



## The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 (SOFI 2023)

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In today's blog we will learn about the 'The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 report'. We will be discussing in detail about what the report is, major points highlighted in the report and other key facts.

### The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World Report

It is an annual flagship report jointly prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The report aims to inform on progress towards ending hunger, ensuring food security and enhancing nutrition. It also provides in depth analysis on significant difficulties for attaining this goal in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Policymakers, international organisations, academic institutions, and the general public are among the target audiences for the report.

### Major Points Stated in SOFI 2023

- The report stated that the world is not on its track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for zero hunger and ending all forms of malnutrition by 2030.
- About 735 million that is nearly one-tenth of the world population faced hunger in 2022.
- 660 million people might face hunger in 2030. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it more challenging in achieving the goal.
- Close to 29.6 percent of the global population, representing about 2.4 billion people, was severely food insecure in 2022.
- The high cost of healthy diet increased making it unaffordable for the poor.
- More than 20% of the total undernourished people in the world live in Africa.
- It is estimated that 22.3 percent (148.1 million) of children under age 5 were affected by stunting, 6.8% (45 million) from wasting, and 3.4%(37 million) were overweight.
- Conflict, climate variability and extremes, and economic slowdown were worsened due to the pandemic. These are the major drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition.

### Key Facts on Hunger in India

India is home to about 14.37% of the world's undernourished population. According to FAO estimates 194.4 million people are undernourished in India.

31.7% of children under age 5 are stunted. 21% suffer from wasting i.e., weight is too low for their height. 57.2% of women in the reproductive age (15-49 years ) are anaemic.

With this we come to the end of this blog. We discussed in detail about India's situation in food security and nutrition and the relevant points stated in the report. Hope this blog is helpful in understanding the report more clearly.



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