



Food Security and Rural Development Forum, ADB

Leaders' Roundtable: The Future of Food systems in Asia and Pacific

Key challenges in APR

SDG #1 into reverse

An estimated **80 million people pushed back into extreme poverty**; is further expected to increase due to high food prices, trade disturbances and climate change

SDG #2 into reverse

- More than half of the world's undernourished are found in Asia (418 million), the numbers **increased by 57 million due Covid-19**

Ukraine-Russia conflict

Disruptions in the Black Sea ports have affected wheat importer countries mainly **Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia**



Challenges in the agriculture sector

ICT4D	Lack of access to ICT: need for inclusive rural information and communication services; and knowledge-sharing capacities of farmers to increase production
Human Capital	Limited Human Capital: need for investment in human capital and capacity building programs to train youth and women
Business Services	Slow Business Services: need to improve capacity of SME/MSMEs, access to value chains, markets and finance
Visibility/ Voice	Gap in Voice and Visibility: need for horizontal exchanges between farmers, negotiation and advocacy skills
Climate Threats	Exposure to Climate Change Threats: need to Identify climate-resilient diversified production systems and implement them for different landscapes



Drivers for more sustainable and inclusive food systems

Markets as a driver for inclusive and sustainable food systems

Support and develop market incentives and instruments (grades and standards) to support affordable food prices for nutrient-dense foods.

Focus on Off-farm Enterprises

To invest efficiency of rural value and supply chains for a resilient economy and access to new technologies for processing, packaging, transport, distribution.

Strengthen Social Protection laws for inclusive food systems

Knowledge and awareness of land and agricultural rights, safety nets, social insurance can create purchasing power and support food demand.

Collaboration with Private Sector for investments

Drive innovative technological solutions using emerging digital technologies and to scale up financing



Tailor-made, evidence based engagement modalities..

Access to knowledge sharing mechanisms

To generate, document, and share knowledge, as well as exchanging good practices and lessons learned

Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Policy Dialogue

Strengthened partnership to identify innovative mechanisms around inclusive food production, transformation, and commercialization, and facilitate policy dialogues

Enhancing our lending and non-lending instruments

Bringing financial and non-financial support packages at scale to ensure healthy food is affordable and accessible for rural people .



Key promising investment areas to foster a brighter food systems future

Digital Knowledge investments



Investment in digital knowledge and skills to access to inclusive rural information and communication services

Agroecological market innovations



Increase the availability of diverse, affordable, safe, healthy and locally produced foods, and allocate greater value to agroecological products

Climate Smart Agriculture Technologies



Partner with stakeholders to create resilient CSA programs into climate resilient landscape projects



Thank you



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