OUR
DYSFUNCTIONAL
FOOD SYSTEM

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NO RICE!!! 2008 CRISIS



Only 5% of global rice supply is internationally traded!

Lesson: Not a good idea to bet food security on one crop!!

OUR FOOD SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING! Poverty in the farms

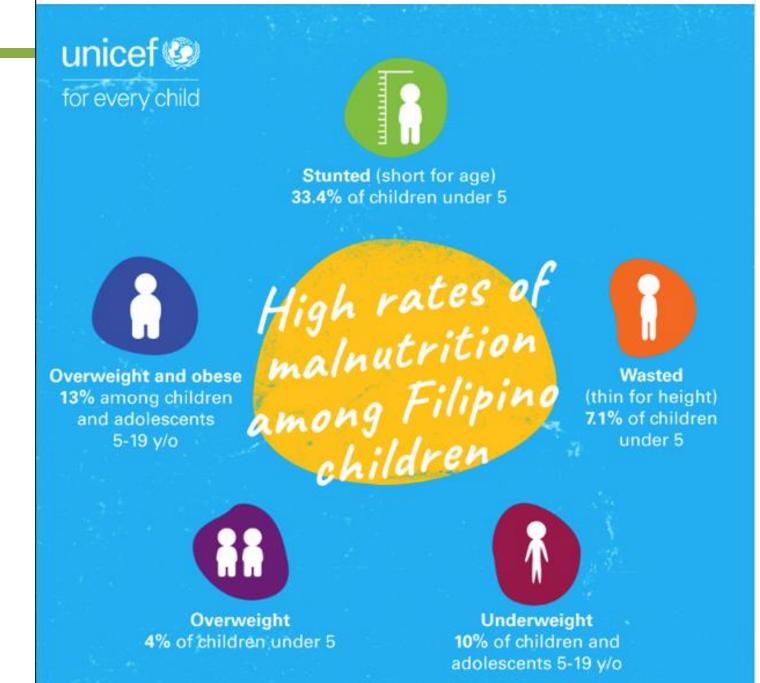
Triple burden of malnutrition

Resource depletion and pollution

Ill prepared for Climate Change

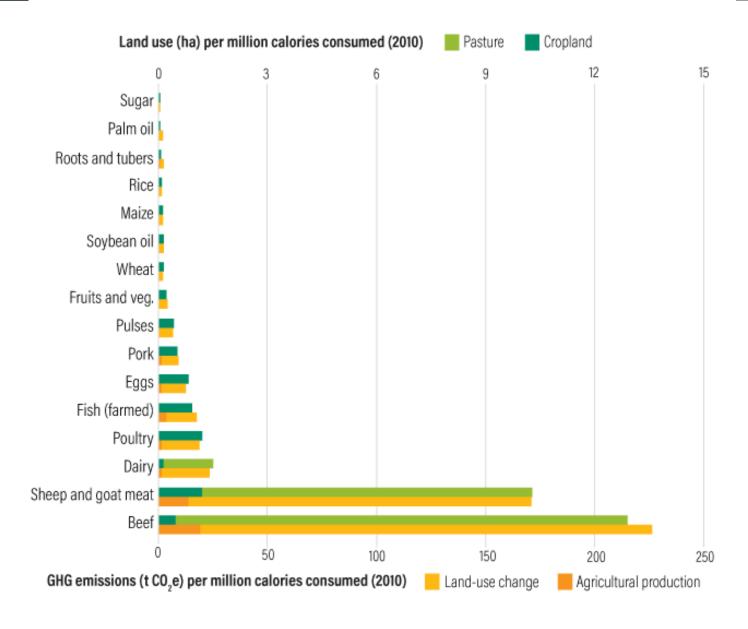
2019 Report: Triple burden of Malnutrition

- 1. Underfed, undernourished
- 2. Overfed, undernourished
- 3. Hidden hunger



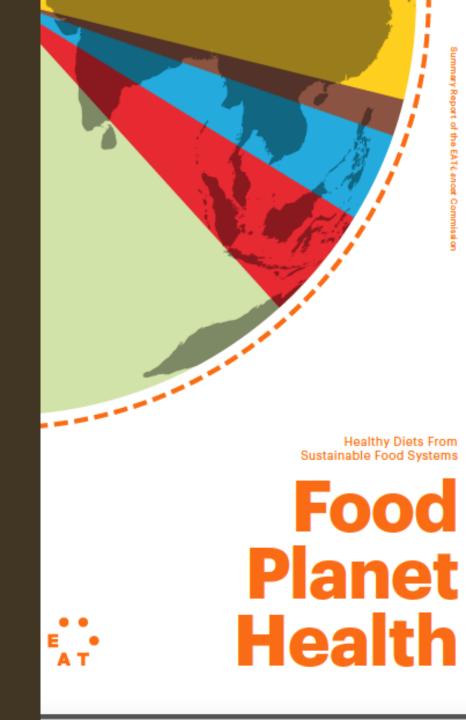
Source: The State of the World's Children: Children, Food and Nutrition

