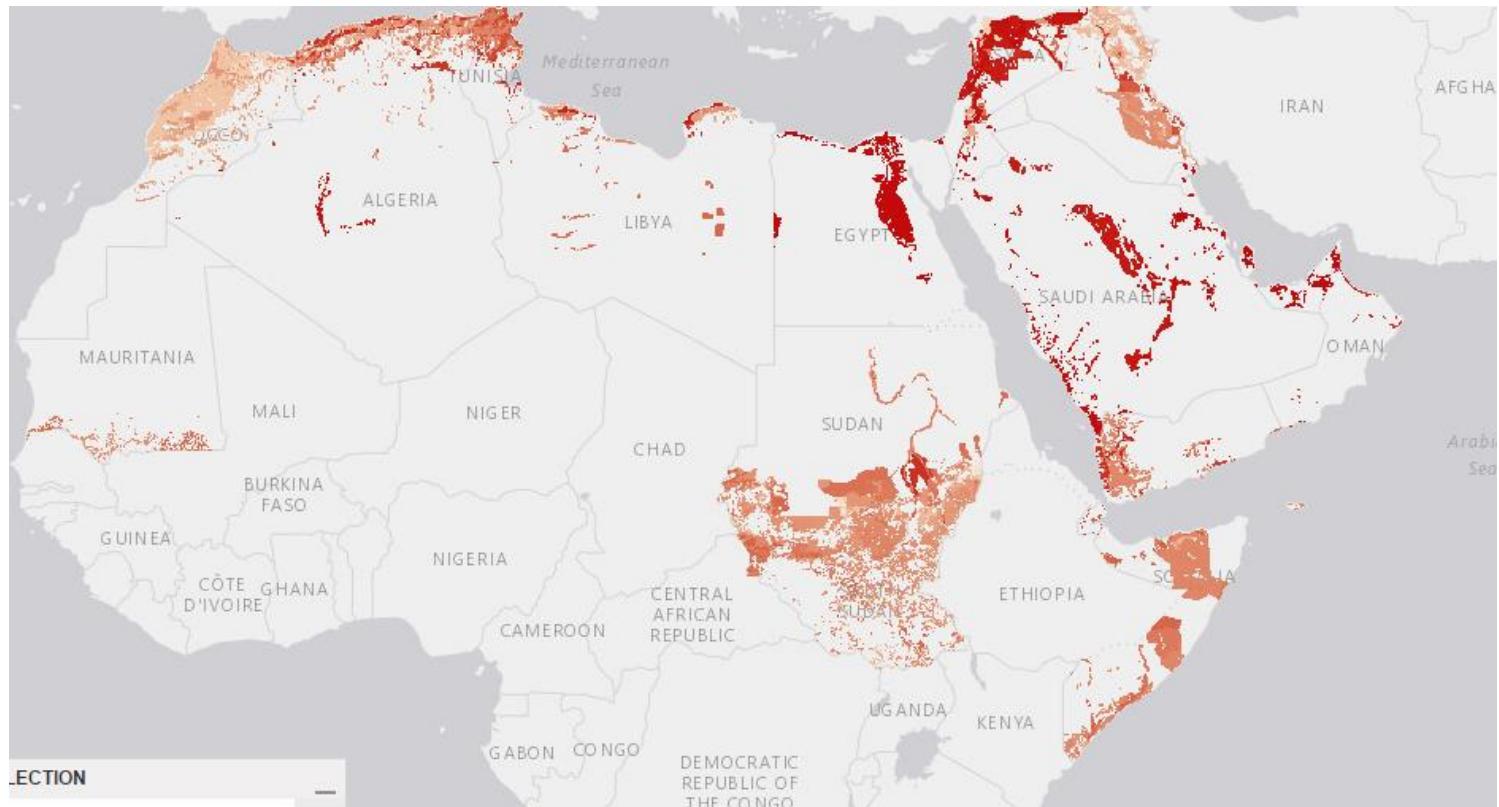
- ❖ Display physical infrastructure that enables populations to have access to local and international food markets such as ports, airports, railroads.

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- ❖ Display access to large cities (travel time expressed in hours).

