



Prevention of NCDs: Moving From Nutrition to Food Systems On The SDG Pathway

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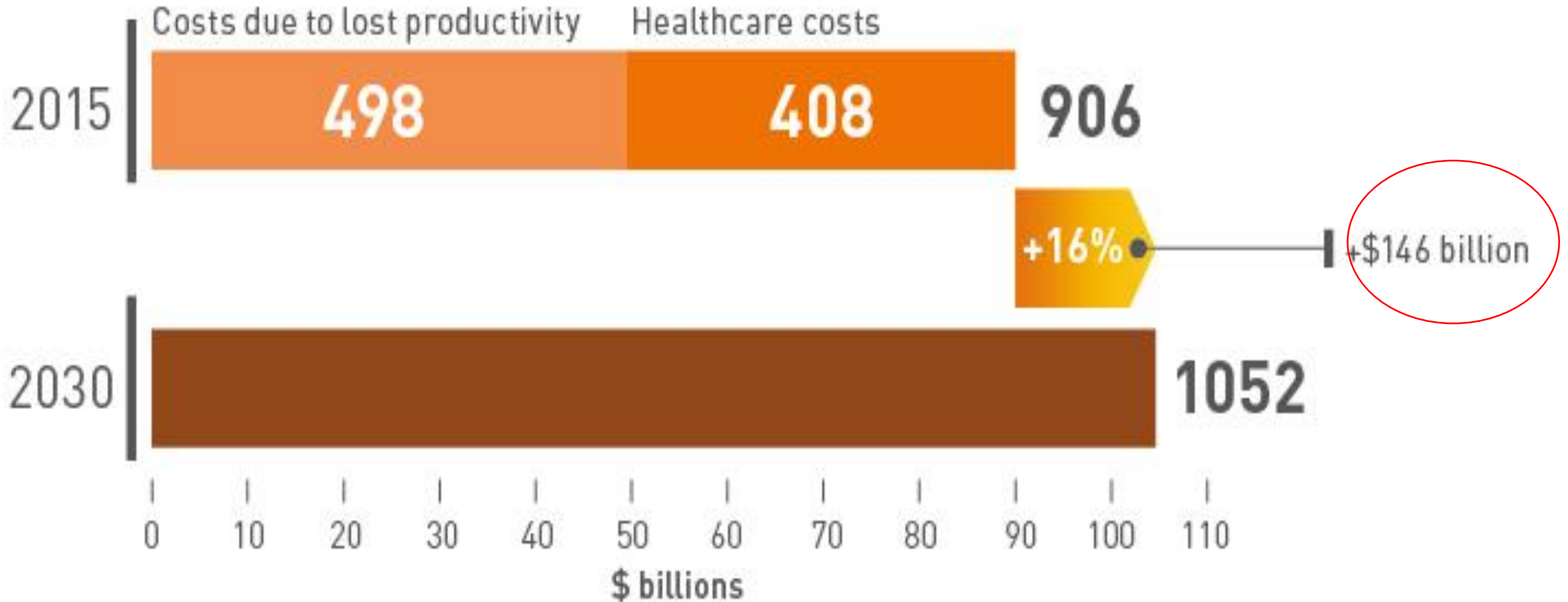
NCDs

A Global Threat To Health And Sustainable Development

- 40.5 Million Deaths In 2016
- 71% Of Global Deaths
- 78% Of NCD Deaths In LMICs
- High Proportion Of LMIC Deaths In Middle Age
- Global Economic Cost Of NCDs & Mental Illness
= 47 Trillion Dollars (2011-2030)
- NCDs Cause Poverty, Lost Productivity, High Healthcare Costs

- **Between 2010 & 2025, deaths from 4 main NCDs will rise from 28.3 million to 38.8 million; of the 10.5 Million Additional Deaths, 9.5 Million will be in LMICs.**

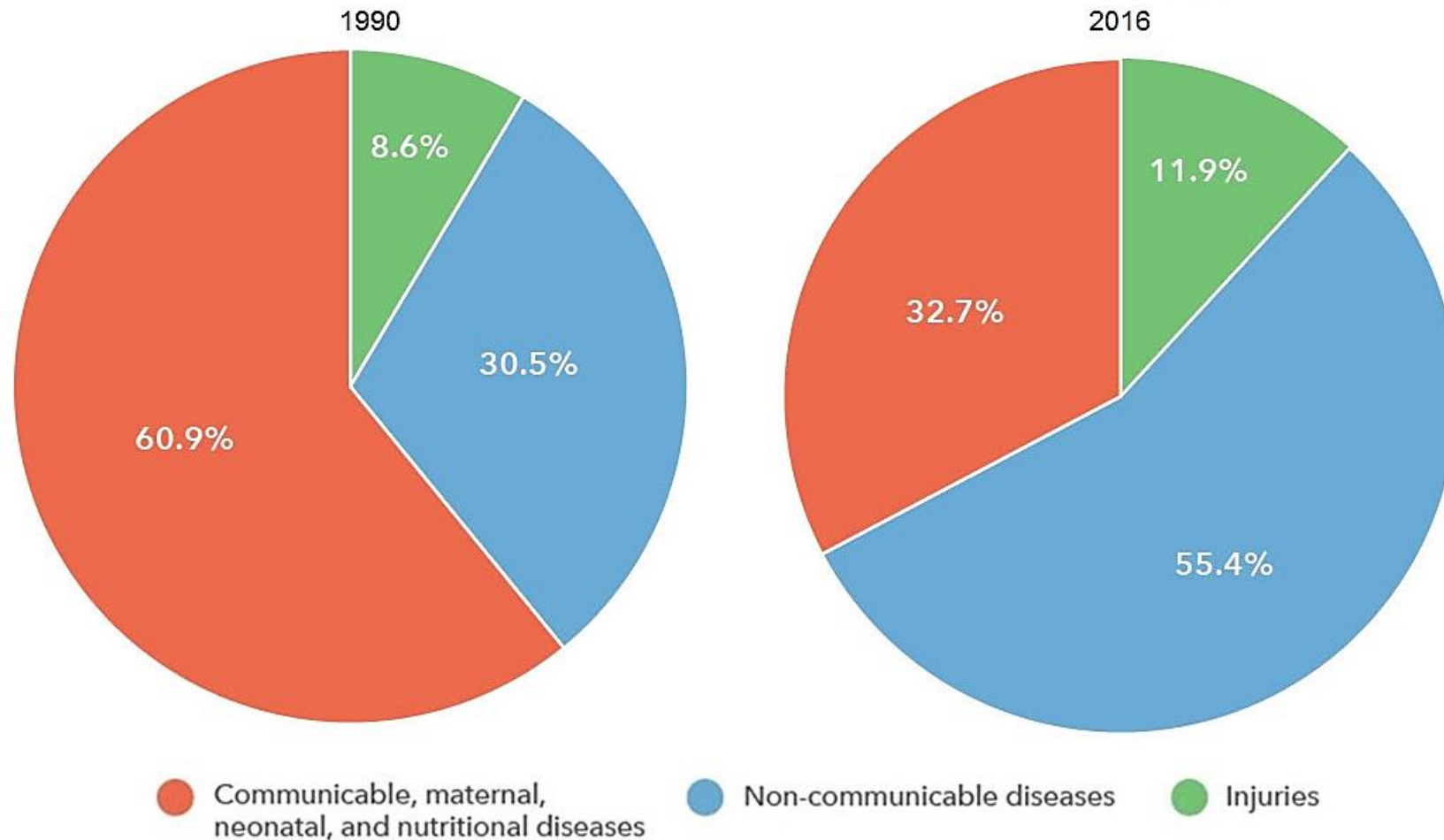
Global Costs of Cardiovascular Diseases



NCDs, including CVD, **accelerate poverty** – and conversely, **reducing** the burden of NCDs supports development

Shift in Causes of Disease Burden in India

Contribution of major disease groups to disease burden (DALYs)



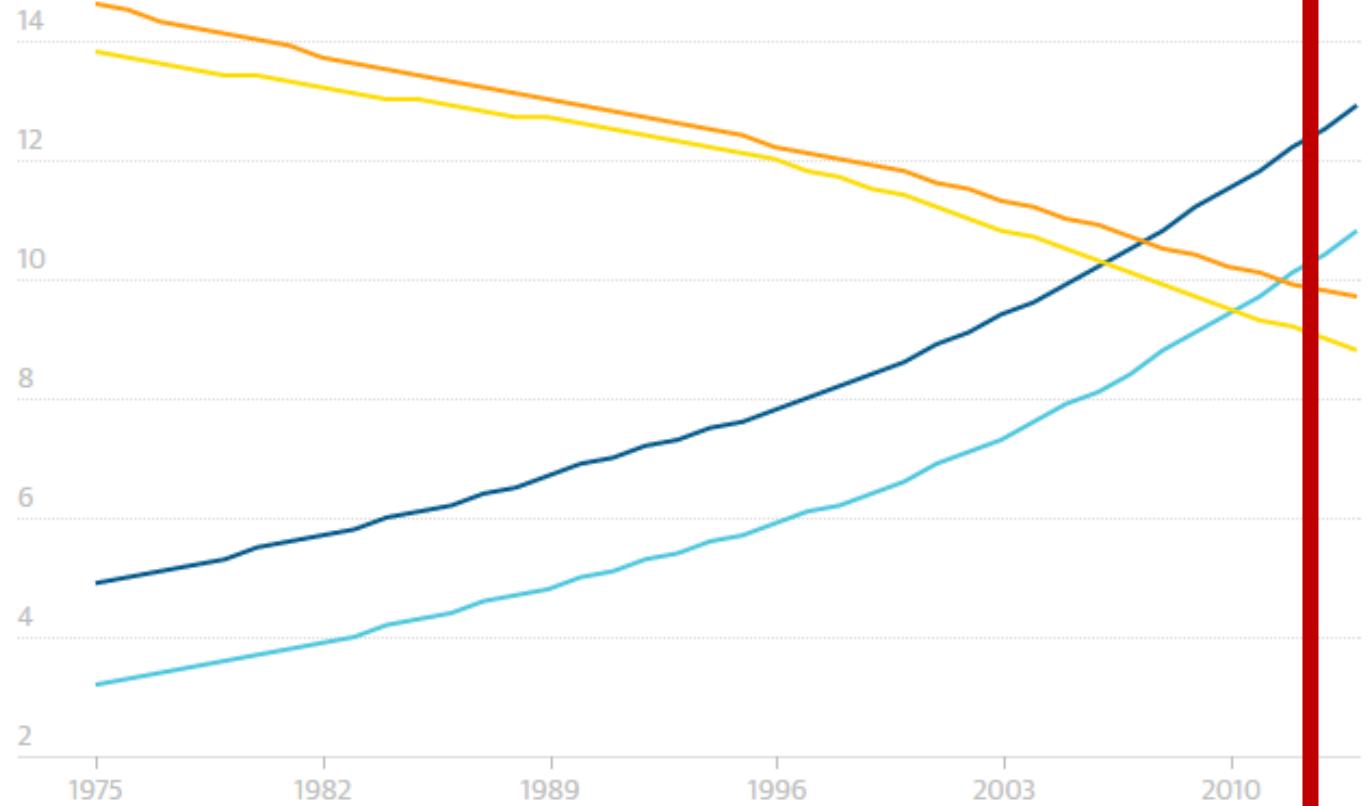
NCDs caused 63% deaths
CVD is the leading NCD: 27% deaths

The World Just Crossed A Critical Threshold

First, adult obesity has now officially overtaken (adult) underweight globally.

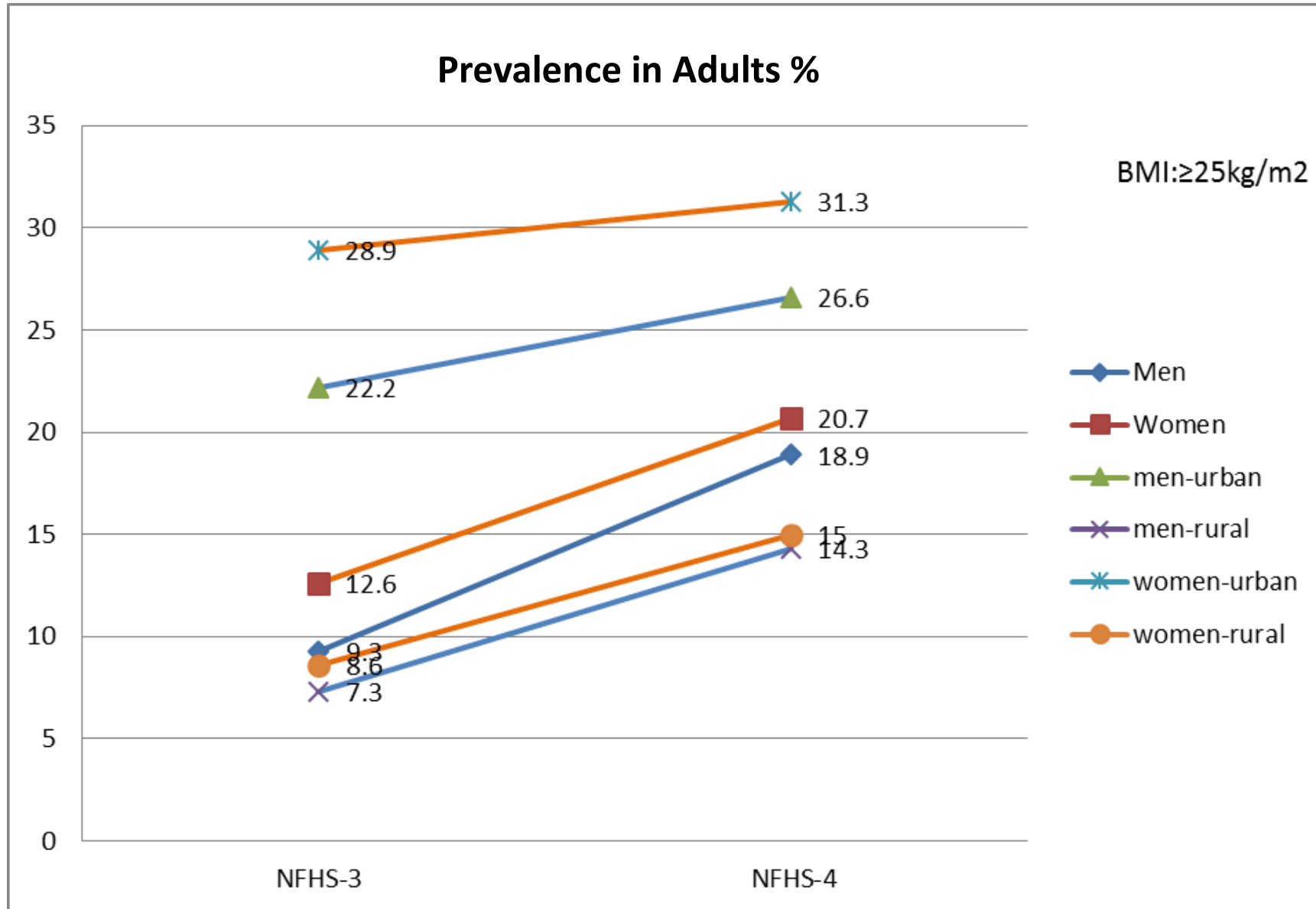
Percentage of men and women who are obese or underweight

