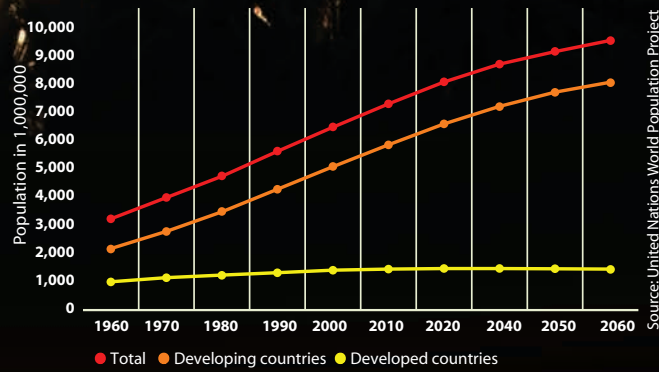




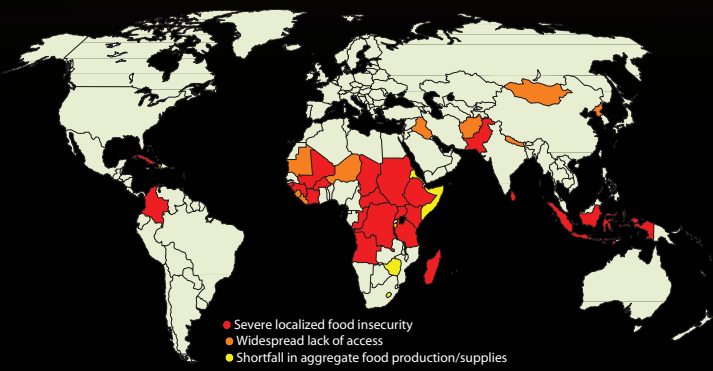
Feeding a Hungry Planet

Global demand for food will increase by at least 2.5 times the current amount by 2050. More productive smallholders, higher yielding crops, and the support of developed countries are key to feeding the 100 million people who are facing absolute poverty and malnutrition due to rising food prices.

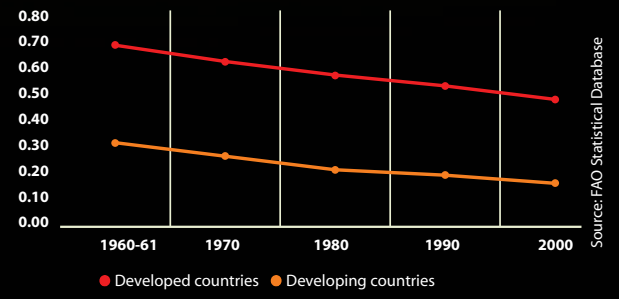
Population Growth Actual and Projected



Countries in crisis requiring external food assistance (October 2006)



Available Arable Land Ratio to Population



With available arable land declining and the crops grown on that land yielding less, smallholders need access to new varieties that can not only provide higher yields, but can be grown with fewer inputs and less water. The good news is that organizations such as the International Rice Research Institute have varieties in the pipeline with the ability to increase yields by one to two tonnes per hectare. Investment in plant breeding and agricultural science and technology by developed nations could play a key role in facilitating a stronger global production response to the rise in prices.

Selected International Cereal Prices

