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Building resilience through agrifood systems transformation

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Theme: Resilient agrifood systems and inclusive rural transformation

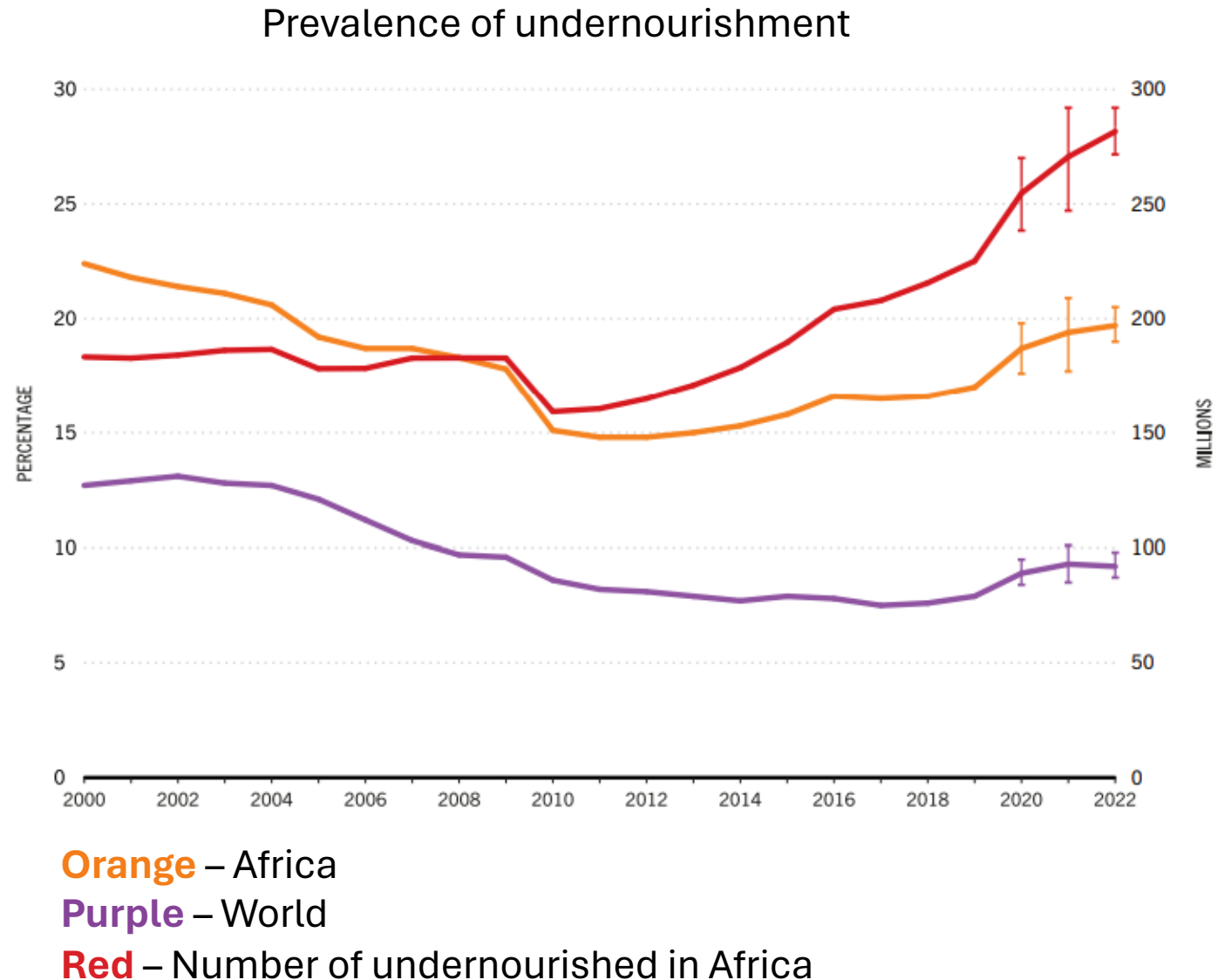


Snapshot of food insecurity in Africa

- **280 million people** face hunger in Africa (SOFI 2023)
- **146 million people** are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance (IPC 3+) in 2022 → five time increase since 2014.
- Africa is facing serious setbacks to meet the No Poverty and Zero Hunger targets under the SDGs (2030) and Malabo Declaration (2025)

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- Hunger affected about **11 million more** people in 2022 than in 2021.
- Hunger affected **57 million more** people since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **13** of the **top 18** food insecurity hotspots are in Africa.