Obese men Obese women Underweight men Underweight women



Guardian graphic | Source: The Lancet

'Obesity' Trends in India 2005-6 to 2015-16

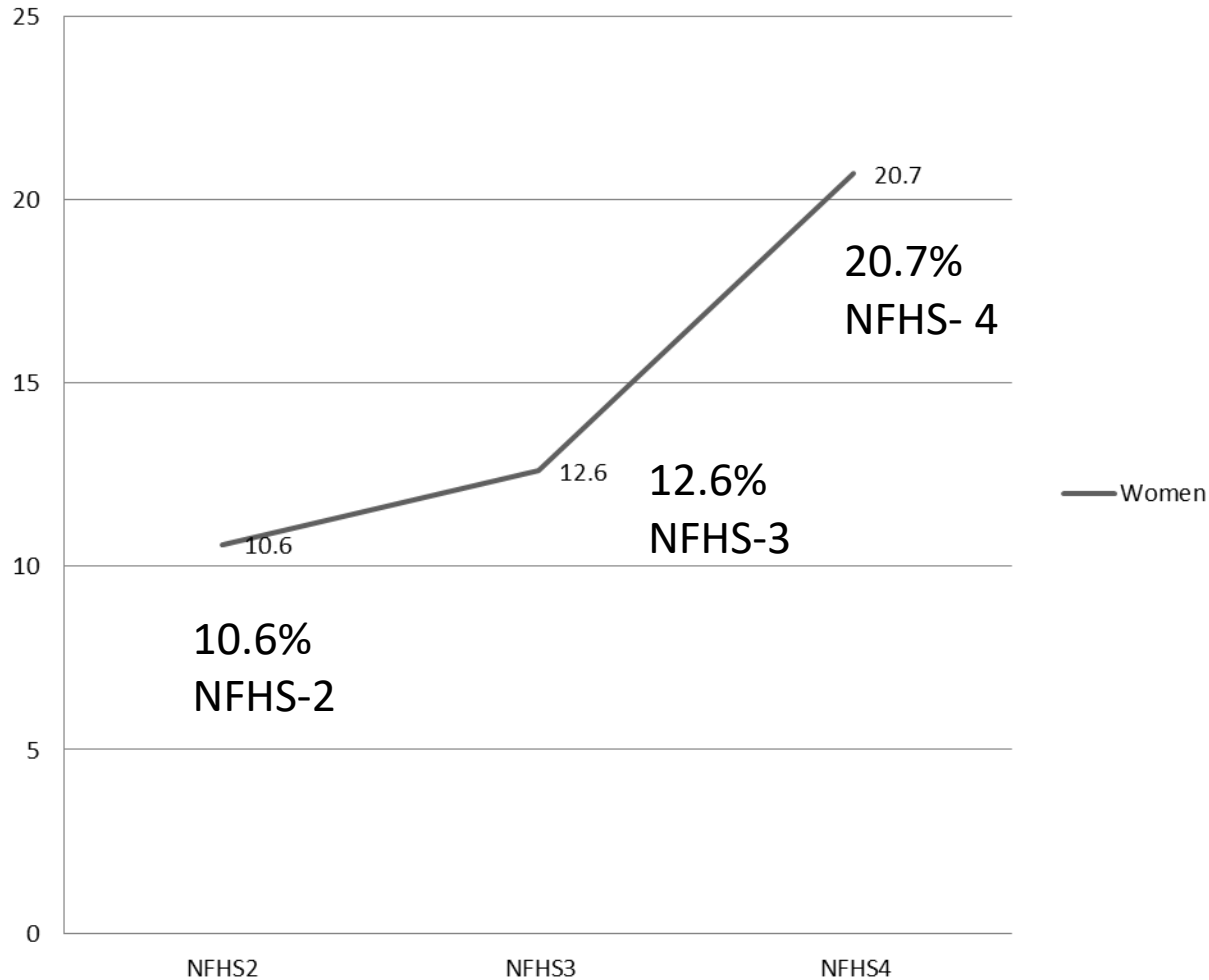


'Obesity' includes overweight (BMI ≥ 25)

data analysed from the NFHS

<http://rchiips.org/NFHS/about.shtml>

Steep Rise In Prevalence On 'Obesity' 1998-99- 2005-2006-2015-17- Women



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NFHS-2 : 1998-1999

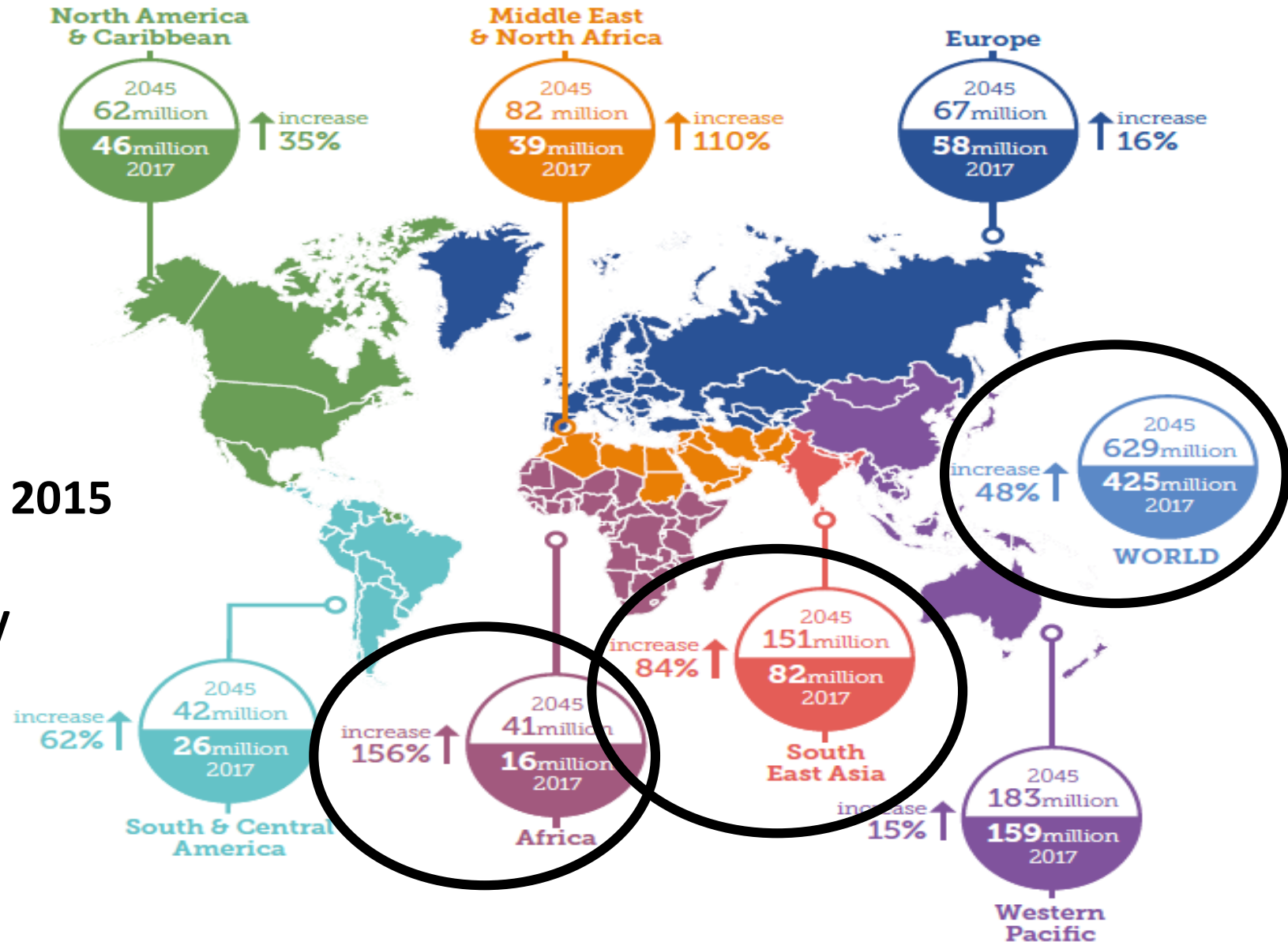
NFHS-3 : 2005-6

NFHS-4- 2015-16

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Adults With With Diabetes, 2017 And 2045

- 2000 = 151 million
2017 = 425 million
2045 = 629 million
- US\$54 billion more spent on treatment globally than in 2015
- Diabetics 2-3x more likely to develop CVD



