

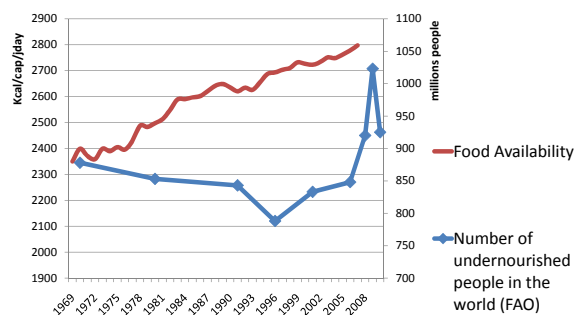
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Towards a multisectoral approach of food security in policies and development projects

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Food Availability is not Food Security



Food Security : a consensual definition

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Access – Availability – Quality – Stability

Nutrition is not only just about food. It's also about physical activities, health and care, education, etc.

Food Security has a multi-factoral dimension

- Since 2008, a competition between approaches and institutions looking for a new legitimacy to fight hunger:
 - Increase production
 - Fight Poverty and create jobs
 - Give Food Aid
 - Liberalize markets
 - Improve resilience
 - Reduce instability
- How to manage this fragmentation ? How to go from a mono to a multi-sectoral approach?

At the policy level : the GISA

- GISA : Since 2008, a French inter-ministry group on food security :
 - Ministries in charge of cooperation for development, agriculture, environment, finance, research, health
 - Research
 - Humanitarian and development NGOs
 - Private sector
- A meeting every month : information, discussion and building French positions at international level



Interest and limit of a participatory governance

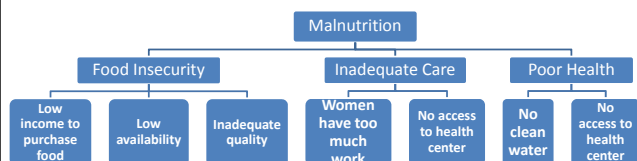
- A community of people who share a common and inter-sectoral view on food security
- An improvement of the arguments of official positions in international debates and the building of consensus
- Participation avoids blaming government...
- ...but avoids discussing the real problems : towards a “depolitisation” of the debate ?

At projects level : they impact FS but are not aware of it

- French Agency for Development (AFD) :
 - Projects where FS is the main objective: 8%
 - Projects that contribute to FS but as a secondary objective : 24%
 - Projects that don't include FS as an objective but some may actually have an impact on it: 68%
- A lot of projects have an impact on food and nutrition security, but policy makers or project managers are not aware of it.
- The contribution of projects to FS is not explicit



Causal model : what it looks like ?



Towards indicators

- Casual models as training and awareness tools for project managers
- Assessment indicators will be used for building and management of all AFD projects
- Practical manual to help project designers to use these indicators

Conclusion

- An inter-sectoral approach
- A political coalition for food security and nutrition
- Need to explicit how project, how innovations contribute to FS
- Need for a policy coherence

Thank you for your attention