Key drivers of hunger and malnutrition



Conflicts



Weather extremes (Climate change)



Economic shocks

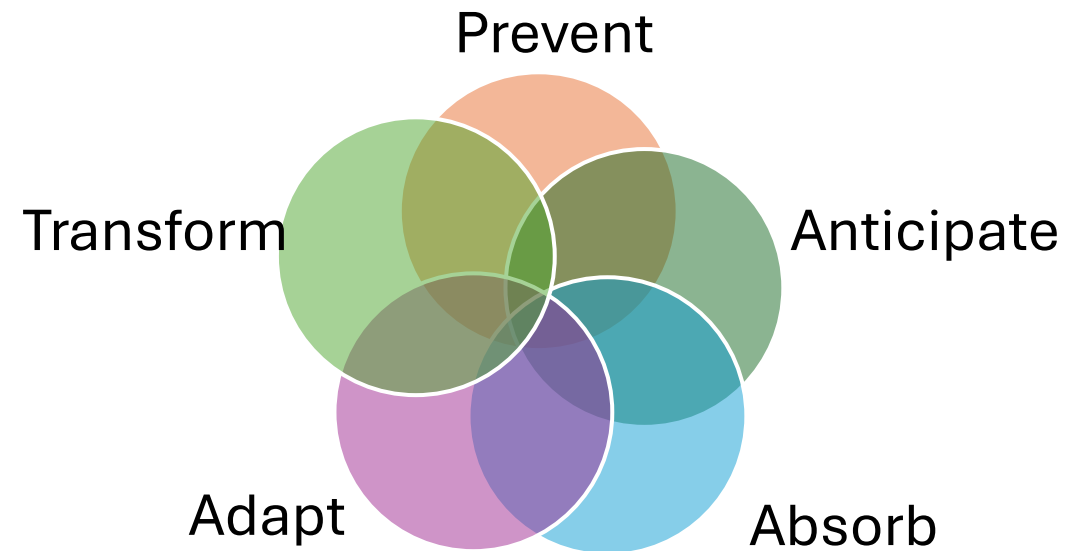


Animal pests and diseases

What do we mean by resilience?

UN Common Guidance on Helping **Build Resilient Societies**

The ability of individuals, households, communities, cities, institutions, systems and societies to **prevent**, **anticipate**, **absorb**, **adapt** and **transform** positively, efficiently and effectively when faced with a wide range of risks and crises, while maintaining an acceptable level of functioning, without compromising long-term prospects for sustainable development, peace and security, human rights and well-being for all.



Opportunities for resilience-building

- ✓ Livelihoods of **840 million** smallholders depend on agriculture (**more than 60%** of population in Africa)
- ✓ In 2023 alone, disaster-related losses = **USD 13.8 billion**
- ✓ In 2019, Africa spent **USD 12 billion** on agriculture

Investing in **resilient agrifood systems** would help to accelerate agrifood systems transformation by addressing multiple, interconnected and overlapping risks to ensure the food security, nutrition and livelihoods of millions of people and sustain development gains.

Reducing vulnerabilities and building capacities to mitigate and withstand shocks



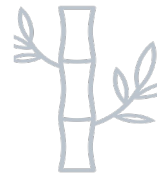
Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Africa



Commitment 6 of the Malabo Declaration



Africa commitments under the Africa Common Position on Food Systems for the UN Food Systems Summit



