



Help with agriculture

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In addressing the interconnected challenges of high food price volatility, population growth, climate change and malnutrition, agriculture can be an important tool.

Agriculture can help build long-term food security and permanently lift people out of poverty. With the current global food crisis, it's time policymakers, funders, and donors invest in the often-ignored dimensions of agricultural development that can help nourish people and the planet.

The Worldwatch Institute's Nourishing the Planet project travelled to 25 countries in sub-Saharan Africa last year, highlighting innovations that help reduce hunger and poverty while also protecting the environment. We met with more than 250 farmers' groups, government agencies, and NGOs whose low-cost and low-tech projects offer stories of hope and success in agriculture and have the potential to be replicated and scaled up around the world.

The research has been compiled in the *State of the World 2011: Innovations That Nourish the Planet* publication with the goal of informing decision-makers, farmers and donors of the urgent need to rethink our current approach to agriculture. Briefs from the report can be accessed at our website, nourishingtheplanet.org.

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