

Committee: Health

Topic: The need to ensure fair worldwide access to food supplies

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Introduction:

This debate will focus on the severity and difficulty of how accessible food supplies are around the world, to different countries, regardless of their economic status or population.

Definition of key terms:

World wide - extending or reaching throughout the world.

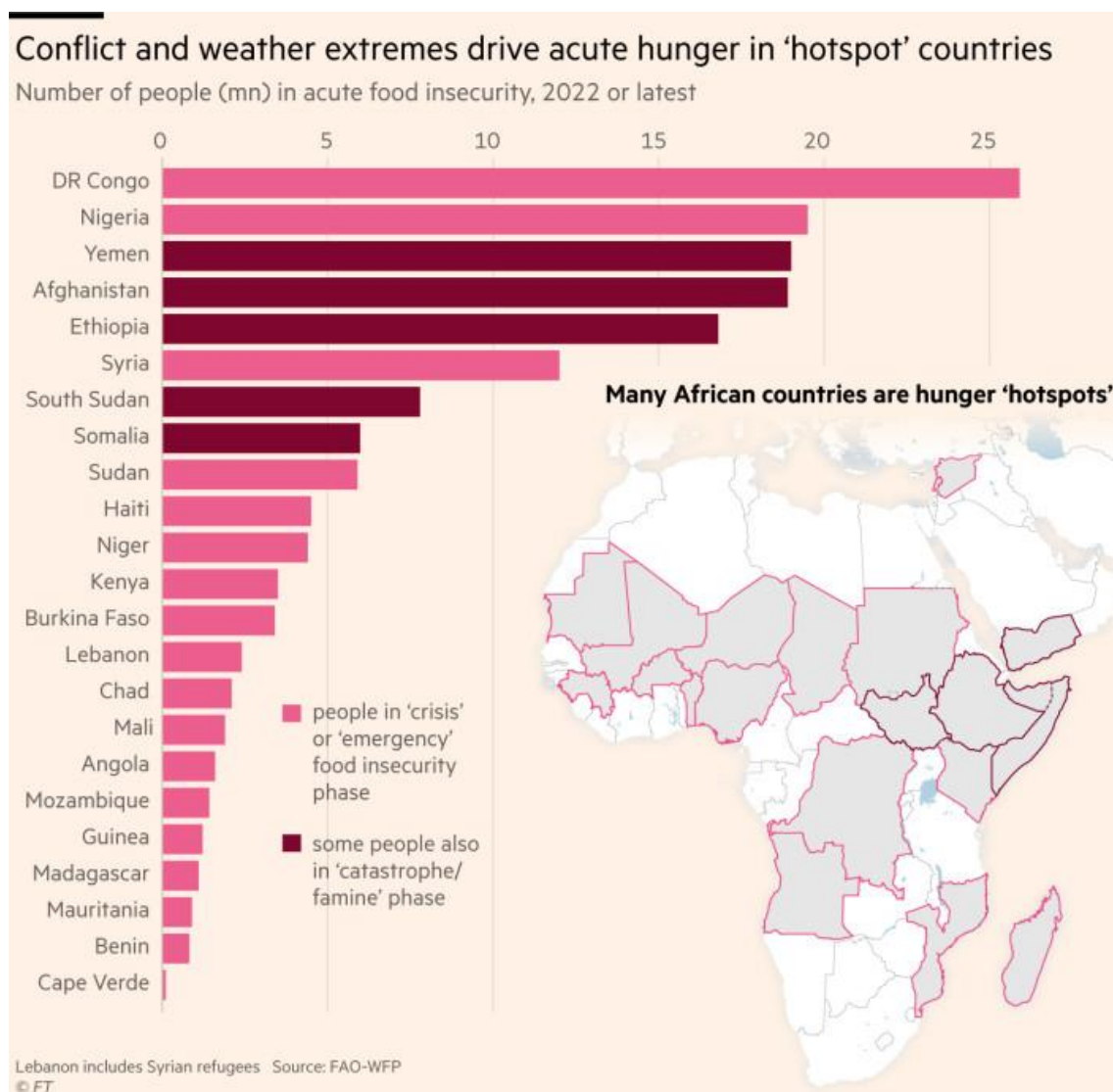
Ensure - make certain that (something) will occur or be the case.

Supplies - make (something needed or wanted) available to someone; provide.

Background information

Today's world is still not on track to achieve the sustainable development Goal 2, Zero Hunger by 2030. Hunger is a major problem that many countries, who are not able or given the opportunity to, access their right to food and nutrition. This is an ongoing battle that has not been won. The food security and the nutritional status of the most vulnerable countries is likely to further deteriorate due to health and socio - economic impacts of the Covid - 19 pandemic. As the world's only truly universal global organisation, The United Nations has become the foremost forum to address issues that transcend national boundaries and can not be resolved by any one country acting alone. The United Nations is an international organisation founded in 1945 and is committed to maintaining international peace and security; developing friendly relations among nations; promoting social progress, better

living standards and human rights. Third world countries are those that are the worst impacted and an estimated 346 million people on the African continent are affected by the food crisis, according to recent reports by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the African Union (AU). Food costs are soaring more than ever before and rising every year. The cost of food is now 42% higher now than 2014-2016, making it even more difficult for countries that are in poverty to be able to access this food.



This chart above highlights the number of people in acute food security in 2022, this is in the millions. The chart shows that many of the countries that are hunger 'hotspots' are on the African continent. Charts such as these highlight the importance for the world to understand,

so we can begin to make changes to these countries and parts of the world. We have recognised the access to food supplies is very limited in these areas and are causing a crisis and vast amounts of famine; thus showing there is not a fair world wide access to food supplies, particularly in Africa.

Sustainable development: access to food is a basic human right and an essential component of sustainable development. By ensuring fair access to food supplies, we can promote social, economic and environmental sustainability, as well as support the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

Economic development: access to food supplies can support economic development by providing food for people to consume, as well as creating jobs in the agriculture and food sectors. When people have access to sufficient and nutritious foods, they are better able and more likely to contribute to their local economies and communities.

Social justice: ensuring fair access to food supplies can help to promote social justice and also reduce inequalities. Access to food should not be determined by a person's wealth, social status, or location. Instead everyone should have the right to access sufficient, safe and nutritious food.

Global stability: food insecurity can lead to social unrest, conflict and migration. By ensuring fair access to food supplies, we can promote global stability and reduce the risk of conflict and displacement.

In conclusion, ensuring fair worldwide access to food supplies is essential for achieving food security, reducing hunger and malnutrition, promoting sustainable development, supporting economic development, promoting social justice, and promoting global stability.

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