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# Closing Yield Gaps



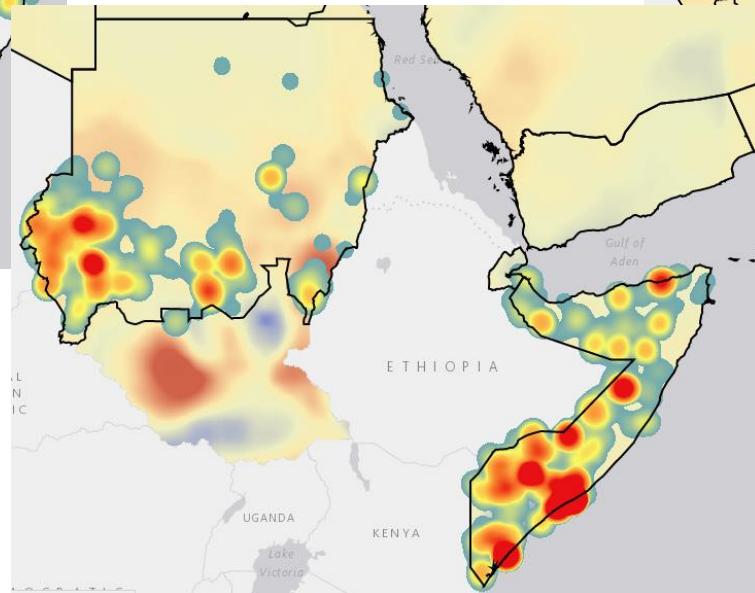
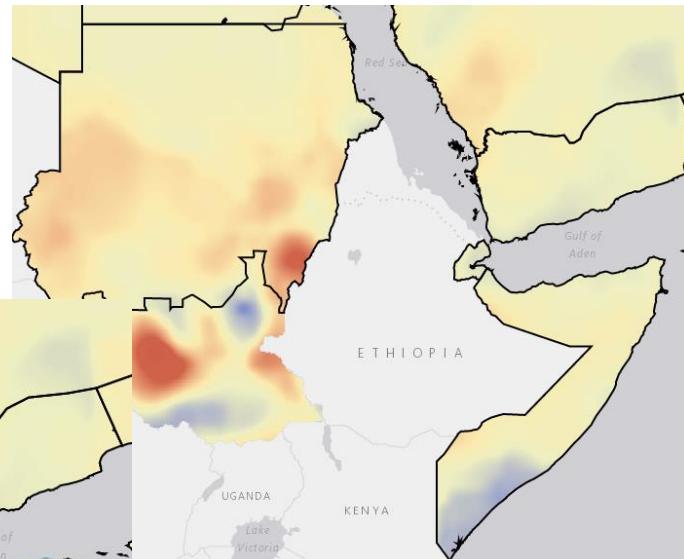
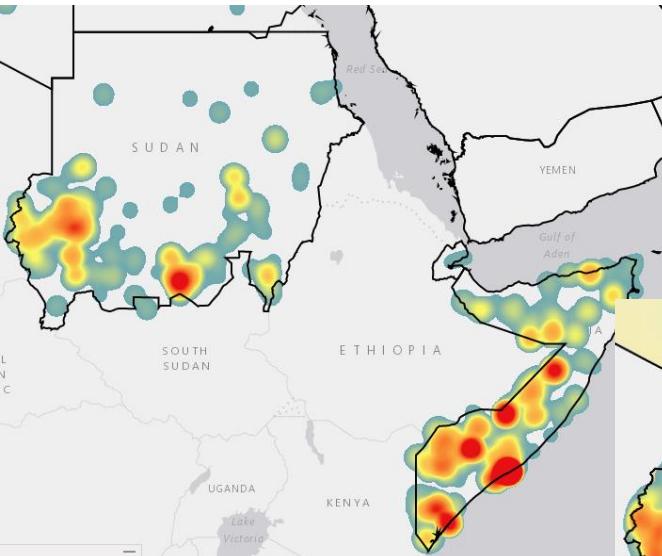
Display the spatial distribution of wheat and maize yields at the pixel level (expressed in kg/hectares), and visualize in detail which areas have the highest and lowest wheat yields across the region.

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# Compare Multiple Indicators



