



Food Insecurity in Pakistan and the scope for regional cooperation

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Food Insecurity in South Asia: Some Basic Facts

- 36% of the world's food insecure live in South Asia
- From 1990-92 to 2010-2012 undernourishment rates have fallen from 26.8% to 17.6% far below the MDG Goal of halving the world's hungry by 2015. In contrast in East Asia the prevalence fell from 29.6% to 10.9%
- In absolute terms South Asia's undernourished population fell from 327 million to 304 million

Food Insecurity in Pakistan

- Based on the 2009 estimates by SDPI 48% of the population was said to be food insecure And 22.4% were extremely food insecure.
- Most recent analysis suggests worsening of the situation.
- Food Insecurity is principally a demand side issue in the country, as production is relatively sufficient. Persistent food inflation, and low levels of income and limited employment opportunities.
- The worst affected districts include those areas made remote by conflict.
- Global Hunger Index for Pakistan for 2012 was 19.7 which is higher than the global average of 14.7 but lower than South Asia which is 22.5.

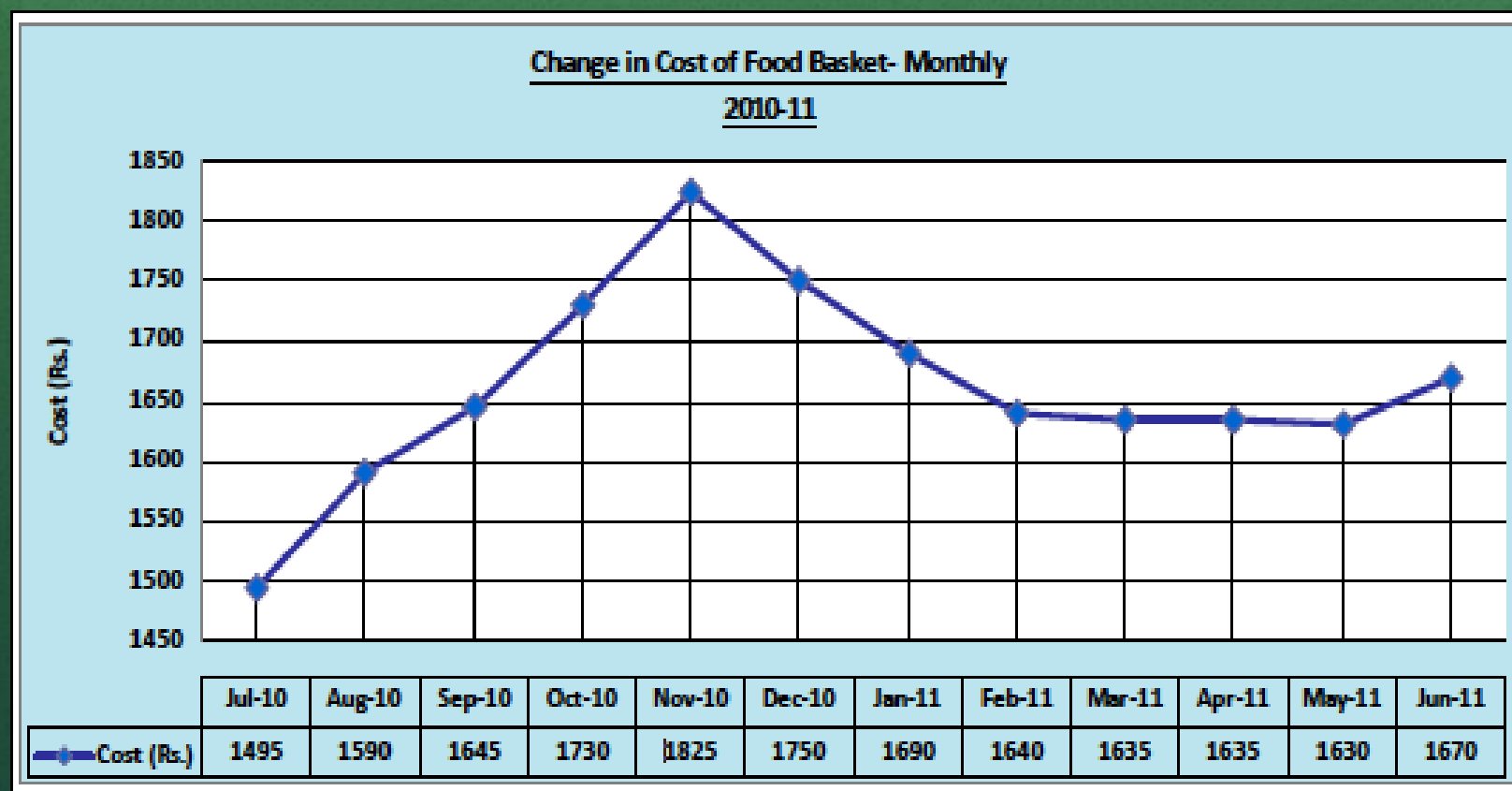
Availability

<u>Food Availability – 2001-11</u>										
Food Items	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (Kg/month)
Cereals	10.7	10.7	11.5	12.8	12.1	12.2	12.4	14.8	12.1	12.4
Pulses	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Sugar	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.0
Fats & Oils	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4
Meat	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.7
Milk(Liters)	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.8	7.9
Vegetables	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
Nutrients (per capita/day)										
a) Calories	2150	2155	2270	2430	2440	2470	2590	2725	2460	2490
b) Protein (gm)	60	59	63	67	67	69	72	75	68	69

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- Despite substantial total production of wheat the per capita production has remained relatively constant since 1992, due to unchecked population growth

Food Access: Price index



Food Item	Food Basket	Food Availability	Consumption
Wheat	10.00	9.81	8.00
Rice	2.3	1.00	1.00
Pulses	1.00	0.6	0.25
Protein(gms per capita per day)	60	69	45
Calories	2150	2370	1700

Food Absorption

- Based on Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) 44% of the population is without safe drinking water, the figure rising to 90% for rural areas
- 27% of rural households do not have access to toilets

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