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Pasando a la acción en favor de los que sufren de pobreza y hambre en el mundo

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Even if the poverty and hunger Millennium Development Goal is achieved, millions of the world's poorest and hungry people will be left behind. New and different action is required to improve the welfare of these people.

When the Millennium Development Goals were adopted in 2000, 1.3 billion people were living in poverty and 800 million were food insecure. In the first of the eight MDGs, nearly 200 nations committed themselves to halve the proportion of poor and hungry people by 2015.

Although the world may meet this goal at the global level, many countries will not reach the goal and people are certain to be left behind. If we continue with "business as usual," 700 million people worldwide are projected to remain poor, many of them extremely poor, in 2015, and 600 million to go hungry. There are indications that the people who are poorest and most afflicted by hunger may have different social and economic characteristics from those who have successfully emerged from poverty in recent decades. Reaching them will require new and different action.

This 2020 Vision conference will look at what steps are needed to improve the welfare of the world's poorest and hungry people, based on the best available research and experience.

The Conference

This conference will address critical questions:

- Who are the poorest of the poor and those most afflicted by hunger?
- What are the key pathways out of extreme poverty and hunger?
- Which strategies, policies, and interventions have been successful in eradicating extreme poverty and hunger so far?
- How can existing actions to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger be accelerated or scaled up, and how can innovative solutions be designed and implemented for and with the poorest and hungry?

Participants

This conference will bring together perspectives and experience from major disciplines and sectors across the world. Research-based results will be presented in an atmosphere that allows informed exchange and mutual learning. Participants will span all key stakeholder groups, including leaders from governments, parliaments, nongovernmental and community-based organizations, farming, business and industry, research, media, and donor institutions. Participation in the conference is by invitation.

Organizers and Sponsors

This conference is organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Chinese State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOPAD). It is co-hosted by the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC), International Food Policy Research Institute, and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). Cosponsors include China, the Asian Development Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Canadian International Development Agency, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (German Agro-Action), European Commission, and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ) with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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