MDGs to SDGs



Focus Areas

CDs

MCH

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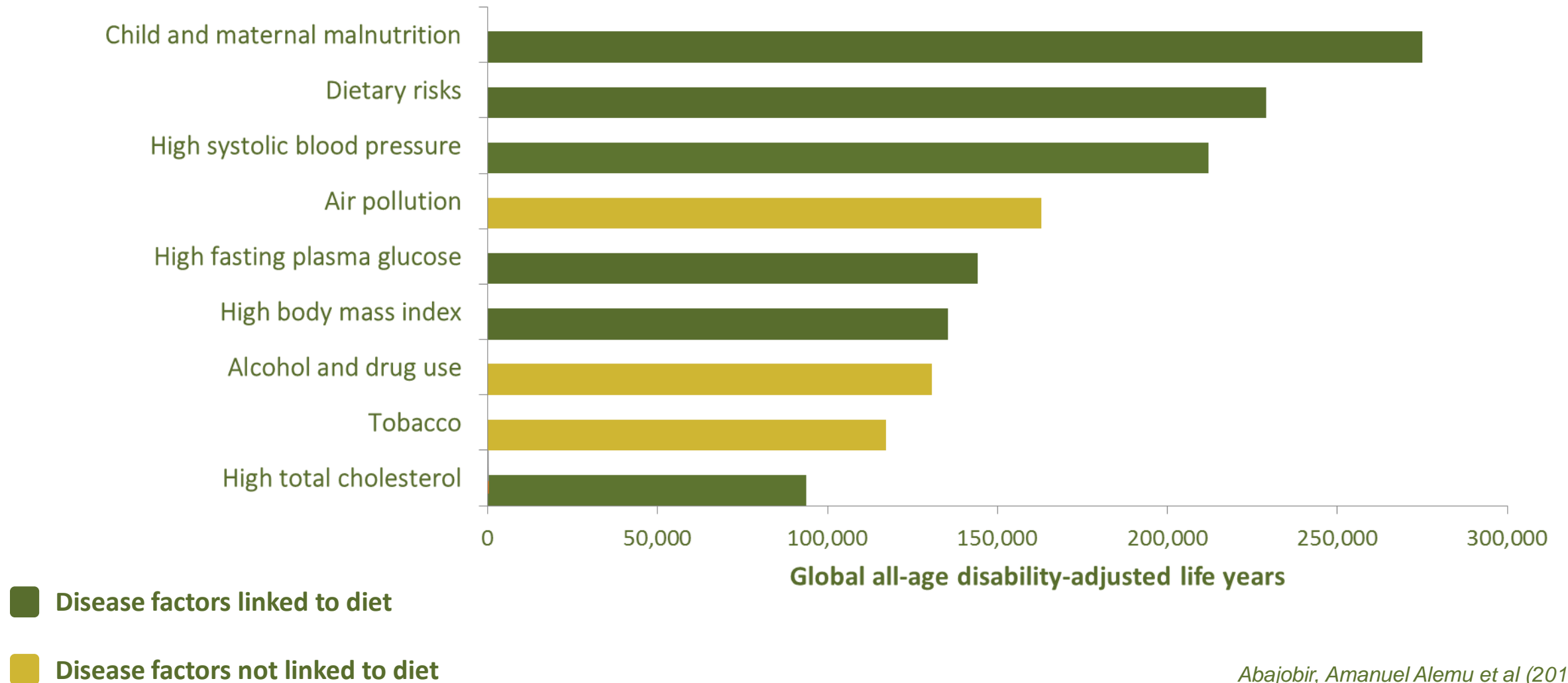
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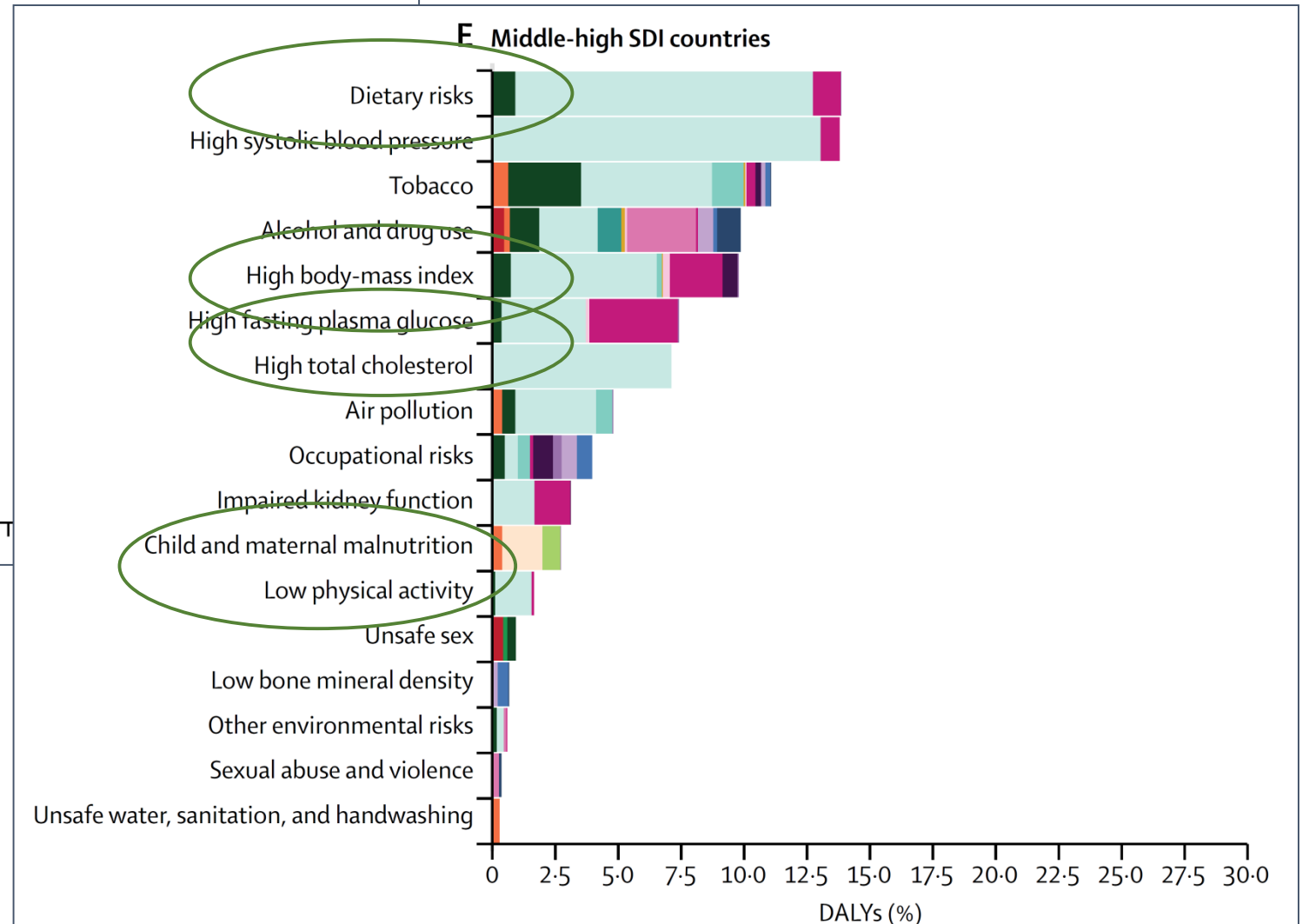
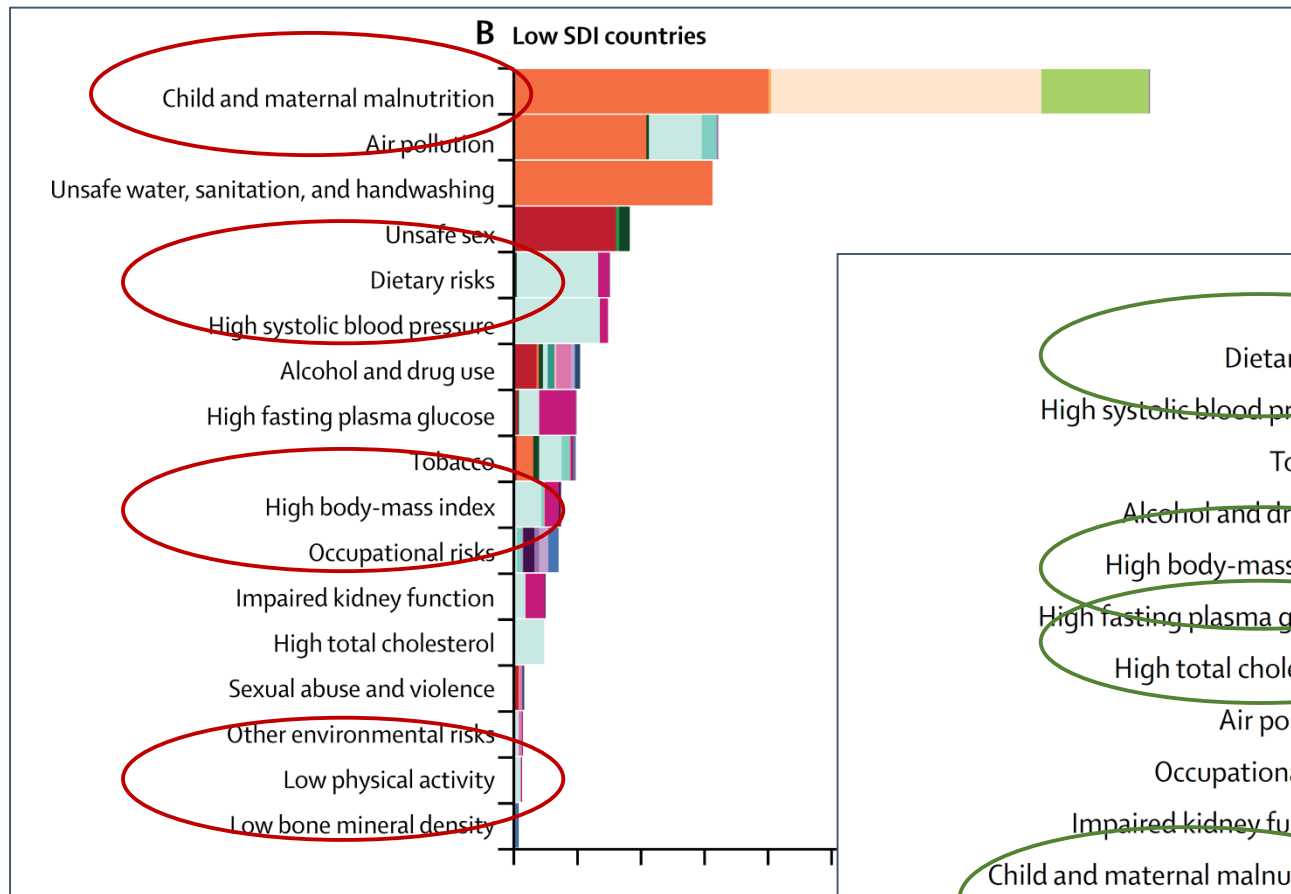
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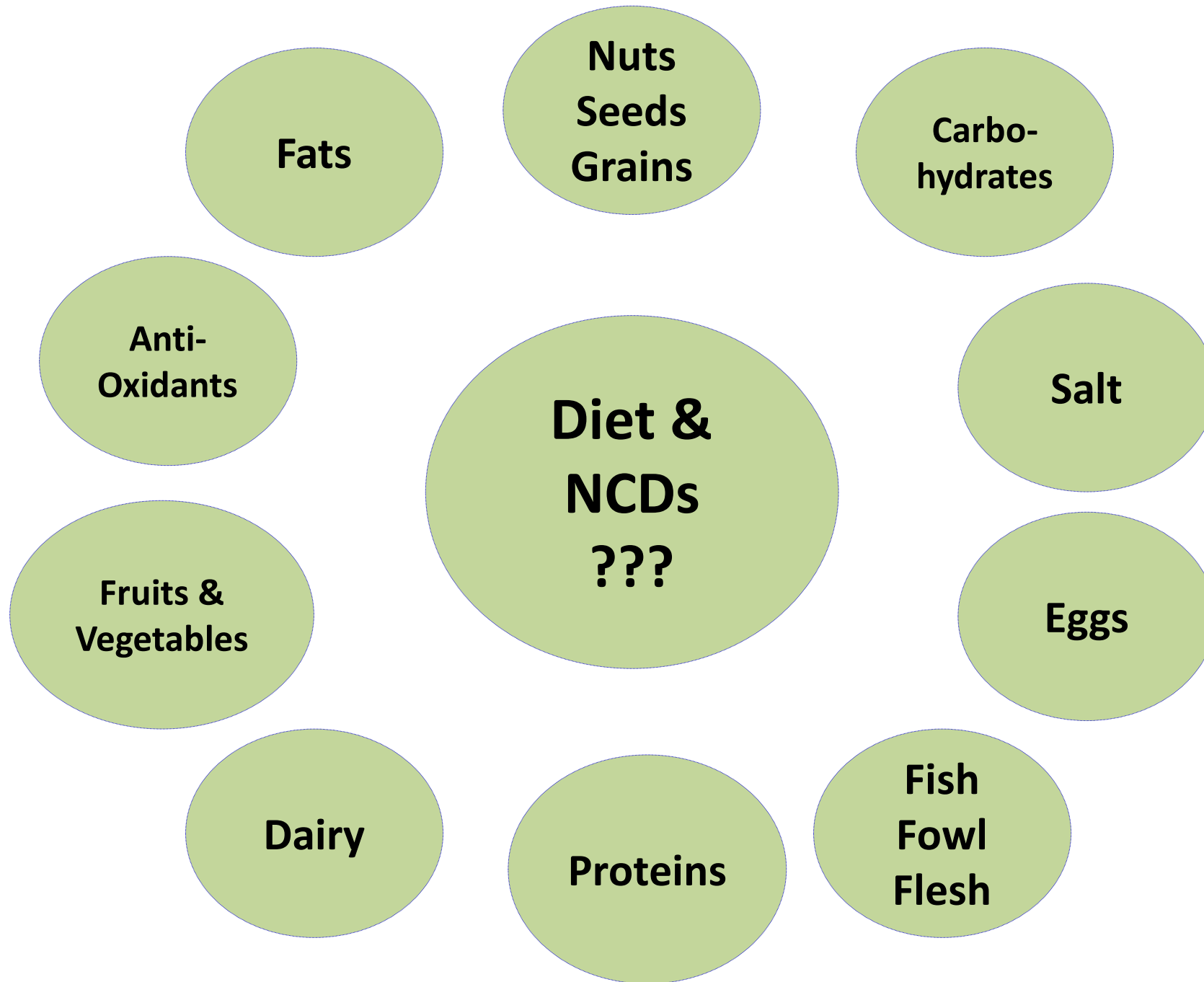
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Diet Related Factors Now Account For **Six Of The Top Nine** Contributors To The Global Burden Of Disease







Search Light On Diet And NCD Connection

Specific Nutrients



Individual Food Items



Dietary Patterns



**Spectrum of Science Is
Reductionist In Content But Holistic in Context!**

Fats: American Heart Association Guidelines 2018

- Limit total fat <25-35% total energy
- Limit saturated fat <7% total energy
- Limit trans fat <1% total daily energy
- Remaining fat should come from sources of unsaturated fat
e.g nuts, seeds, fatty fish, vegetable oils

Eg. 2000 cal daily intake should have <15g saturated fat,
<2g trans fat ,55-77g total fat from other sources

Carbohydrates

- In the meta-analysis (n=432179), both low (<40%) and high CHO consumption (>70%) conferred greater mortality risk.

- **50-55% energy from carbohydrate - lowest risk of mortality.**

- Source of macronutrients imp:
 - mortality increased when carbohydrates were exchanged for animal-derived fat or protein and
 - mortality decreased when substitutions were plant-based (0.82)



Proteins

- ✓ Inverse association between protein intake & CVD
 - ✓ meat protein-weight gain over 6.5 years, with 1 kg of weight increase per 125 g of meat per day.
 - ✓ In the Nurses' Health Study, diets low in red meat, containing nuts, low-fat dairy, poultry, or fish, were associated with a 13% to 30% lower risk of CHD compared with diets high in meat.
- ✓ Replacement of SFA/CHO by proteins : beneficial effects on CV risk factors (TG, LDL and SBP)
- ✓ Plant proteins (nuts, beans) and Tuna rich in L-arginine improve endothelial dysfunction
- ✓ Dairy proteins appear to be beneficial.

Fruits And Vegetables

- Ness (1997): Systematic Review-
- 9/10 ecological studies
- 2/3 case-control studies
- 6/16 cohort studies

Protective
against CHD

- 3/5 ecological studies
- 6/8 cohort studies

Protective against
Stroke

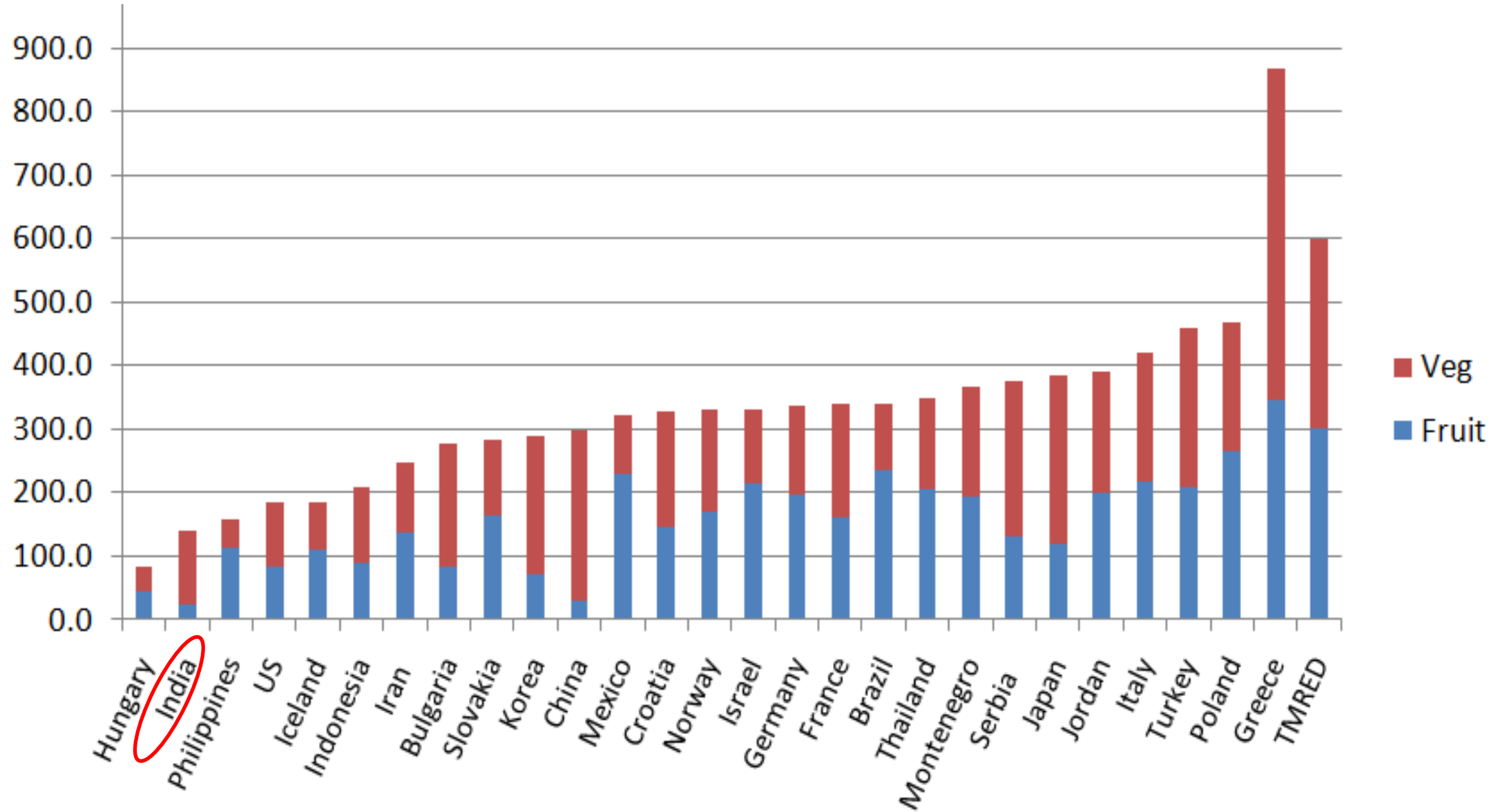
Similar findings from :

- ◆ Women's Health Study (Liu et al, 2000)
- ◆ Physicians' Health Study (Liu et al 2001)
- ◆ Finland (Kuopio; Riassen TH, 2003) : 34% less risk of CVD Death
- ◆ NHANES FOLLOW-UP (Bazzano, Am J Clin Nutr 2002)

Overall 20-30% reduction in the incidence of stroke and CHD and mortality due to stroke and CHD.

