

**HOW TO USE FOOD PRICE RISE AS A MOTIVE FOR CONCERTED ACTION
AGAINST CHRONIC HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION.**

Dear Friends,

For many years world food production has kept ahead of demand, and, as a result, prices for most major food commodities have gradually fallen. Over the past few years, food supplies have become tighter, and global prices have risen very rapidly. As long as these rising prices are passed onto farmers, this will have a positive effect on their incomes and enable them to invest in expanding production and improving efficiency. Consumers in almost every country, however, are seeing their cost of living rise because they have to spend more on food. For very poor people, **a dramatic rise in food prices becomes literally a matter of life or death**. Unless urgent measures are taken, there seems bound to be an increase in the already huge number of families that are unable to grow or buy enough food to live a healthy life.

One positive impact of the rise in food prices is a **revival in international interest in agriculture, food security and nutrition**. During the coming months, the **International Alliance Against Hunger** (IAAH, <http://www.iaahp.net/>) will be speaking out on **what needs to be done to turn the current crisis into an opportunity** to get to grips with the problems of hunger and malnutrition that needlessly face hundreds of millions of people from the day they are born. We are revising the scope and content of the IAAH website and, throughout the rest of the year, intend to use it to **share ideas and experiences** on how individuals, communities and countries can **use the food price rise as a motive for concerted action against chronic hunger and malnutrition**.

Therefore, we would highly appreciate inputs from FSN Forum members on this important issue. Please share your thoughts, suggestions and experiences with us. The output of this discussion will be included in the April revision of the website <http://www.iaahp.net/>

Many thanks
Kind regards,

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