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IFPRI Food Policy Report on Halving Hunger: Meeting the First Millennium Development through Business as Unusual

The Director General of International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Dr. Shenggen Fan prepared a report entitled Halving Hunger: Meeting the First Millennium Development through "Business as Unusual", June 2010.

The world's leaders set a target of halving the percentage of hungry people between 1990 and 2015. This rather modest target constitutes part of the first Millennium Development Goal, which also calls for halving the proportion of people living in poverty and achieving full employment. However, the effort to meet the hunger target has swerved off track, and the world is getting farther and farther away from realizing this objective. The goal of halving hunger by 2015 can still be achieved, but business as usual will not be enough. What is needed is "business as unusual"—a smarter, more innovative, better focused, and cost-effective approach to reducing hunger. The five elements of this new approach are as follows: a) Investing in two core pillars -- agriculture and social protection; b) Bringing in new players- private sector, philanthropic organizations, and emerging-economy donors; c) Adopting a country-led, bottom-up approach; d) Designing policies using evidence and experiments; e) Walking the walk-keeping commitments, making timely investments, and holding institutions accountable for successes and failures. For more details on the IFPRI Food Policy report, please visit (<http://www.ifpri.org>).