Inter Heart study : Fruits/vegetables > 5 servings: 30 % risk reduction for MI

Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (g/day)



COMPOSITE “healthy” DIETS

- Mediterranean diet
- DASH diet
- Okinawa diet
- Oriental Diet
- Polymeal

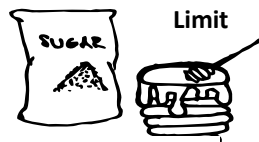
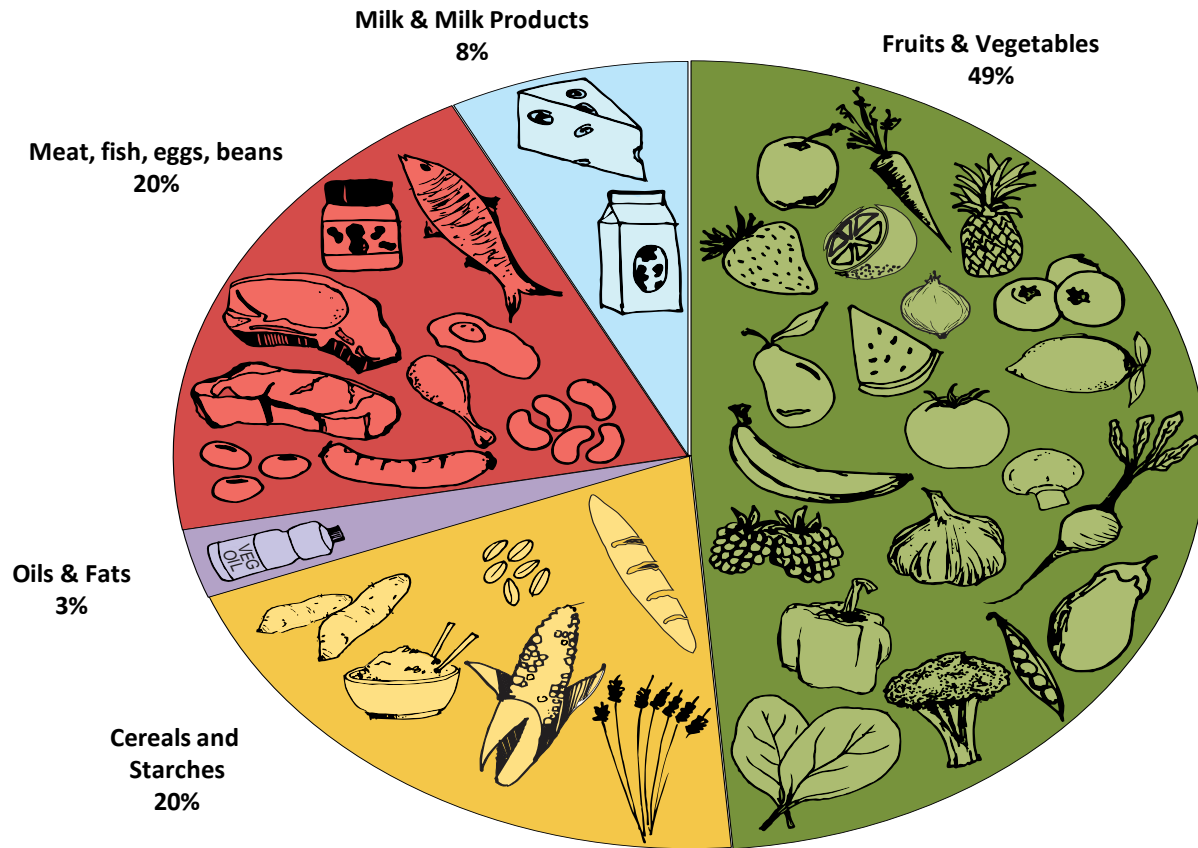




Bob devises the ultimate weight-loss system.

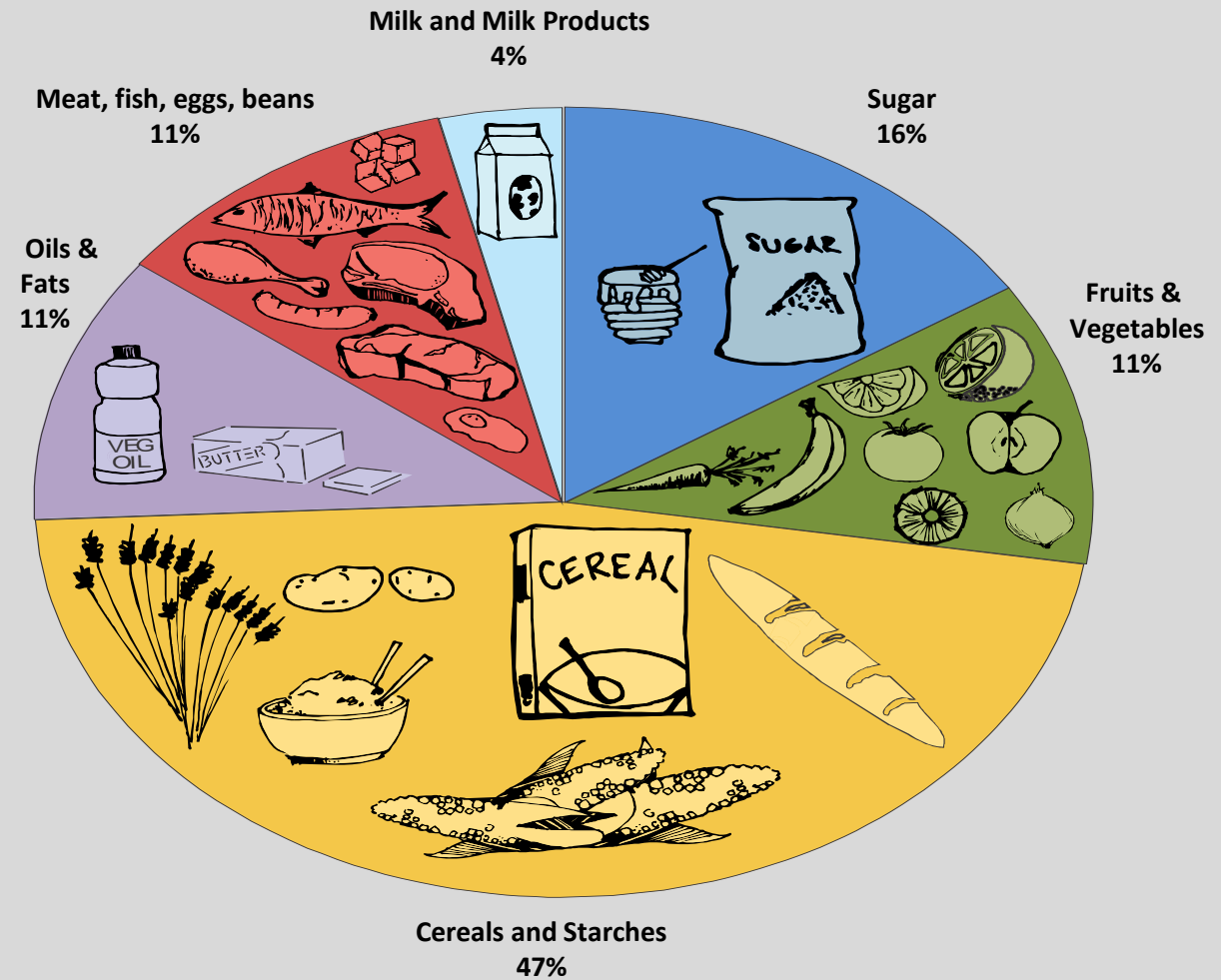
- **Whole natural foods than isolated fractions any day!**
- Healthy balanced portions from variety of foods and diverse food groups
- Keep your weight controlled
- Lots of PA
- Stay hydrated
- Sleep well!

What we should be eating (Harvard's Healthy Eating Plate Model)



WHO < 5%

What we are actually producing (According to 2011 FAO)



Citation: KC KB, Dias GM, Veeramani A, Swanton CJ, Fraser D, Steinke D, et al. (2018) When too much isn't enough: Does current food production meet global nutritional needs? PLoS ONE 13(10): e0205683. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0205683>

What Are Food Systems?

Food systems go well **BEYOND PRODUCTION**:
to storage, transport, trade, transformation,
provisioning, retail

Food systems **GOVERN** the safety, nutrition
quality and affordability of food



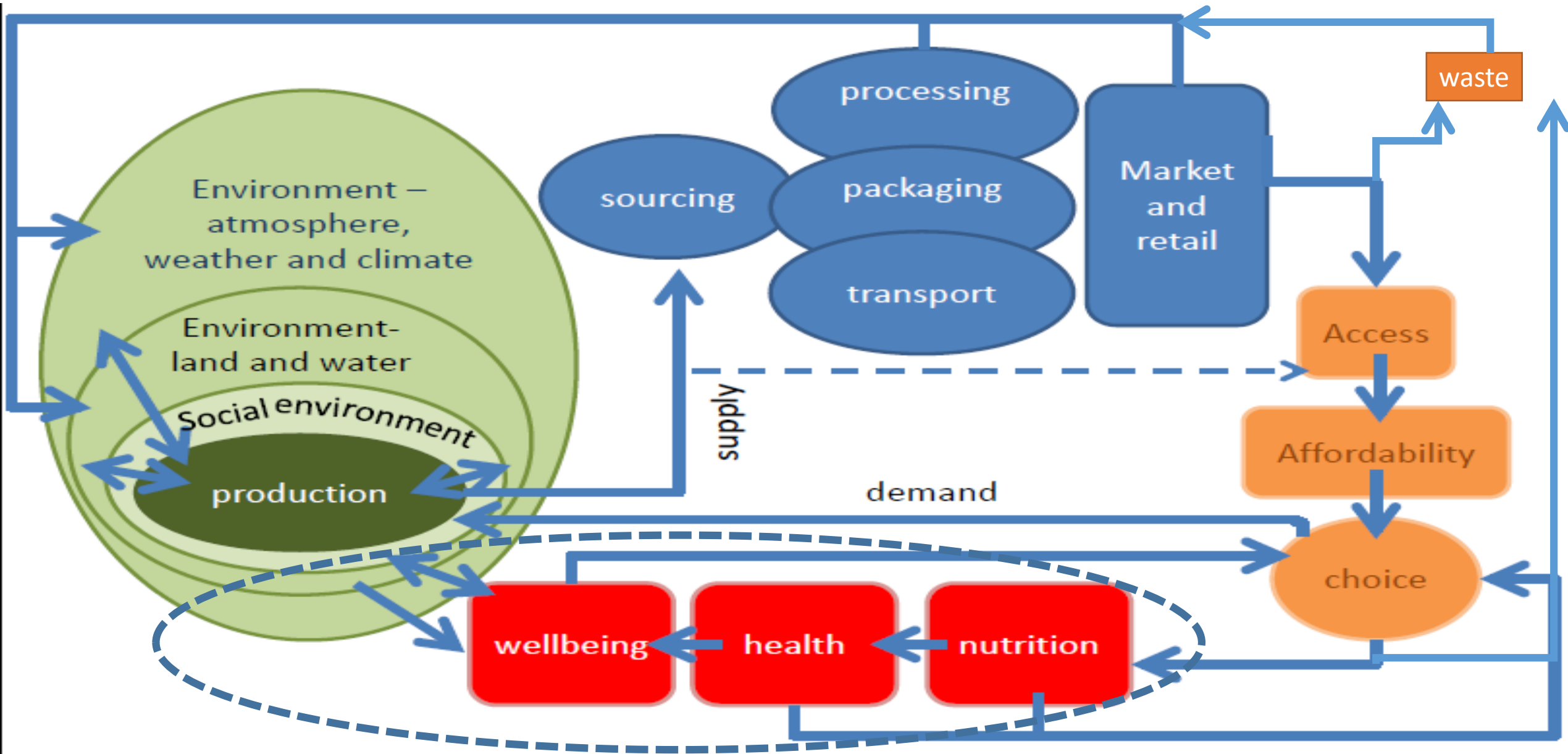
To improve nutrition for all, we will need to make changes in what food we produce, and how it is **processed, transported, marketed and consumed.**



A Systems Perspective Can Help Guide Effective Policies For Agriculture, Food And Nutrition



The Food System: Feedbacks, Loops And Connections



Agriculture & Food Systems Will Have To Be Re-configured To Assure

Affordable Access To Diversified Diets That

Are Calorically Adequate

And

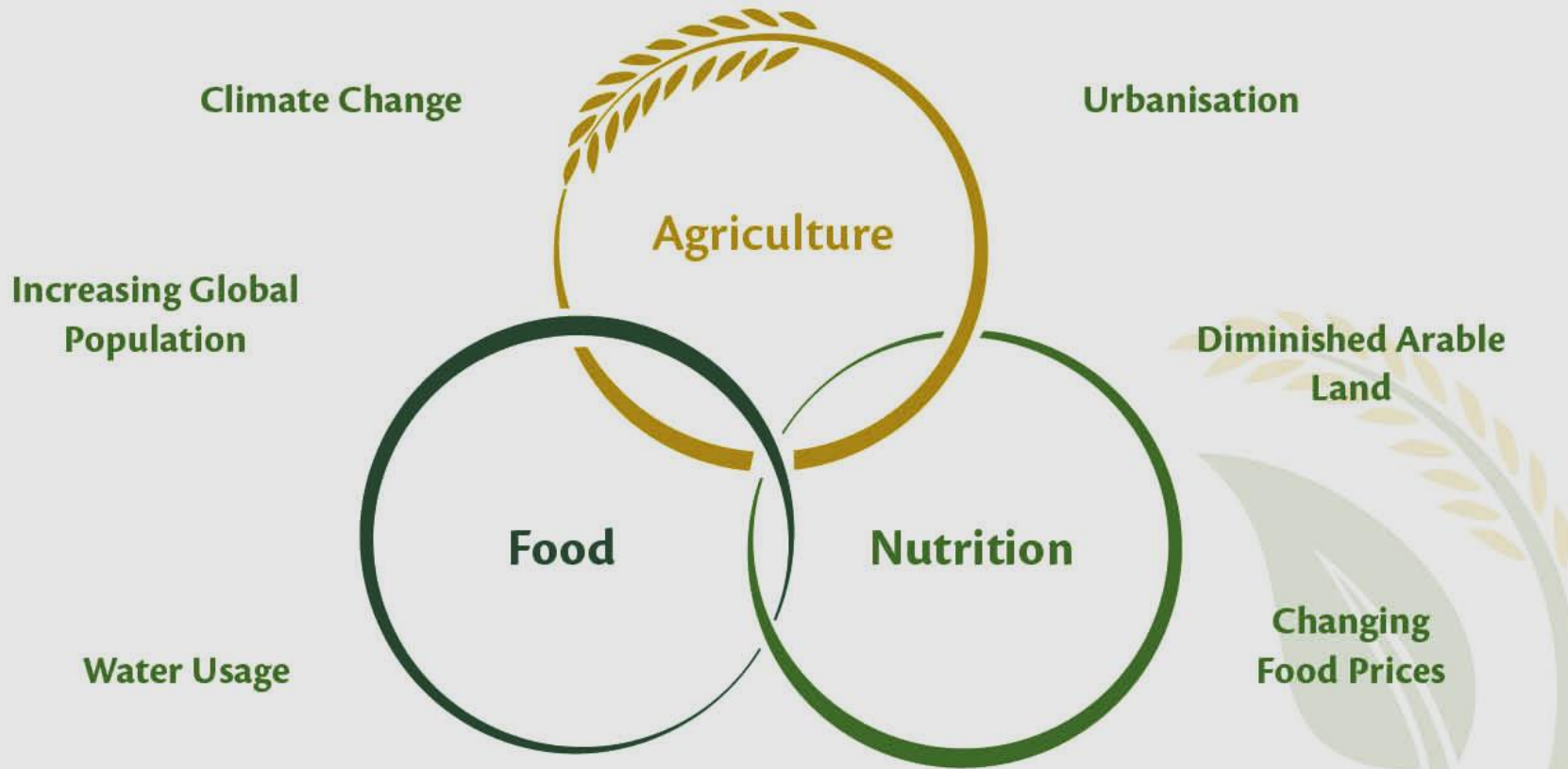
Nutritionally Appropriate

To Each Person At Every Stage of

His Or Her Life

In A Sustainable Manner

We are currently facing **challenges** that affect how we approach **agriculture, food and nutrition**.



