Developed by the Economist Intelligence Unit and sponsored exclusively by DuPont, the Global Food Security Index measures the drivers of food security in 109 countries.

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### 2014 DATA REFRESH

In the last year:

- Food security increased for 70% of countries due to a 2% growth in global GDP.
- Uganda had the biggest score improvement, moving up 5.8 points to 45.6.
- The number of people suffering from chronic hunger dropped from 868M to 842M.

### CHALLENGES

**Food Waste**

While 1 in every 8 people in the world go to bed hungry, 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted every year.

**Obesity**

64% of the world’s population lives in countries where obesity takes more lives than undernutrition.

**Agricultural R&D**

Globally, R&D investment is a low percentage of agricultural GDP. The US and Botswana spend the highest percentage on R&D.

**Micronutrient Availability**

94% of the countries have low availability of both dietary animal and vegetal iron.

### FROM FARM TO TABLE, THE FIVE STAGES OF FOOD LOSS & WASTE

- **Production:** Food loss occurs due to environmental factors, inadequate storage, as well as compliance regulations.
- **Harvest Processing:** In the first stage of processing post harvest, technical limitations prevent efficient processing and result in food loss.
- **Industrial Processing:** Packaging, marketing and transportation complications can cause food waste.
- **Distribution and Sales:** Food waste occurs when demand is over-forecasted or ordered inappropriately.
- **Table:** At home or in restaurants, overgenerous portions or poor food preservation methods drive food waste.

### THE INDEX ASSESSES THREE CORE ISSUES:

- **Affordability**
  - The ability of consumers to purchase food, their vulnerability to price shocks and the presence of programs to support them when shocks occur.
- **Availability**
  - Sufficiency of a country’s food supply, the risk of supply disruption and the ability to distribute food efficiently.
- **Quality and Safety**
  - “Utilization” assesses the variety and nutritional quality of average diets, as well as food safety.