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# FOODSECURE

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## Region report for: South Asia



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Dimension	Indicator	Value	Score
Potential	Cereals yield gap	17.25	4
	Irrigation gap	2.42	2
	Arable land per capita	0.31	4
Efficiency	Cereals yield	0.03	3
FNS Risk	Stunting		
	Underweight		
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### National food price volatility

- The general food price volatility in the country is medium
- The irregular volatility (price uncertainty) in the country is low
- The seasonal range (percentage deviation between highest and lowest price of the seasonality obtained from decomposition analysis) is low

### Price transmission

- The maximum transmission elasticity (over all commodity prices) is low
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- The food security index (based on average daily calorie intake, share of animal proteins, and calorie deficit) is very low
- The nutrition security index (based on % undernourished , % of women suffering from anemia and under-five mortality rates) is medium
- The obesity index (based on the prevalence of obesity among adult women) is very low
- The economic performance (based on per capita GDB, the GINI coefficient, and the women's economic opportunity index) is very low
- Agricultural performance (based on per capita food production, value added per agricultural worker, and import share of agricultural products) is very low
- The agricultural potential (based on precipitation, growing season, soil fertility and water availability) is very high
- The health infrastructure (based on % with access to (1) improved water sources and (2) proper sanitation)) is low
- The political index (based on level of democratization, efficiency/quality of the government and political stability) is low
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**Table: food security indicators for Bangladesh**

Dimension	Indicator	Value	Score
Potential	Cereals yield gap	13.63	3
	Irrigation gap	1.66	1
	Arable land per capita	0.06	1
Efficiency	Cereals yield	0.05	4
FNS Risk	Stunting	47.7	5
	Underweight	40.16	5
	Wasting	13.51	5
	Volatility	0.01	3
	Social protection	3.5	3
	GDP per capita	1235.06	1

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for Bangladesh

- Chronic malnutrition
- Acute malnutrition
- Hunger without volatility



## Markets & trade

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The status of different policy instruments related to food security for Bangladesh

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### National food price volatility

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### Price transmission

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Year	Daily calorie intake	Daily protein intake	Daily fat intake
1969	2075	42.9	13.4
1974	2063	45.4	13
1979	2099	45.1	13.6
1984	2044	43.7	14.7
1989	2095	43.8	18.8
1994	2008	42.3	17.4
1999	2288	49	22.6
2004	2395	51.6	25.8
2009	2432	55	25.1

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The innovation profile for country name is based on this/these factor(s):

- Annual growth in total factor productivity (difference between rate of change in output and rate of change in input) in the period 2000-2009 has been high
- The innovation index (based on an index for education, economic incentive regime, information infrastructure and the innovation system) is very low
- The educational level is low
- There is a high economic incentive regime
- The level of information and communication technology (ICT) is low
- Spending on research and development (R&D) is low

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# Country report for: Bhutan

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**Table: food security indicators for Bhutan**

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Potential	Cereals yield gap	19.87	4
	Irrigation gap	4.23	3
	Arable land per capita	0.18	3
Efficiency	Cereals yield	0.04	3
FNS Risk	Stunting	34.25	4
	Underweight	11.6	3
	Wasting	5.3	3
	Volatility		
	Social protection	3.38	3
	GDP per capita	4007.07	2

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for Bhutan

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# Country report for: India

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**Table: food security indicators for India**

Dimension	Indicator	Value	Score
Potential	Cereals yield gap	16.16	4
	Irrigation gap	2.47	2
	Arable land per capita	0.14	3
Efficiency	Cereals yield	0.04	4
FNS Risk	Stunting	47.9	5
	Underweight	43.5	5
	Wasting	20	5
	Volatility	0.01	2
	Social protection	3.5	3
	GDP per capita	2455.94	2

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for India

- Chronic malnutrition
- Acute malnutrition
- Hunger without volatility

## Markets & trade

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The status of different policy instruments related to food security for India

- The country is strengthening its risk management and institutions (based on FAPDA 2014)
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### National food price volatility

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- The maximum transmission elasticity (over all commodity prices) is very low
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Year	Daily calorie intake	Daily protein intake	Daily fat intake
1969	1967	47	25.9
1974	1861	43.3	25.6
1979	1944	45.1	27.6
1984	2102	48	29.9
1989	2242	51.8	33.6
1994	2100	47	34.4
1999	2216	49.7	39.3
2004	2130	47.4	39.4
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- The innovation index (based on an index for education, economic incentive regime, information infrastructure and the innovation system) is medium
- The educational level is high
- There is a low economic incentive regime
- The level of information and communication technology (ICT) is low
- Spending on research and development (R&D) is low