Climate Change Through Nutrition Lens-1

By 2100

40% of the world's land surface will likely experience altered climates

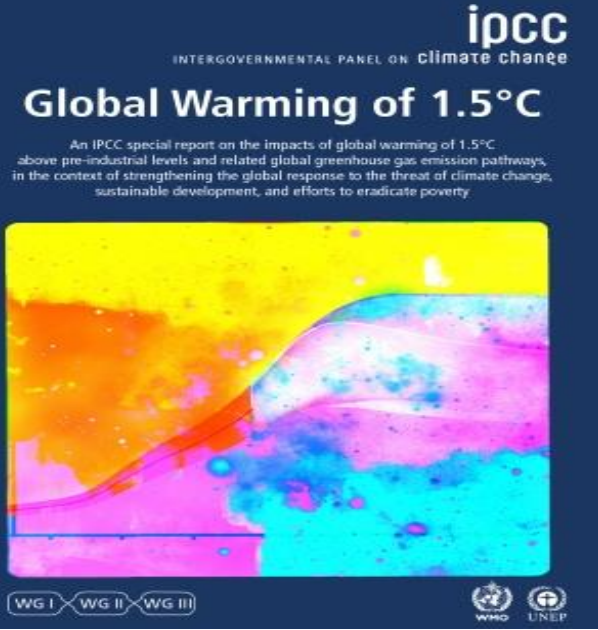
Up to 2050

- **Agricultural output is projected to:**
Fall by 2% per decade (due to impact of climate change on crop and livestock production)
- **Food Demand is projected to:**
Rise by 14% per decade (due to population growth, urbanisation, poverty reduction)

Climate Change Through Nutrition Lens-2

- Higher production of *staple crops* will not be enough to make agriculture more resilient to climate change or better able to address the world's need for improved diets
- *Nutrient rich crops* are more susceptible to droughts, pests, diseases and temperature fluctuations
- Higher CO_2 in atmosphere may reduce nutrient content of staple crops
- **Soil degradation** also reduces nutrient quality

Implications of Paris for food systems (beyond adaptation)



Agricultural mitigation potential

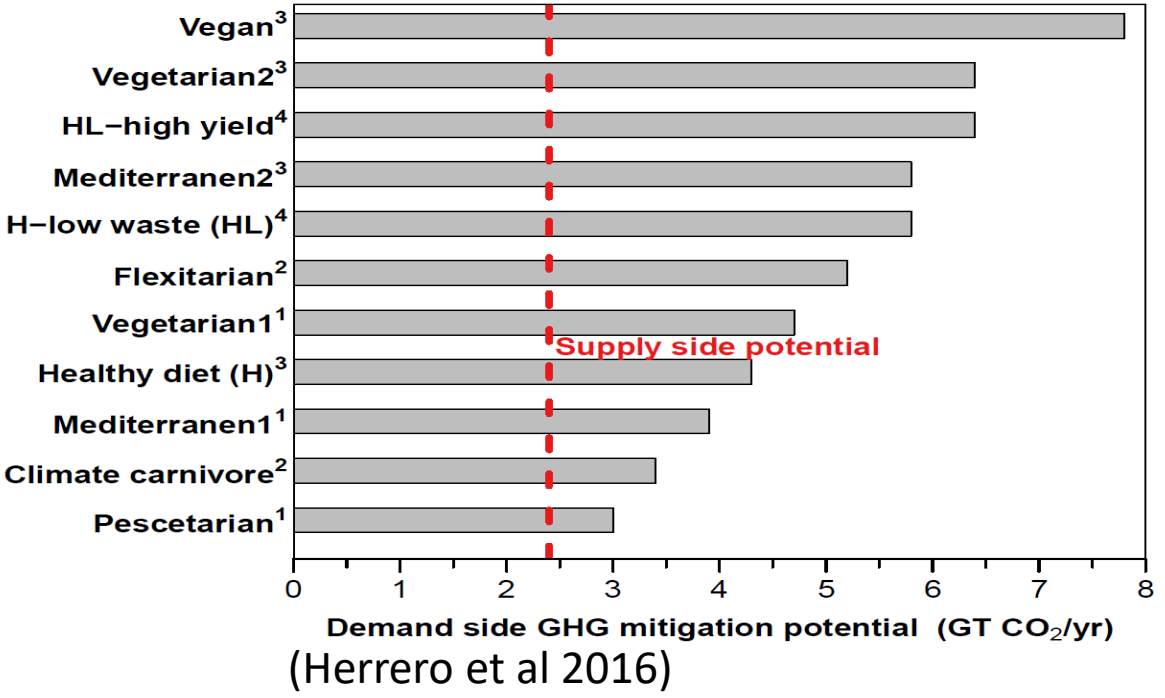
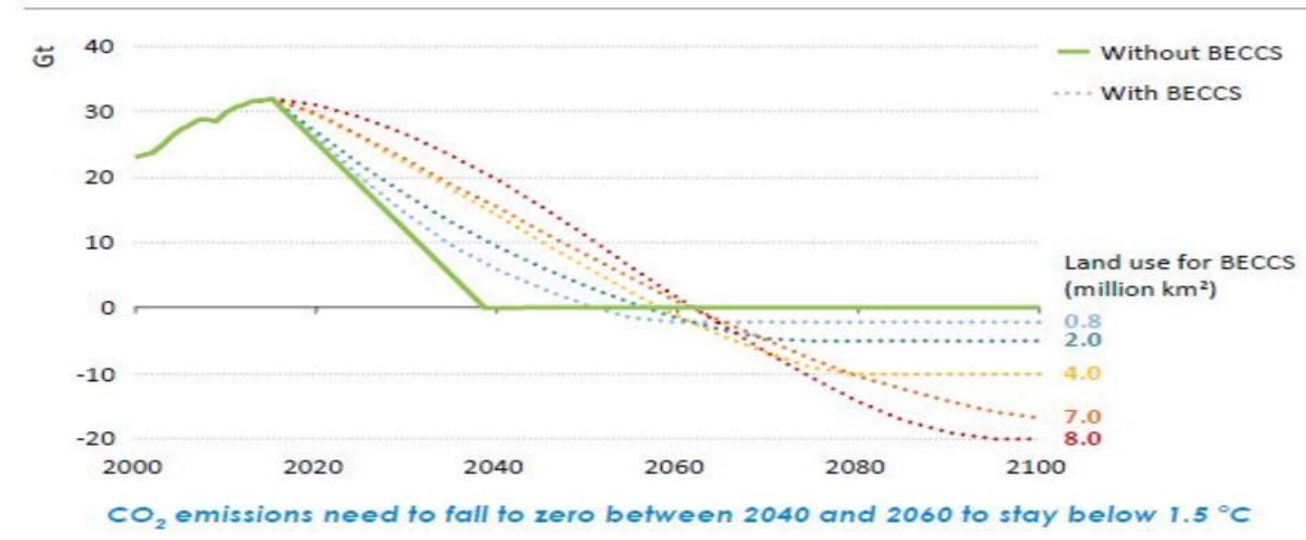


Figure 8.16 Energy sector CO₂ emission pathways consistent with a 1.5 °C temperature rise



IEA/OECD WEO 2016

Invisibility Of The Problem

“no single measure is enough...
a synergistic combination of
measures will be needed.”

Options for keeping the food system within environmental limits

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The food system is a major driver of climate change, changes in land use, depletion of freshwater resources, and pollution of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems through excessive nitrogen and phosphorus inputs. Here we show that between 2010 and 2050, as a result of expected changes in population and income levels, the environmental effects of the food system could increase by 50–90% in the absence of technological changes and dedicated mitigation measures, reaching levels that are beyond the planetary boundaries that define a safe operating space for humanity. We analyse several options for reducing the environmental effects of the food system, including dietary changes towards healthier, more plant-based diets, improvements in technologies and management, and reductions in food loss and waste. We find that no single measure is enough to keep these effects within all planetary boundaries simultaneously, and that a synergistic combination of measures will be needed to sufficiently mitigate the projected increase in environmental pressures.

The global food system is a major driver of climate change^{1,2}, land-use change and biodiversity loss^{3,4}, depletion of freshwater resources^{5,6}, and pollution of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems through nitrogen and phosphorus run-off from fertilizer and manure application^{7–9}. It has contributed to the crossing of several of the proposed ‘planetary boundaries’ that attempt to define a safe operating space for humanity on a stable Earth system^{10–12}, in particular those concerning climate change, biosphere integrity, and biogeochemical flows related to nitrogen and phosphorus cycles. If socioeconomic changes towards Western consumption patterns continue, the environmental pressures of the food system are likely to intensify^{13–16}, and humanity might soon approach the planetary boundaries for global freshwater use, change in land use, and ocean acidification^{11,12,17}. Beyond those boundaries, ecosystems could be at risk of being destabilized and losing the regulation functions on which populations depend^{11,12}.

Here we analyse the option space available for the food system to reduce its environmental impacts and stay within the planetary boundaries related to food production. We build on existing analyses that have advanced the planetary-boundary framework in terms of systemic threats to large-scale ecosystems^{11,12,16–20}, discussed the role of agriculture with respect to those pressures^{10,21}, and analysed the impacts on individual environmental domains^{22,23}, including selected measures to alleviate those impacts^{22–24}. The planetary-boundary framework is not without criticism, particularly because of the heterogeneity of the different boundaries and their underlying scientific bases, including the difficulty of defining global ecosystem thresholds for local

environmental impacts^{25–27}. Despite these limitations, we consider the planetary-boundary framework to be useful for framing, in broad terms, the planetary option space that preserves the sustainability of key ecosystems. We acknowledge the ongoing debate by quantifying the planetary boundaries of the food system in terms of broad ranges that reflect methodological uncertainties (see Methods), and by reporting the environmental impacts in absolute terms (for example, emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents), which allows for comparisons to other measures of environmental sustainability.

We advance the present state of knowledge by constructing and calibrating a global food-systems model with country-level detail that resolves the major food-related environmental impacts and includes a comprehensive treatment of measures for reducing these impacts (see Methods). The regional detail of the model accounts for different production methods and environmental impacts that are linked by imports and exports of primary, intermediate and final products. We use the food-system model and estimates of present and future food demand to quantify food-related environmental impacts at the country and crop level in 2010 and 2050 for five environmental domains and the related planetary boundaries: greenhouse-gas (GHG) emission related to climate change; cropland use related to land-system change; freshwater use of surface and groundwater; and nitrogen and phosphorus application related to biogeochemical flows.

To characterize pathways towards a food system with lower environmental impacts that stays within planetary boundaries, we connect a region-specific analysis of the food system to a detailed analysis of

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“Our forecast points to overall improvements through 2040 in most countries, ...but with the potential for worsening health outcomes in the absence of *deliberate policy action*.

Health and nutritional aspects of sustainable diet strategies and their association with environmental impacts: a global modelling analysis with country-level detail



Marco Springmann, Keith Wiebe, Daniel Mason-D'Croz, Timothy B Sulser, Mike Rayner, Peter Scarborough



Summary

Background Sustainable diets are intended to address the increasing health and environmental concerns related to food production and consumption. Although many candidates for sustainable diets have emerged, a consistent and joint environmental and health analysis of these diets has not been done at a regional level. Using an integrated health and environmental modelling framework for more than 150 countries, we examined three different approaches to sustainable diets motivated by environmental, food security, and public health objectives.

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Methods In this global modelling analysis, we combined analyses of nutrient levels, diet-related and weight-related chronic disease mortality, and environmental impacts for more than 150 countries in three sets of diet scenarios. The first set, based on environmental objectives, replaced 25–100% of animal-source foods with plant-based foods. The second set, based on food security objectives, reduced levels of underweight, overweight, and obesity by 25–100%. The third set, based on public health objectives, consisted of four energy-balanced dietary patterns: flexitarian, pescatarian, vegetarian, and vegan. In the nutrient analysis, we calculated nutrient intake and changes in adequacy based on international recommendations and a global dataset of nutrient content and supply. In the health analysis, we estimated changes in mortality using a comparative risk assessment with nine diet and weight-related risk factors. In the environmental analysis, we combined country-specific and food group-specific footprints for greenhouse gas emissions, cropland use, freshwater use, nitrogen application, and phosphorus application to analyse the relationship between the health and environmental impacts of dietary change.

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Findings Following environmental objectives by replacing animal-source foods with plant-based ones was particularly effective in high-income countries for improving nutrient levels, lowering premature mortality (reduction of up to 12% [95% CI 10–13] with complete replacement), and reducing some environmental impacts, in particular greenhouse gas emissions (reductions of up to 84%). However, it also increased freshwater use (increases of up to 16%) and had little effectiveness in countries with low or moderate consumption of animal-source foods. Following food-security objectives by reducing underweight and overweight led to similar reductions in premature mortality (reduction of up to 10% [95% CI 9–11]), and moderately improved nutrient levels. However, it led to only small reductions in environmental impacts at the global level (all impacts changed by <15%), with reduced impacts in high-income and middle-income countries, and increased resource use in low-income countries. Following public health objectives by adopting energy-balanced, low-meat dietary patterns that are in line with available evidence on healthy eating led to an adequate nutrient supply for most nutrients, and large reductions in premature mortality (reduction of 19% [95% CI 18–20] for the flexitarian diet to 22% [18–24] for the vegan diet). It also markedly reduced environmental impacts globally (reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 54–87%, nitrogen application by 23–25%, phosphorus application by 18–21%, cropland use by 8–11%, and freshwater use by 2–11%) and in most regions, except for some environmental domains (cropland use, freshwater use, and phosphorus application) in low-income countries.

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Interpretation Approaches for sustainable diets are context specific and can result in concurrent reductions in environmental and health impacts globally and in most regions, particularly in high-income and middle-income countries, but they can also increase resource use in low-income countries when diets diversify. A public health strategy focused on improving energy balance and dietary changes towards predominantly plant-based diets that are in line with evidence on healthy eating is a suitable approach for sustainable diets. Updating national dietary guidelines to reflect the latest evidence on healthy eating can by itself be important for improving health and reducing environmental impacts and can complement broader and more explicit criteria of sustainability.

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Nutrition-sensitive Food Systems Can Also Be Climate-smart

- Support **variety of food production systems** to minimize risks and enhance the supply of more diverse foods in the diet;
- Promote **efficiency**, including **waste minimization**, along the entire food value chain to meet higher food demand and enhanced resource use, while achieving **dietary diversification**
- Focus domestic **research and investments on mitigating climate-related food system shocks** and volatility, **and adapting** those systems to longer-term stresses;
- Establish **robust social protection programmes** that stabilise and enhance consumer purchasing power, thereby protecting their diets and nutrition in the face of supply shocks;
- Researchers should generate **rigorous empirical evidence on effective investments** along food value-chains that are resilient to climate changes while delivering positive dietary outcomes.

