

FOOD SECURITY

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THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF UNDERNOURISHMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Breadth: The number of undernourished people in Southeast Asia was on a consistent decline from 2000 to 2014, but started to increase by 3 million in 2016. (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Number of undernourished people in Southeast Asia (millions)¹

Depth: Starting 2014, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has conducted surveys on the severity of food insecurity in Southeast Asia.² They found that severity has also increased, with an additional 6.8 million people facing severe food insecurity from 2014 to 2018 (Figure 2).

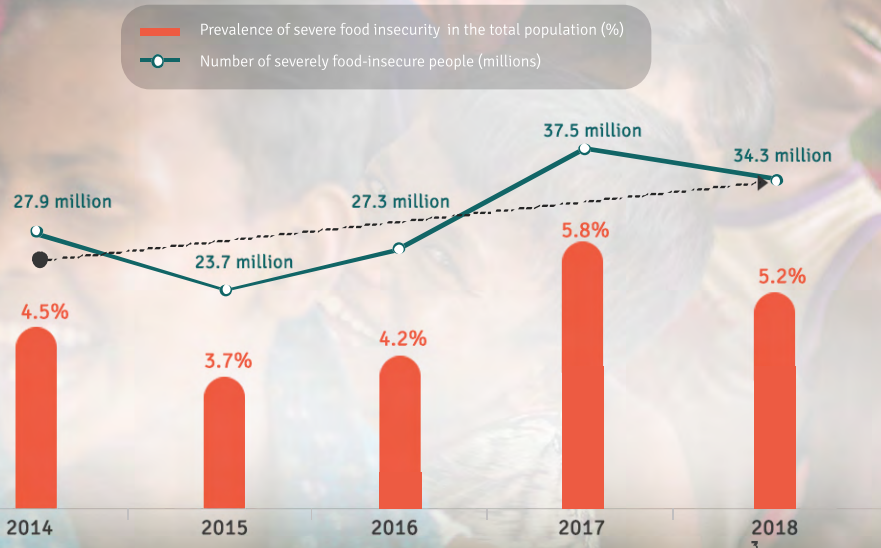


Figure 2: Severity of Food Insecurity in Southeast Asia³

Adapted from sources:

1. Adapted from FAO (2019), 'Suite of Food Security Indicators', FAOStat Database, <http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/FSI>. Downloaded 30 May 2019. 2. This was collected using the FAO's Food Security Insecurity Scale (FIES) questionnaire, available on the UN FAO website at <http://www.fao.org/in-action/voices-of-the-hungry/fies/en/>. 3. Adapted from FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), and World Health Organization (WHO). 2019. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019: Safeguarding against economic slowdowns and downturns. Rome, FAO.