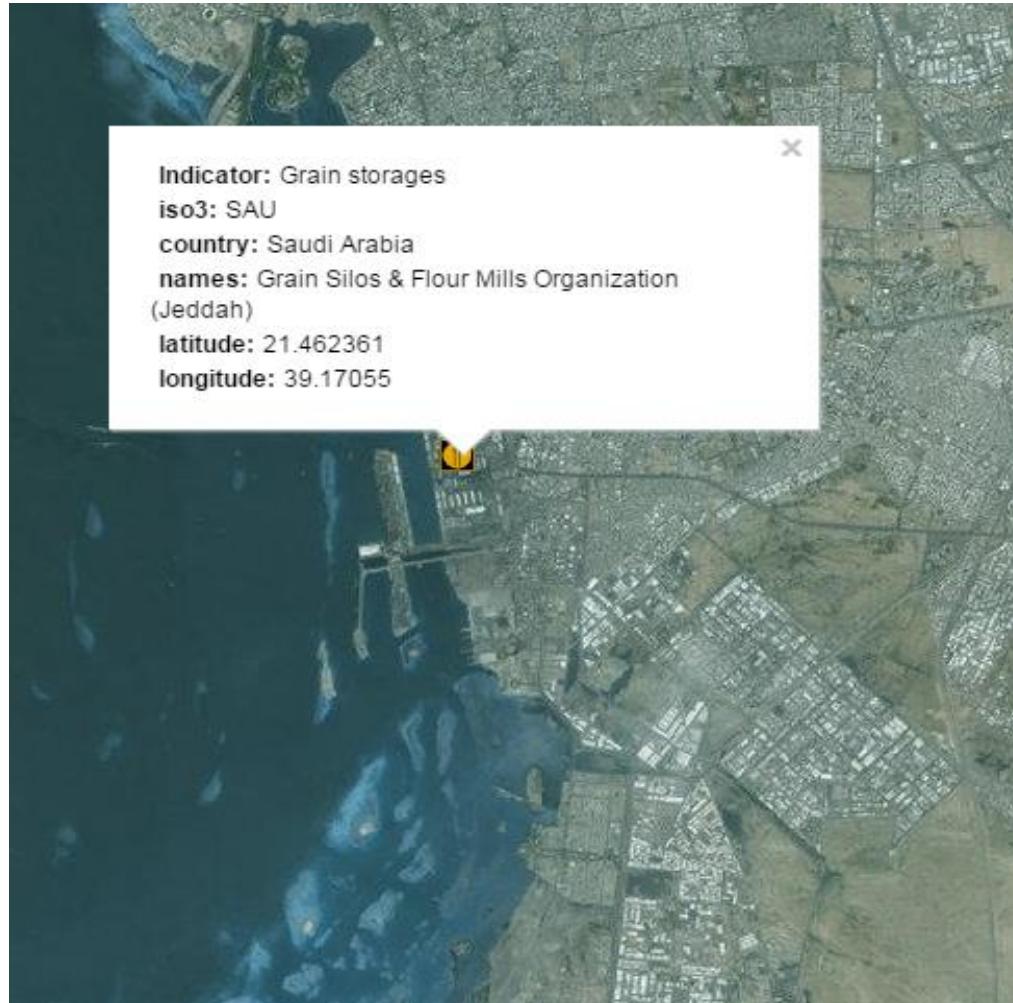
Users can visually analyze how long term changes in precipitation relate to spatial patterns of conflict in Sudan and Somalia.

[Link to maps:](#)

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# Zoom-in to Specific Points of Interest

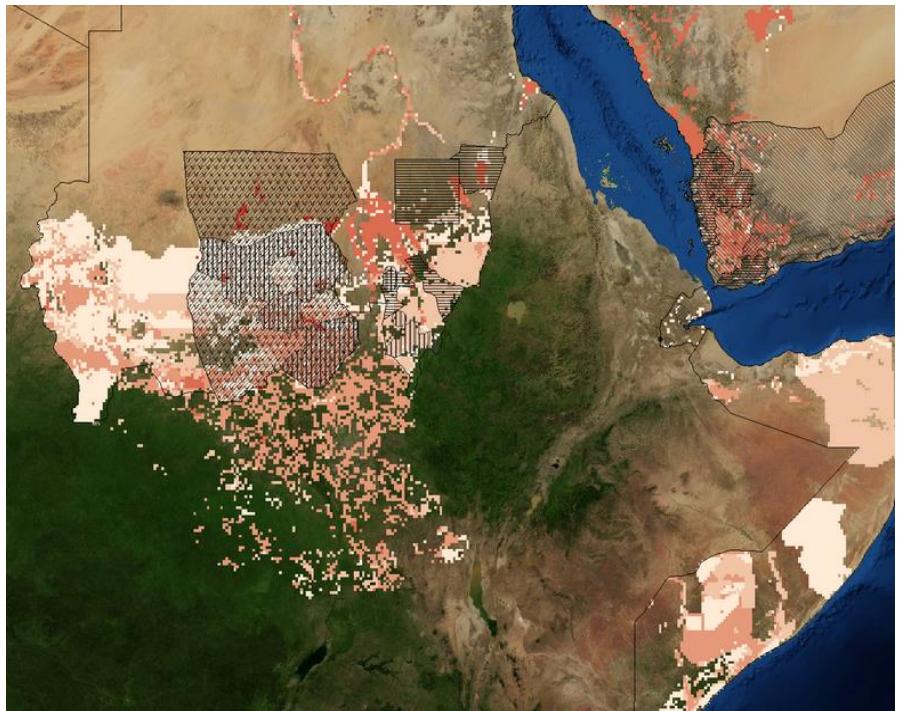
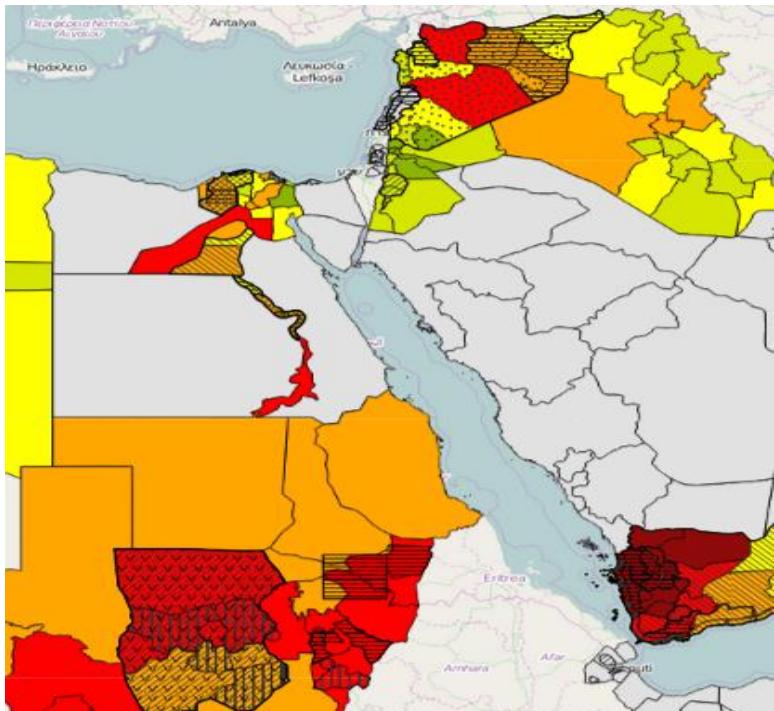