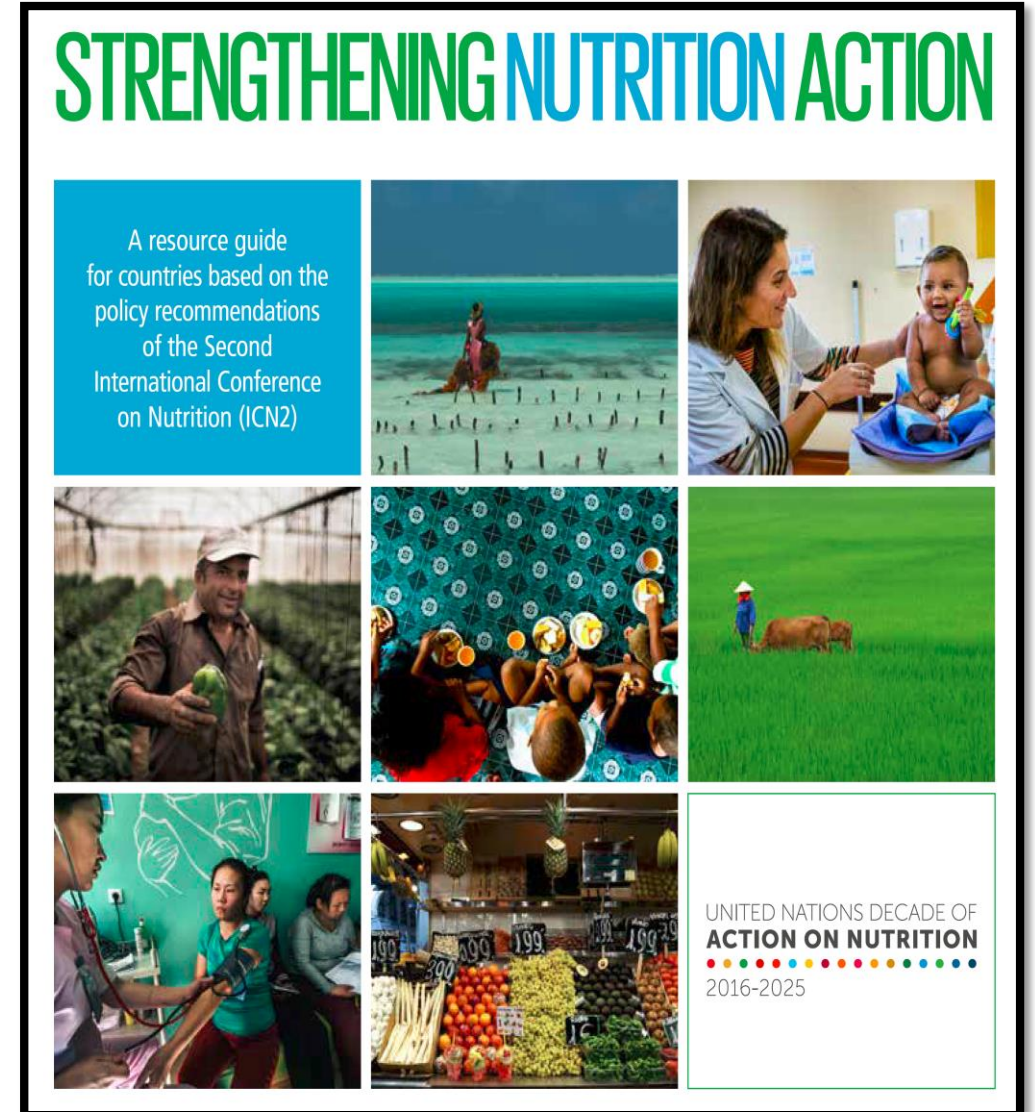
Agriculture & Food Systems

- Climate Resilient (Climate Smart), Agriculture With Crop Diversity
(esp. Non-Staples + Fruits & Vegetables)
- Sustainable Fish Production
- Fibre Preserving Food Grain Processing
- Non-atherogenic & Non-diabetogenic Processed Food Products
- Food Safety Against Carcinogens

Summing Up – What Needs To Be Done?

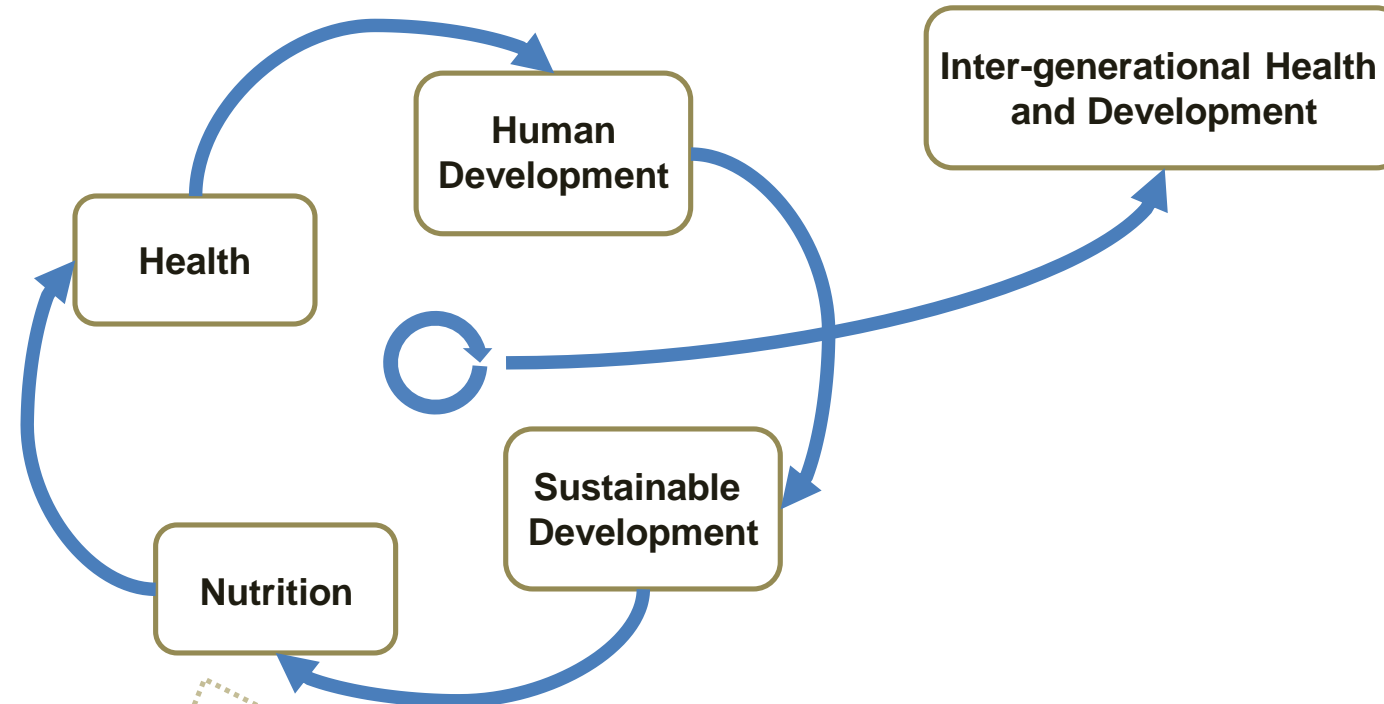
- Sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets.
- Aligned health systems providing universal coverage of essential nutrition actions.
- Social protection and nutrition education.
- Trade and investment for improved nutrition.
- Safe and supportive environments for nutrition at all ages.
- Strengthened governance and accountability for nutrition.

Enabling environment critical to support nutrition policy regulation vs choice...empower the consumer but strengthen public policy for fighting against obesity, NCDs



We Need To “Unleash The Virtuous Circle Of Nutrition And Sustainable Development”

Nutrition’s virtuous circle



But the forces that enable good nutrition status will need to be multi-sectoral

**ALL OF THIS NEEDS TO BE
POSITIONED IN THE CONTEXT OF**

SDGs

**(1/3rd Reduction In Premature
Mortality Due to NCDs By 2030: SDG 3.4)**

While








Utilising The Whole SDG Framework







Sustainable Development Goals

1 NO POVERTY 	2 NO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY 	8 GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION 
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE AND JUSTICE 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

Agriculture And Food Frames Sustainable Development: Food Is Far More Than Feeding People

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food production • Calories and nutrients
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diets underpin health • Agricultural pollution, AMR, zoonosis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women agricultural labourers • Women's access to land
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% freshwater used for agriculture • Agricultural pollution of water
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land for bioenergy, solar, wind • Water (silt-free) for hydro
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >1 billion jobs in agriculture • Agricultural development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure drives land-use change • Bioeconomy and biomaterials
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land for urbanisation • Urbanisation and dietary demand • Air quality and agricultural pollution
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dietary choices – what is grown? • Over-consumption, food waste
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and land-use ~30% GHGs • Paris agreement: need to transform from source to sink
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution from agricultural run-off • Crop feed for aquaculture
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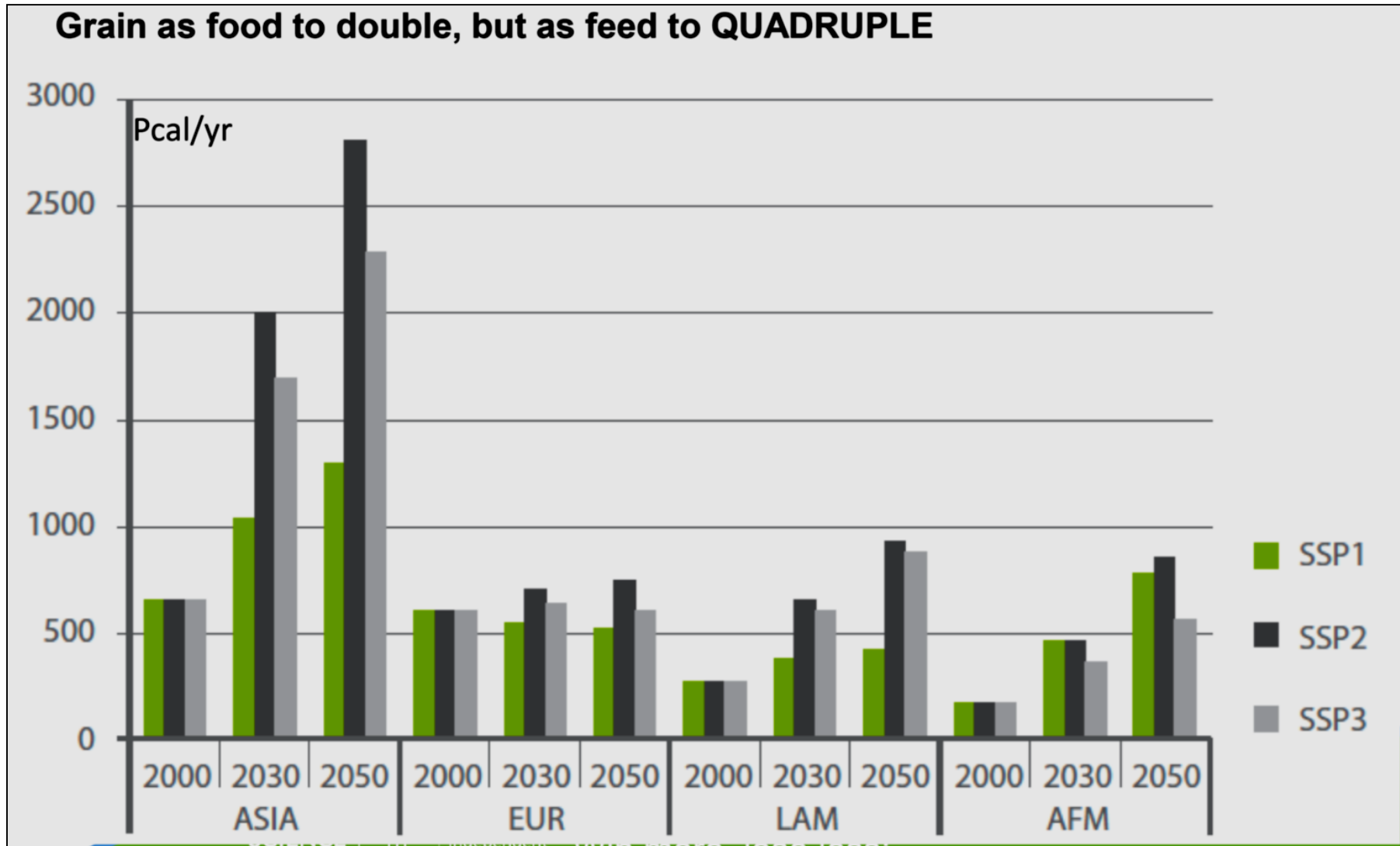
The global middle-class is expected to increase by 3 billion in 2030. This will increase demands for energy by 45%, water by 30%, and food by 50%.