## Country report for: Maldives



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**Table: food security indicators for Maldives**

Dimension	Indicator	Value	Score
Potential	Cereals yield gap	12.32	3
	Irrigation gap		
Efficiency	Arable land per capita	0.01	1
	Cereals yield	0.02	2
FNS Risk	Stunting	26.1	3
	Underweight	21.75	4
	Wasting	11.8	5
	Volatility	0.05	5
	Social protection	3.62	5
	GDP per capita	6309.14	3

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for Maldives

- Acute malnutrition

## Markets & trade

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The status of different policy instruments related to food security for Maldives

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1989	2311	75.1	43.8
1994	2368	88.6	43.8
1999	2348	94.5	49.9
2004	2206	67.6	47.5
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**Table: food security indicators for Nepal**

Dimension	Indicator	Value	Score
Potential	Cereals yield gap	18.06	4
	Irrigation gap	2.02	2
	Arable land per capita	0.09	2
Efficiency	Cereals yield	0.03	3
FNS Risk	Stunting	48.97	5
	Underweight	36.97	5
	Wasting	11.73	5
	Volatility	0.02	4
	Social protection	3.12	3
	GDP per capita	1078.62	1

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for Nepal

- Chronic malnutrition
- Acute malnutrition
- Overall hunger and malnutrition

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The status of different policy instruments related to food security for Nepal

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FNS Risk	Stunting	42.25	5
	Underweight	31.1	5
	Wasting	14.5	5
	Volatility	0.01	3
	Social protection	3.19	3
	GDP per capita	2151.41	2

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for Pakistan

- Chronic malnutrition
- Acute malnutrition
- Hunger without volatility

## Markets & trade

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The status of different policy instruments related to food security for Pakistan

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## Prices & productivity

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### National food price volatility

- The general food price volatility in the country is low
- The irregular volatility (price uncertainty) in the country is low
- The seasonal range (percentage deviation between highest and lowest price of the seasonality obtained from decomposition analysis) is low

### Price transmission

- The maximum transmission elasticity (over all commodity prices) is very low
- The mean quintile of transmission elasticity quintiles over commodities is 1



## Health and Nutrition

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Year	Daily calorie intake	Daily protein intake	Daily fat intake
1969	2178	48.3	27.6
1974	2138	48.6	32.6
1979	2101	45.9	36.7
1984	2051	43.8	39.7
1989	2157	46.4	44.3
1994	2154	46.4	47.6
1999	2118	43.8	51.2
2004	2039	40.8	51.5
2009	2099	42.6	57.5

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## Country report for: Sri Lanka

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## Introduction

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- Provide guidance to stakeholders on technological and institutional change and policy strategies to improve global FNS.

More information about the FOODSECURE project is available at <http://www.foodsecure.eu/>

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## Typology

A categorization of countries based on their characteristics can help policy makers in developing the right strategy, as it facilitates the interpretation and drawing of suitable conclusions from case studies and successful policies in other countries. In this FOODSECURE project, the typology will help calibrating models and interpreting results at national levels, as well as guide the selection of case studies by project partners.

The typology is developed based on the countries' food or nutrition security profiles, as well as on their agricultural, economic, (agricultural) innovation systems, social and political profiles:

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The food security profiles can help in highlighting countries with unstable market conditions, high seasonality or acute and chronic malnutrition. Three key dimensions are identified to construct typology indicators. These include countries' potential to expand production, efficiency of grain production and food and nutrition security (FNS) risk. The data is based on monthly and annual observations from the period 2000 – 2012. More information about this data can be found in FOODSECURE Technical Paper 4 (Mujahid and Kalkuhl, 2014).

**Table: food security indicators for Sri Lanka**

Dimension	Indicator	Value	Score
Potential	Cereals yield gap	17.61	4
	Irrigation gap	1.82	1
	Arable land per capita	0.05	1
Efficiency	Cereals yield	0.03	3
FNS Risk	Stunting	18.3	2
	Underweight	21.83	4
	Wasting	14	5
	Volatility	0.02	5
	Social protection	3.56	5
	GDP per capita	3884.15	2

The scores in the table above result in the following problems for Sri Lanka

- Acute malnutrition

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