Animal-based foods are more resource-intensive than plant-based foods



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SETS SCIENTIFIC TARGETS FOR HEALTHY DIETS SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION



Foodstuff	% increase	% reduction
	needed	needed
Grains (rice, bread, corn, noodles)	_	36
Tubers or starchy vegetables	77	
Vegetables	1440	
Fruits	31	
Dairy foods		

RECOMMENDED INCREASE/DECREASE IN DAILY FOOD INTAKE TO ATTAIN THE PLANETARY HEALTH DIET (PHD)

Foodstuff	% increase needed	% reduction needed
Protein sources		
Beef, lamb, pork		86
Chicken and other poultry		39
Eggs		72
Fish	100	
Legumes and nuts	3493	

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WHAT WE EAT KANIN AT ULAM

WHAT WE SHOULD EAT ULAM LAHAT?



Figure 7. Typical food of Filipino households in a day: Philippines, 2013.

BBC Food: Health recipes and diet information

STAGES IN THE MODERN FOOD SYSTEM



PRODUCTION



MARKETING



CONSUMPTION

THE LONG JOURNEY FROM "KANIN AT ULAM" TO PHD

First steps	Next steps
DepEd Circular against junk food in schools	IMAGINATION: PHD based feeding programs?
Healthy rice campaign	SCOPE, SCALE
Laws: tax on sugar, salty stuff	IMAGINATION: Incentives for PHD oriented restaurants?
Culinary Agriculture	IMPLEMENTATION
Emerging Samgyupsal type fast food, Pho restaurants	SCOPE, SCALE

MARKETING SUPPORT FOR PHD

First steps	Next steps
Revival of FTI	IMPLEMENTATION (Just do it!)
EMB Refill Revolution	IMPLEMENTATION (Just do it!)
Eat local, buy local campaign of DA	Clarity, what does it mean?
Farmers' market, UPLB and UPD	SCALE
Dairy Box of PCC	SCALE (More dairy carabaos)
LGU investments in modern wet markets	SCALE, a viable cold chain
Session Groceries, BigasPh (online)	SCALE, SCOPE
Community Supported Agriculture	SCALE, SCOPE
HML Foods Corp., Albay	SCALE (More of the same)
Green Harvest Carn Genson	CCALE (Mara of the came)

PRODUCTION SUPPORT FOR PHD FROM MAINSTREAM TECH

First steps	Next steps
R and D on orphan food plants, fish, mushroom, algae (including seaweeds), animals, insects	IMAGINATION: public sector investment in food diversity
Native breeds, BAI	SCALE (Chicks and piglets)
Palayamanan Plus and Future Rice of PhilRice	SCALE
Mariculture Parks, LGU-BFAR-Private	SCALE (fingerlings, feeds, investments)
DepEd-SEARCA reviving teaching of farming	IMPLEMENTATION (Do they have land and water?)
Shalom Science Institute "Rice and Vegetable Garden"	SCALE
AGREA in Marinduque	SCALE

THE FUTURE: PRODUCTION SUPPORT FOR PHD FROM HIGH TECH

Now	Next steps
Open ocean mariculture and integrated multitrophic aquaculture	IMAGINATION; support for R and D
SPICE project of UP	SCALE, SCOPE
Meat substitutes (e.g. mushroom burger); milk and egg substitutes	IMAGINATION (New tech make these look and taste like real meat, milk or eggs); support for R and D; nyogurt!, soymilk!
Clean meat and fish (cellular agriculture)	IMAGINATION (Proof of concept done); support for R and D

SUMMARY

We have a dysfunctional food system that impacts on economy, health, environment and climate change preparedness

To fix it requires an all of society approach targeting consumption, marketing and production

We have made the first steps

To succeed, we need more of ISIS (IMAGINATION, SCOPE, IMPLEMENTATION, SCALE)

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

TRANSFORMATIO
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STARTS IN YOUR
MOUTH!