The zoom-in function and World Imagery base layer to visualize areas and points of interest in fine detail.  
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# A Valuable Tool for Targeting



Visualize whether interventions are situated in areas which are most vulnerable to food insecurity.

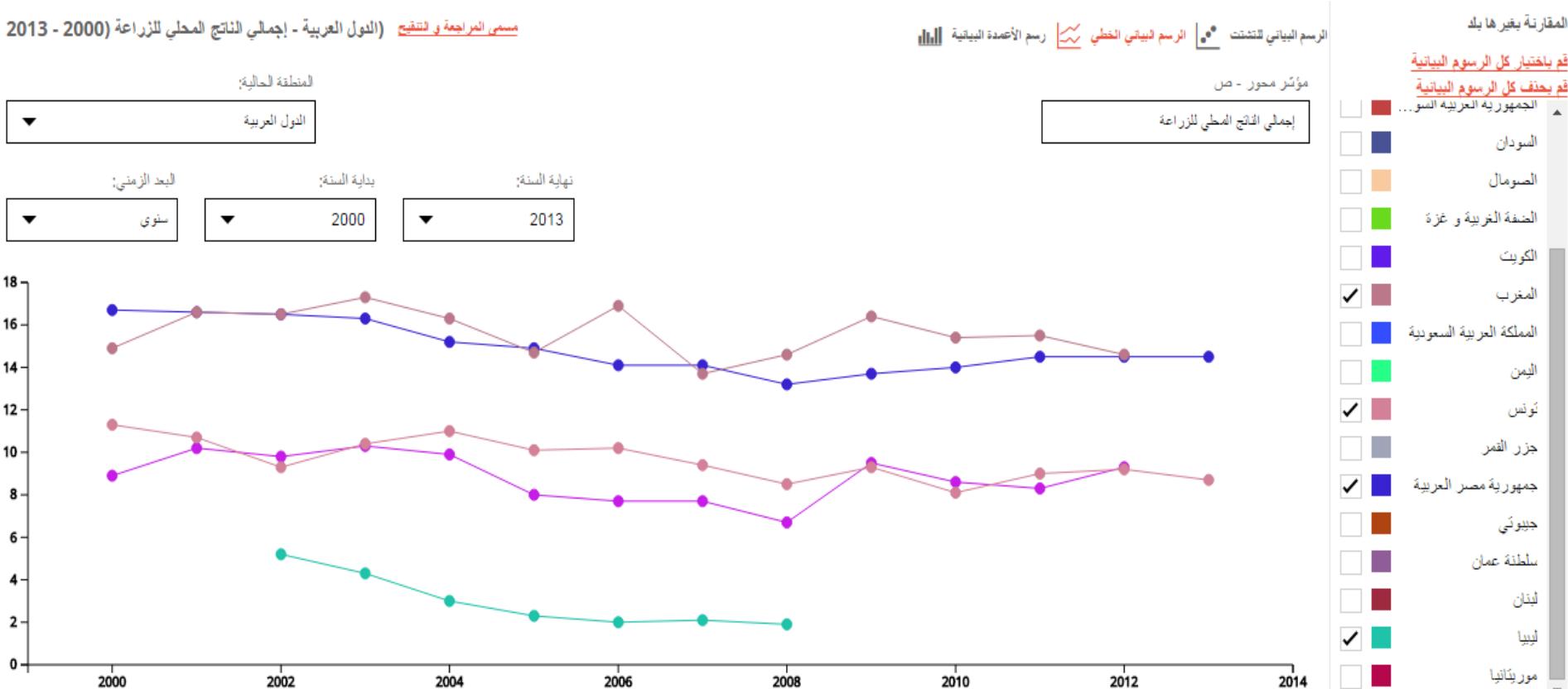
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# Charting Tool



# Visualize indicators in a chart: Agriculture GDP (% of GDP)



The “Analytics” functions allows users to visualize the selected indicators in a bar, line or scatter chart.