FAO support to members

Matters brought to attention of the Regional Conference

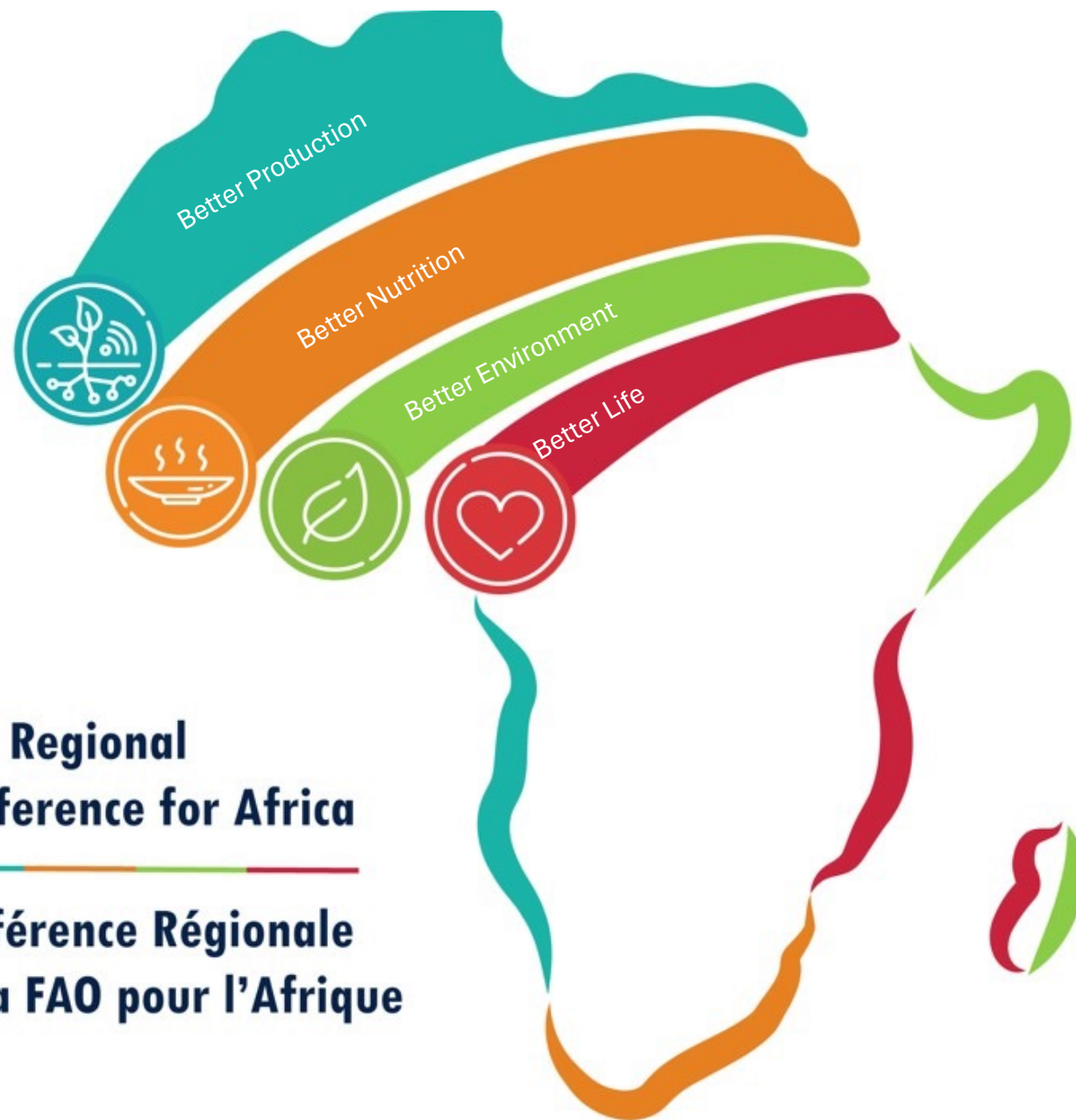
Members to:

- **Take note on FAO's work on enhancing resilience** through the adoption of innovative, context- and gender-specific approaches and solutions to mitigate the risks and manage the impact of disasters.
- **Share best practices and policies** for building resilience through agrifood systems transformation.
- **Step up carefully-targeted investments** in resilient agrifood systems and translate successful approaches into action, at scale and maximizing contributions to peace building.
- **Strengthen partnerships** with multiple stakeholders, including national and subnational stakeholders, development partners, United Nations agencies, civil society, academia, smallholder producers and their organizations, and the private sector.

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