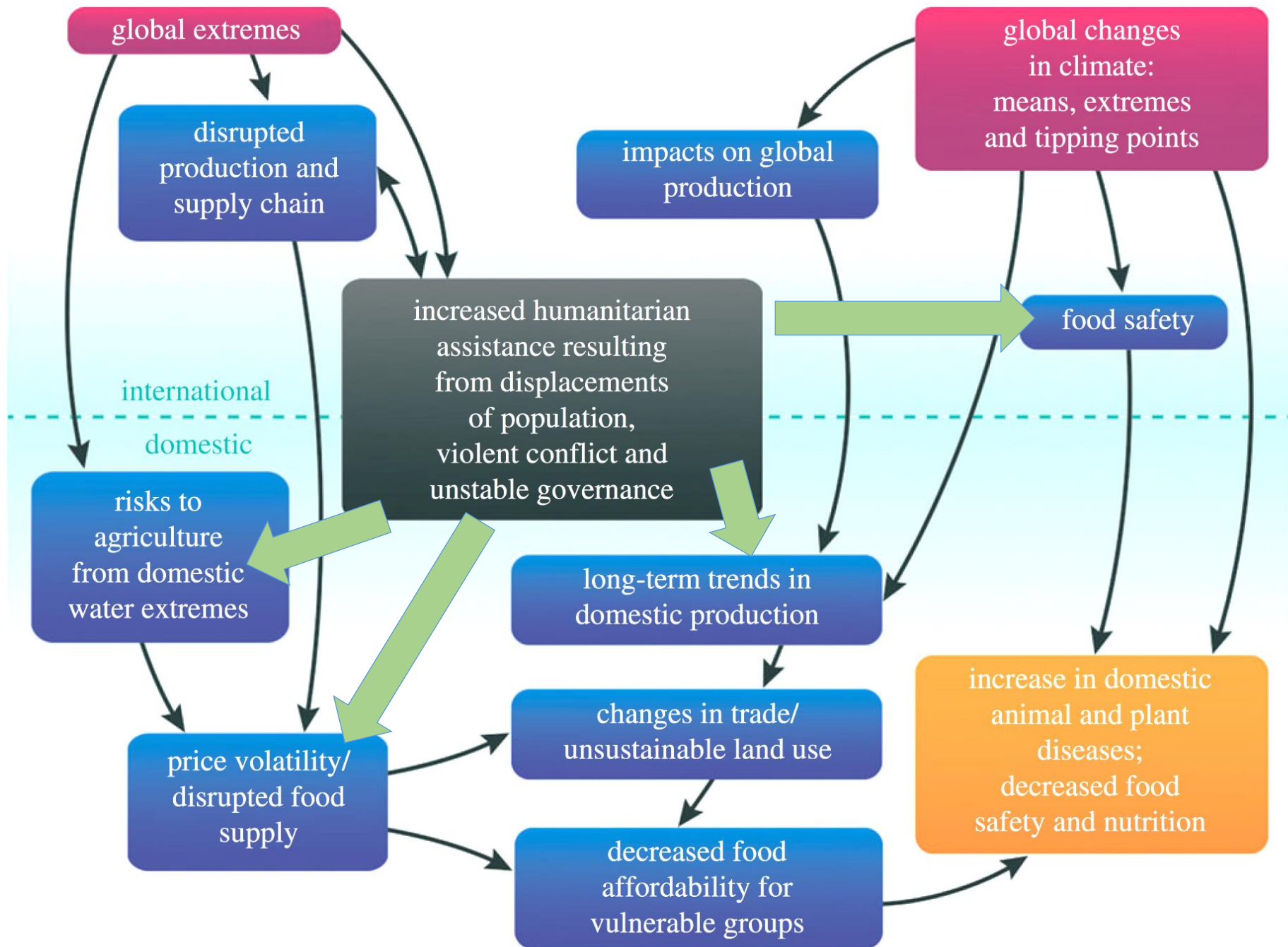
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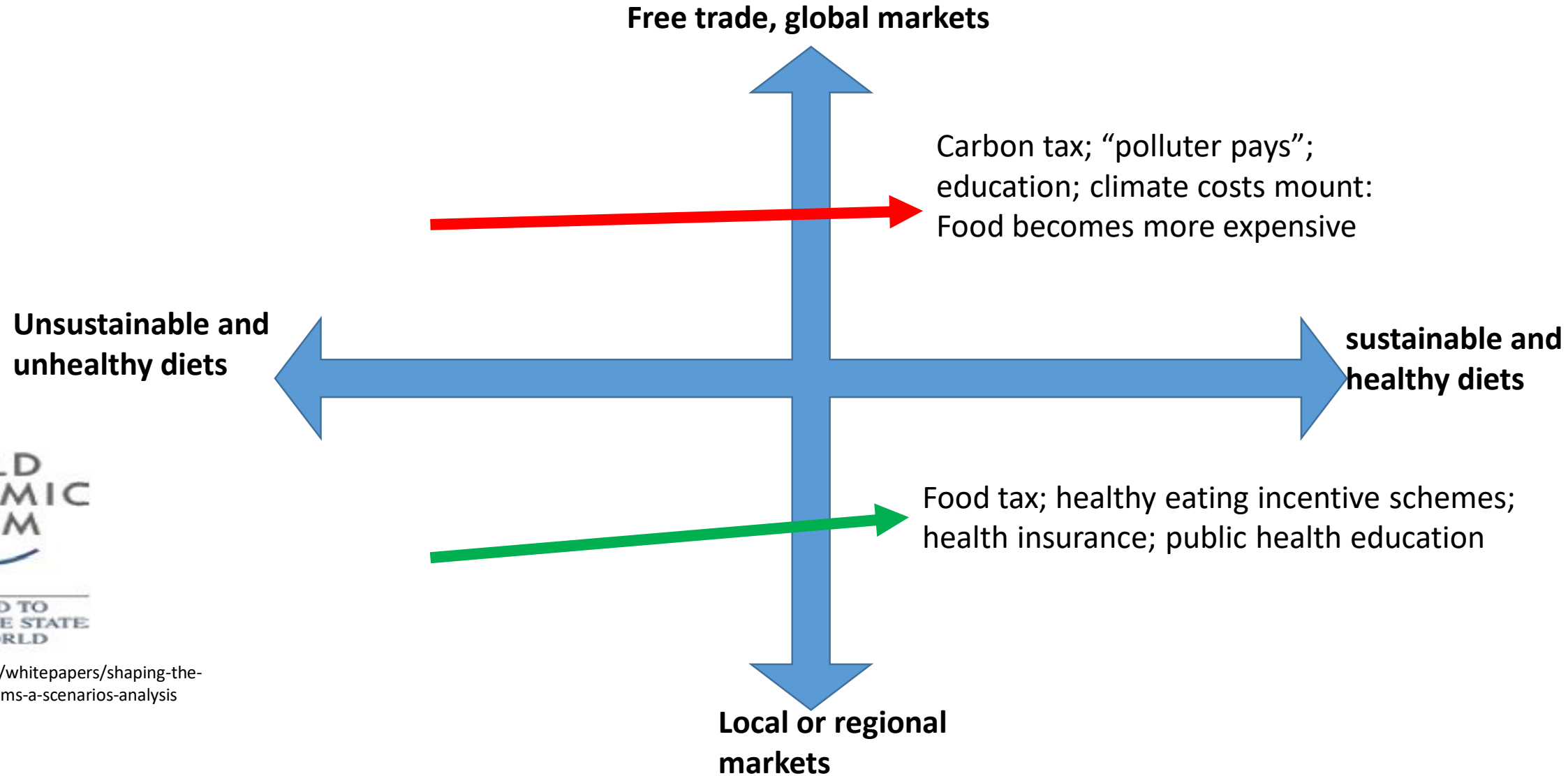
2. What will they choose to spend their money on?

Demand For Animal Source Feeds





Alternative Futures



COMMITTED TO
IMPROVING THE STATE
OF THE WORLD

Nutrition Policy

20th Century

- Focus on Technology Aided PRODUCTION
- Emphasis on Individual Behaviour Change

21st Century

- Focus on both PRODUCTION and CONSUMPTION patterns which are compatible with sustainable development
- Emphasis on Systems thinking for broader societal change

CHOICE?

Conscious

- Well Informed
- Ill Informed

Conditioned

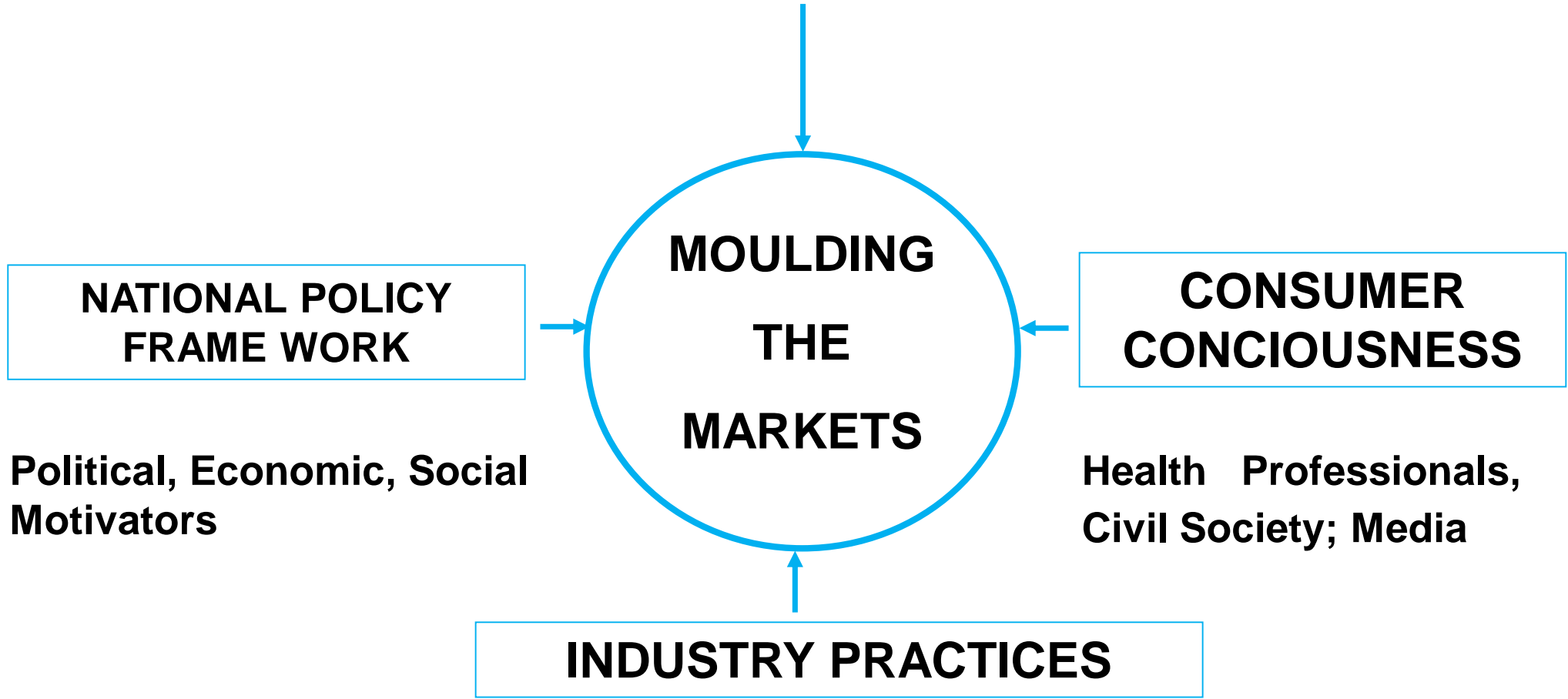
- Marketing and Promotion
- Cultural Factors

Compelled

- Availability
- Affordability

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES; TRANS-NATIONAL TRADE AND MEDIA

GLOBAL COVENANTS, COMMERCE & COMMUNICATIONS



Political, Economic, Social Motivators

Health Professionals, Civil Society; Media

Change Industry Practices; Emphasise Health Dividend


FSSAI - HFSS Recommendations

- **Nutrient specific guidelines:** Overall moderation and a healthy balance of all nutrients are encouraged.
 - **Fats-**Fats should be largely consumed in the unsaturated form.
 - **Sugars-**A total of 10% of total energy is allowed as added sugars in our daily diet
- **Ban on foods with high FSS advertising on children's channels or during children show** is urged
- **Additional tax** on highly processed commodities and sugar sweetened beverages
- Advocating **reformulation** of commercialized products.
- Positive **nutritional labelling**
- Provide a **nutrition-sensitive and an enabling environment** to allow a consumer to make healthier choices in a sustained fashion.
- **Safe and Nutritious Food at School** is a nation-wide campaign to help school children inculcate the habit of eating safe and eating right.



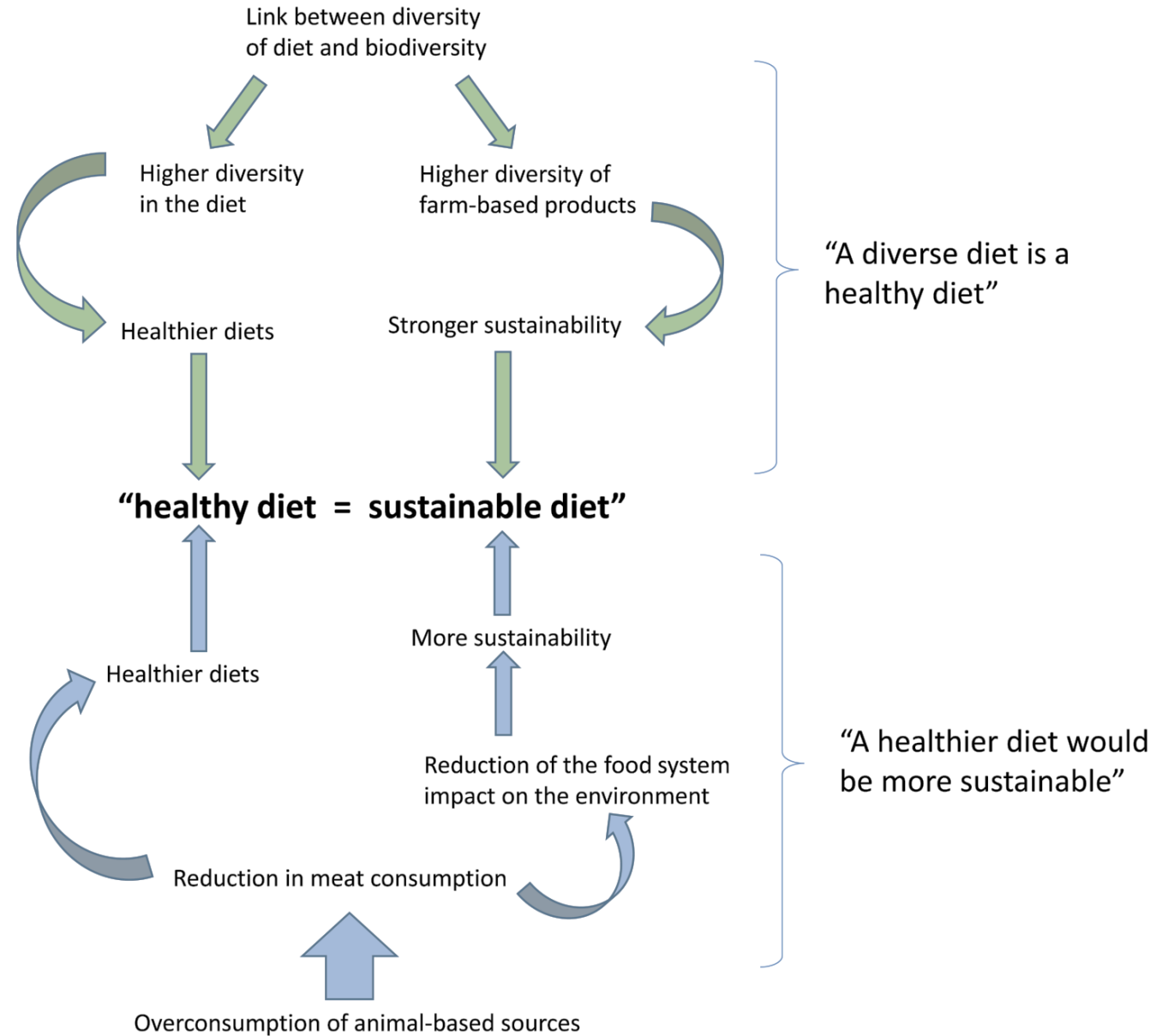
Research: Knowledge Is Needed On

DOMAINS THAT NUTRITIONISTS RELATE TO	DOMAINS THAT RELATE TO NUTRITION
FOODS NUTRIENTS COOKING PRACTICES EATING PATTERNS DIGESTION & ASSIMILATION PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HORMONES BIOMARKERS (PHYSIOLOGICAL & BIOCHEMICAL) IMMUNITY ANTHROPOMETRICS PATHOLOGICAL MARKERS GENES EPIGENETICS MICROBIOME	AGRICULTURE FOOD PROCESSING WATER SANITATION HEALTH SYSTEM EDUCATION INCOME EQUITY TRANSPORT COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TRADE ENVIRONMENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS



As food systems evolve to address the challenges of population growth, environmental change and economic instability, we should ensure that they also **improve nutrition.**

What credible win-win scenarios should WE promote?