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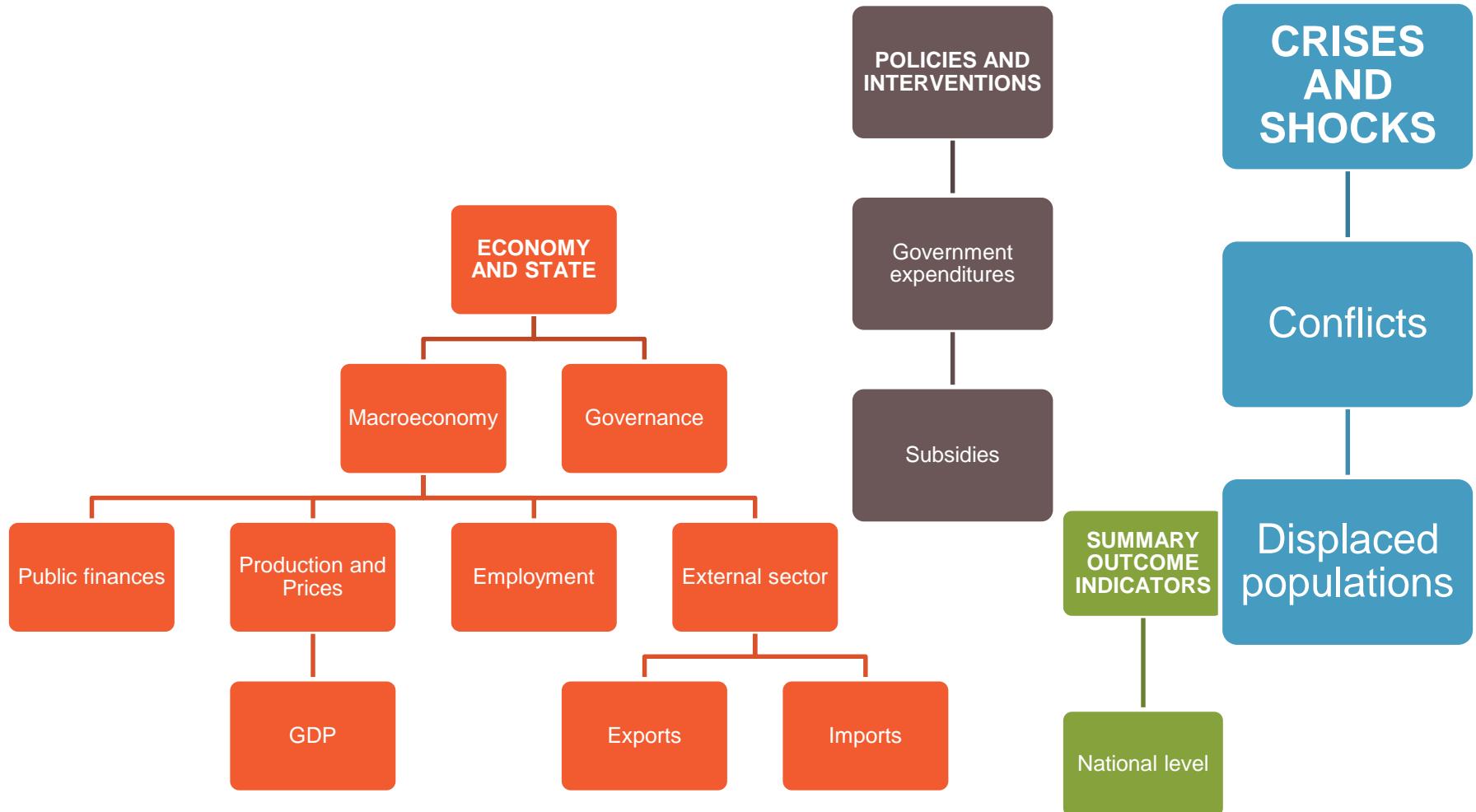
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# Visualize indicators in a chart: Child stunting by governorate, Yemen



# As of today, many indicators have been updated to 2013 & 2014



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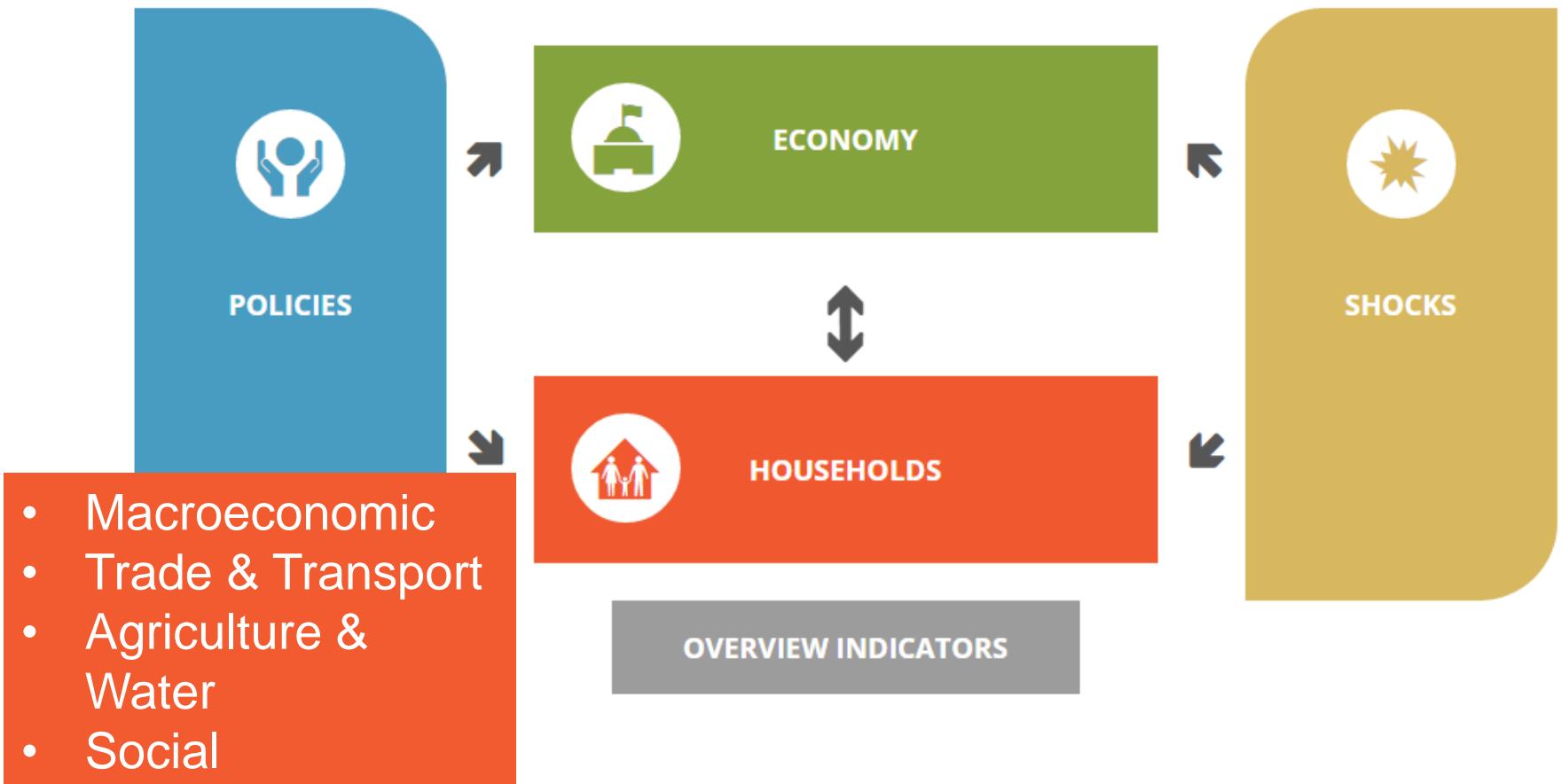


# Arab Spatial Policy Analyzer (coming soon)

Preliminary Findings based on Growing Database

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# Closing the Policy Information Gap



# Where We Stand: Countries and Data Sources

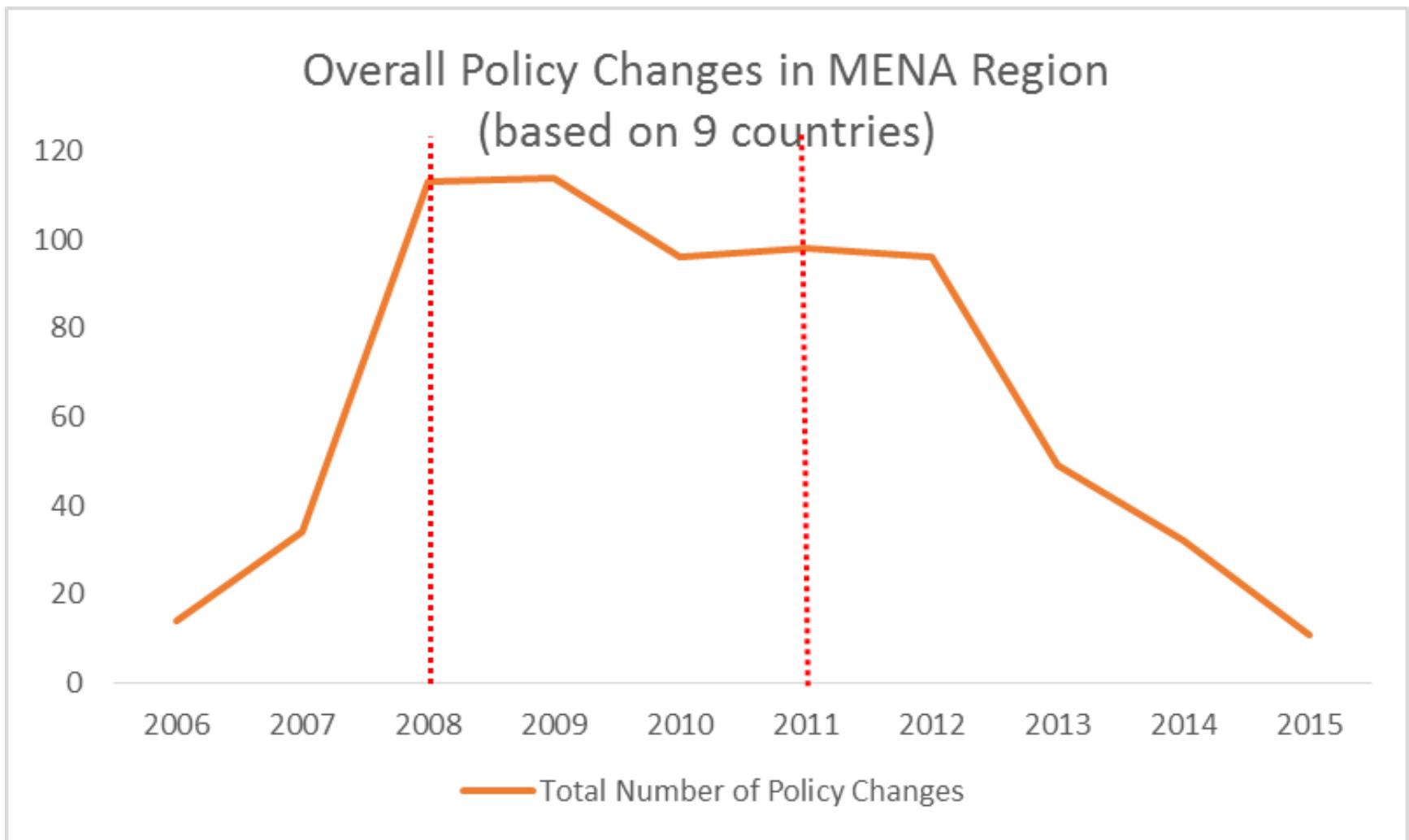
9 Countries Represented from 2006 to 2015

Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia & Yemen

## 4 Sources of Information

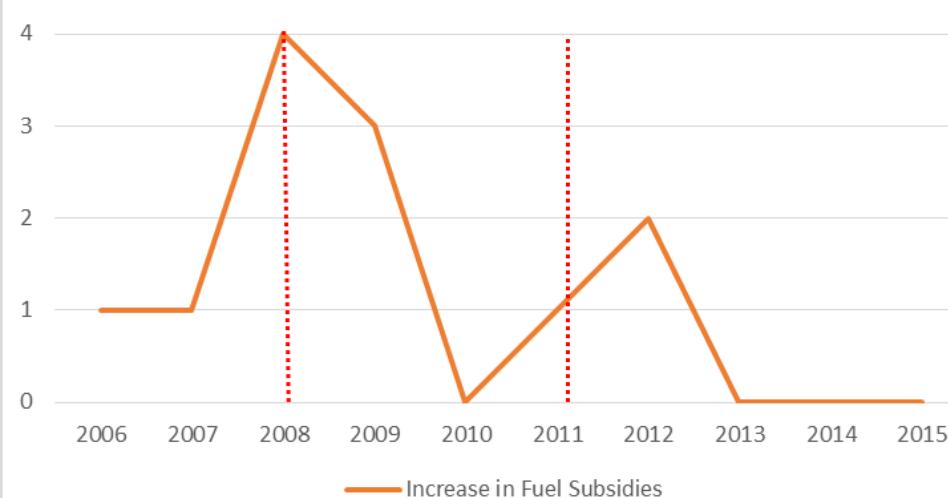
- Economist Intelligence Unit
- FAO Food Policy Decision Analysis Tool
- FAOLEX Legal Archives
- GAIN Reports of USDA-FAS

# In Times of Crisis, Policy Activity Tends to Increase

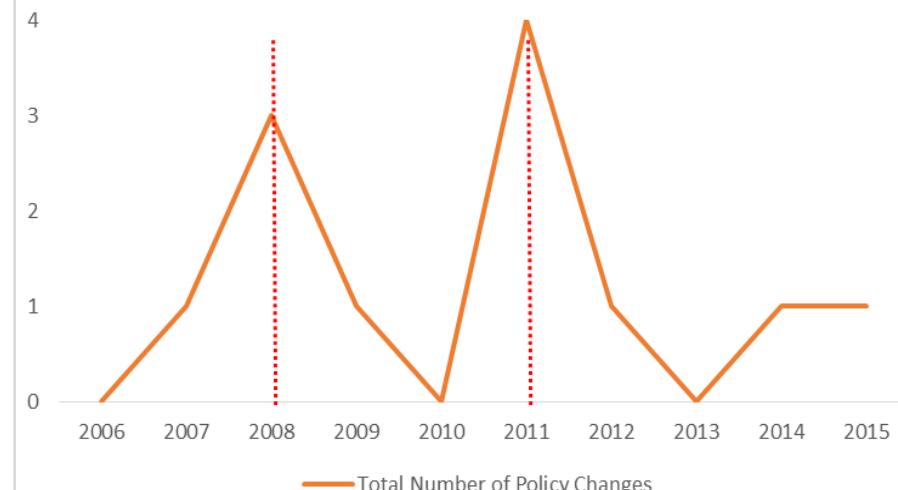


# But Often These Policies are Expensive and not Well Targeted to the Poor and Food Insecure

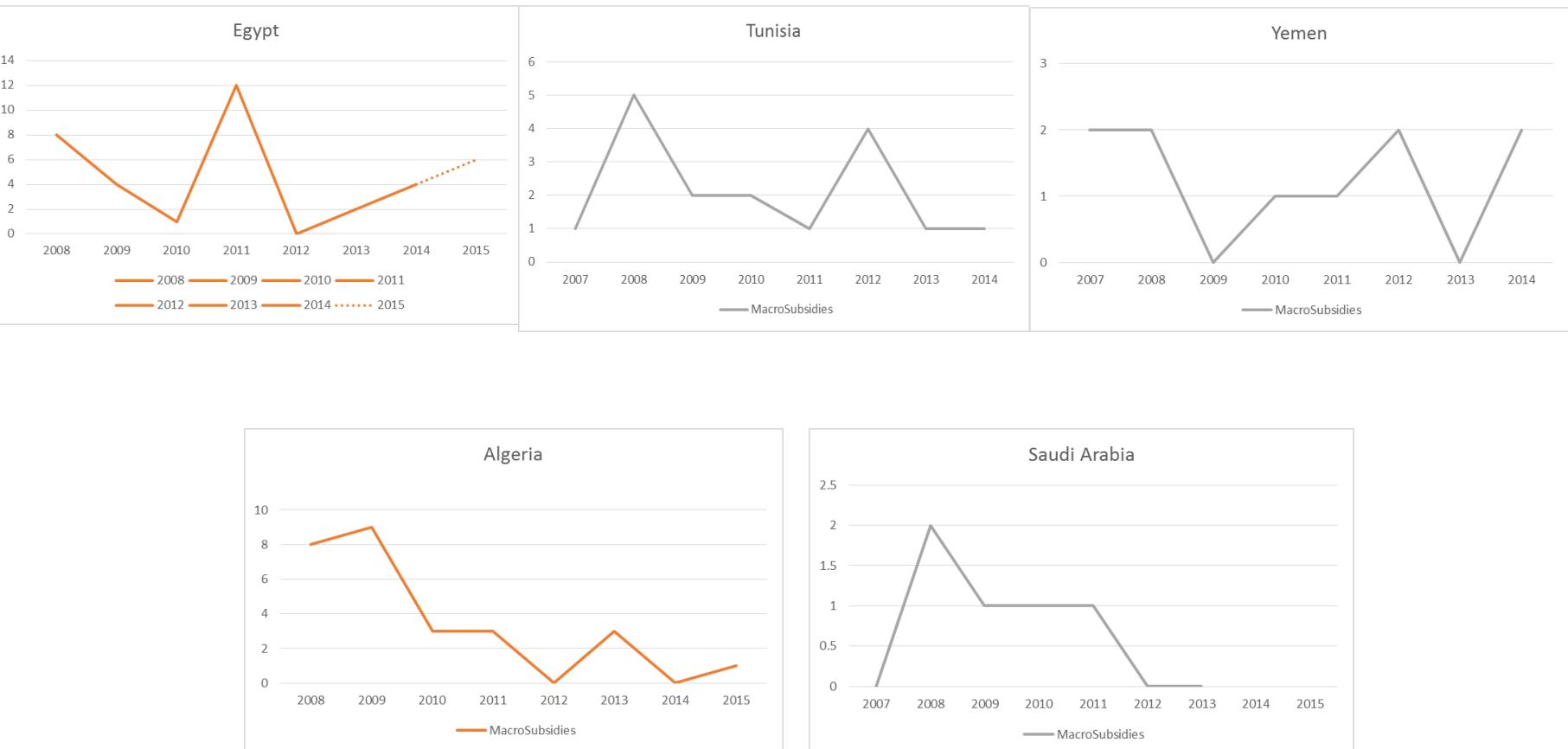
Increase in Subsidies (Food and Fuel)



Increase in Public Sector Wages



# Progress Is Very Uneven Among Countries



# More soon!

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