School Meals Can Be Transformational



1. School meals that are consistent with national dietary guidelines and formulated with **emphasis on nutritious ingredients and food groups**
2. Policies that facilitate **local and regional procurement** and **diversification** of foods for schools
3. **Predictable national budget allocations** to support these integrated activities

4. An **effective, inter-sectoral mechanism** for managing such programmes, which includes **careful measurement and monitoring** of their efficiency and of their expected educational, nutritional and agricultural outcomes.
5. The ability to promote consumption of healthier school meals and **encourage children's lifelong healthy eating habits** through:
6. Integrated actions that link school meals with **nutrition education, community engagement, school gardening, trainings** and technical support to help schools achieve a healthier environment overall.

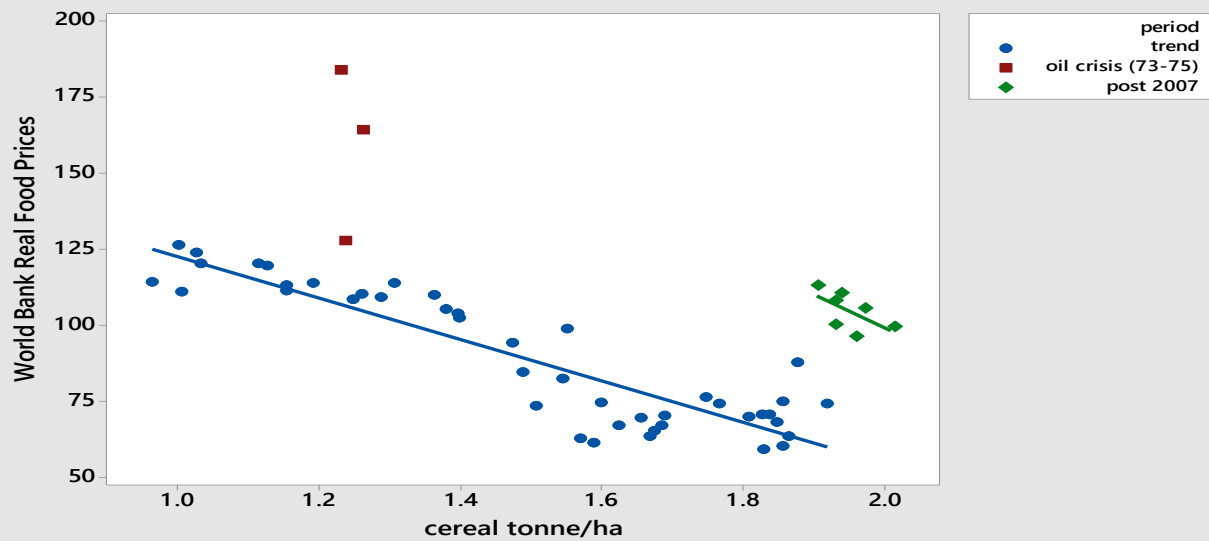




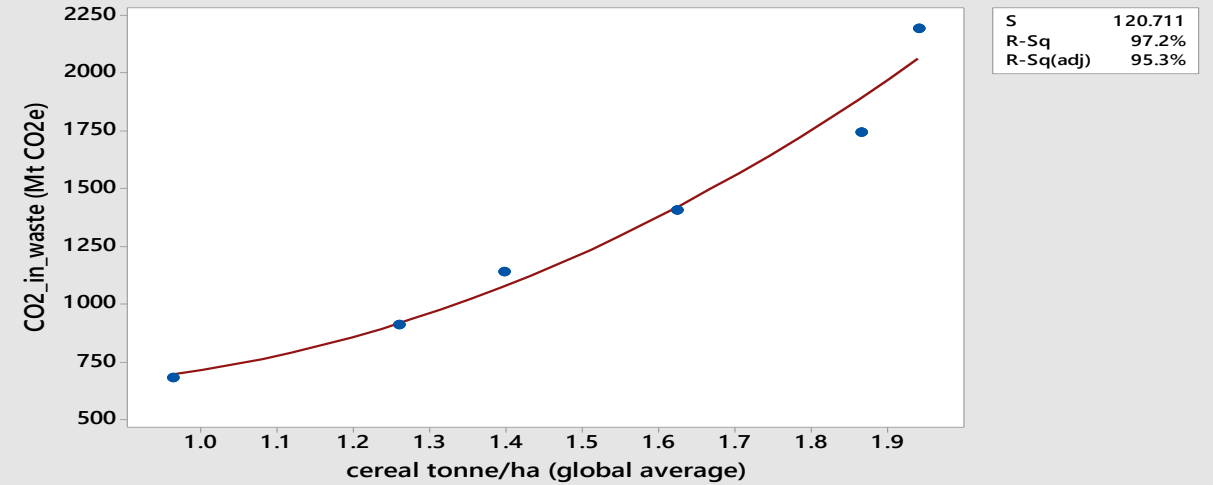
As Yields Grow, Waste Grows Faster



Food prices decline as yields increase



Fitted Line Plot
 $CO_2_in_waste (Mt CO_2e) = 1138 - 1383 \text{ cereal tonne/ha} + 958.9 \text{ cereal tonne/ha}^2$



A half-century of production-phase greenhouse gas emissions from food loss & waste in the global food supply chain

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making food cheaper embeds waste as “economically rational behaviour”



**1.3 billion metric tons, or
one third, of food
available for human
consumption never
reaches the plate or bowl**



- **Food waste:** discarding of food downstream in the value-chain, particularly at retail and consumer levels, e.g. aesthetic quality, or spoilage
- **Food loss:** decrease in quantity or quality of food intended for human consumption, e.g. in agricultural production, post-harvest or during transformation

Global Food Loss And Waste Costs C. US\$940 Billion / Year

The highest economic losses occur for:

- cereals in post-harvest handling and storage;
- fruit and vegetables in transformation and packaging; and
- meat, seafood and milk, at the distribution and retail level.

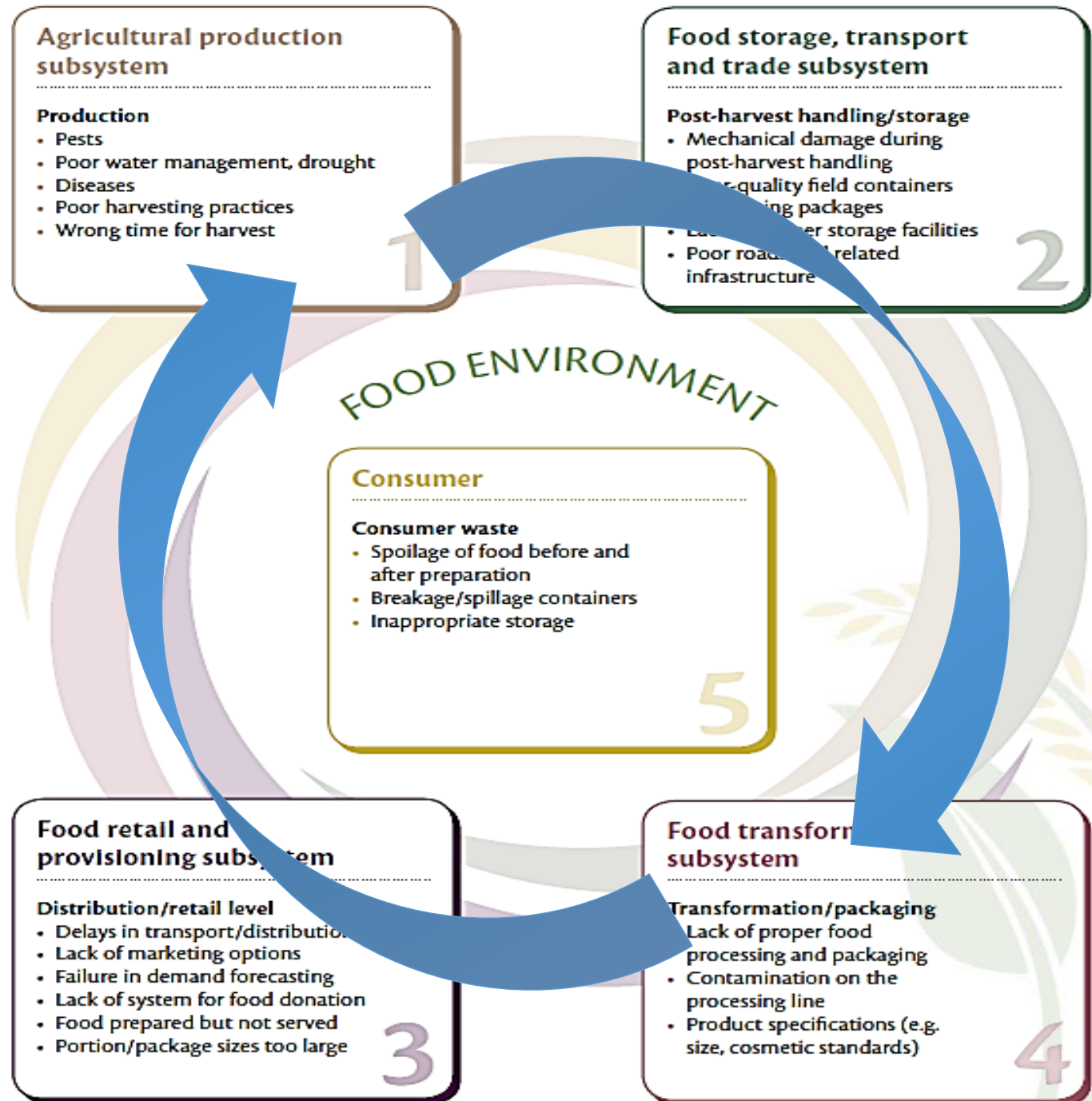


“The Very Foods That Are Critical Components Of Healthy Diets Are At The Highest Risk Of Loss And Waste”

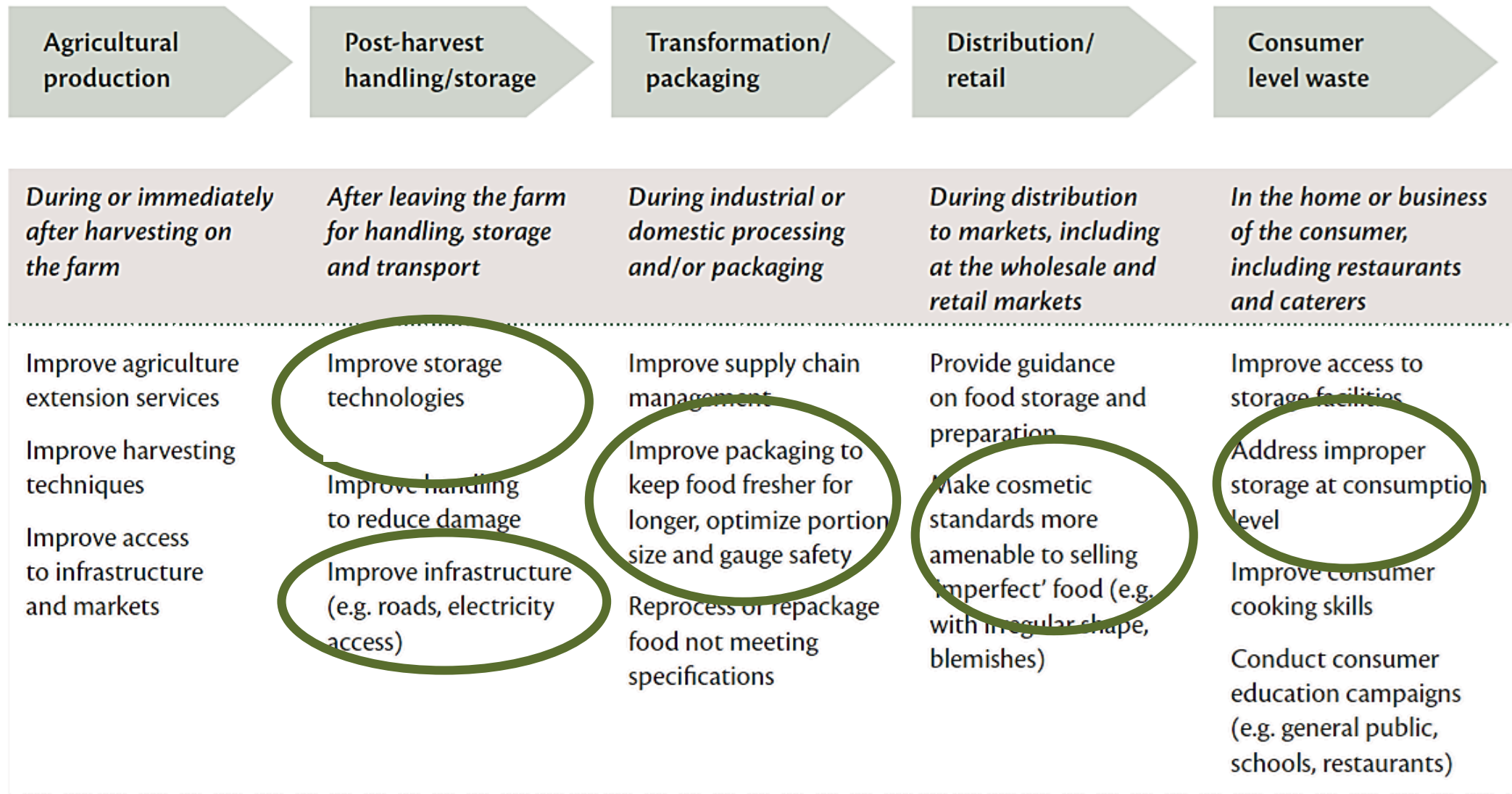


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Drivers Of Nutrient Loss And Waste



Policy Solutions Exist Throughout The Value Chain



A New Global Panel Study Shows That Reducing Food Loss And Waste Would Have Substantial Nutritional Benefits



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Scenario 1 ('business as usual') - food loss/waste rises 37%:

- By 2030, 25% of calories and protein produced would be 'lost' to consumers, along with 18% to 41% of vitamins and minerals.

Scenario 2 (consistent with SDG target 12.3) - food loss and waste cut by 50%

- Supply of folate, vitamin A, riboflavin, folate and calcium would significantly increase.

Priority Areas For Action

1. Make reduction of food loss and waste a global policy agenda on par with 'producing more food'
2. Take practical steps at all points across the food system to retain nutrients produced
3. Invest in public and private infrastructure at all levels
4. Encourage innovation in technologies, system efficiencies, policies and practices
5. Improving data collection & analysis – set targets for loss reduction and report progress



Preventing nutrient loss and waste across the food system:

Policy actions for high-quality diets

This policy brief shows that a reduction in food loss and waste, particularly in high-nutrient foods, has the potential to yield substantial nutritional benefits, contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Addressing loss and waste of nutritious foods should be a specific new priority for improving nutrition.

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“Reducing loss and waste in nutritious foods would yield substantial benefits not only for human health, but for global economies and the environment”

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AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT