

#### Libre circulation des produits alimentaires:

Améliorer la sécurité alimentaire en Afrique de l'Ouest par le développement du commerce intra-régional





# West Africa's Food Security Outlook to 2025

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### **Presentation Outline**

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- Food and nutritional situation in West Africa
- Causes of food insecurity in the region
- Trends until 2025
- Concluding remarks









#### Introduction

- Population in West Africa in 2025:
  - 400 million inhabitants
  - 53% in the cities
- An increasing need for food
- Recurrent crisis









### Food situation in the region

### 3 major characteristics:

- Sustained production output
- 2. Increase in food available for consumption
- 3. Reversing persistent malnutrition and hunger





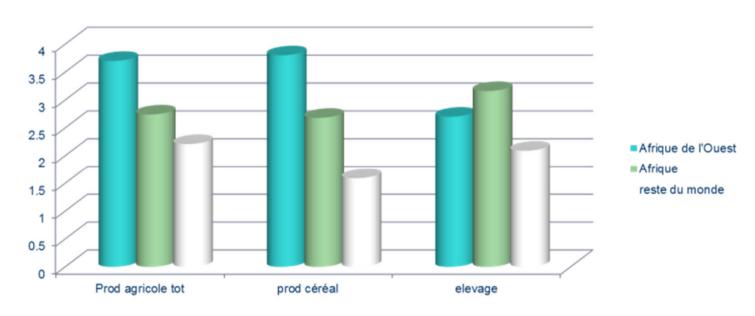




### Food situation (continued)

#### 1- Sustained production output

## Average production growth rate 1980-2010



Source: based on SWAC data, 2012







# Food situation (continued) 2-Increase in food available for consumption

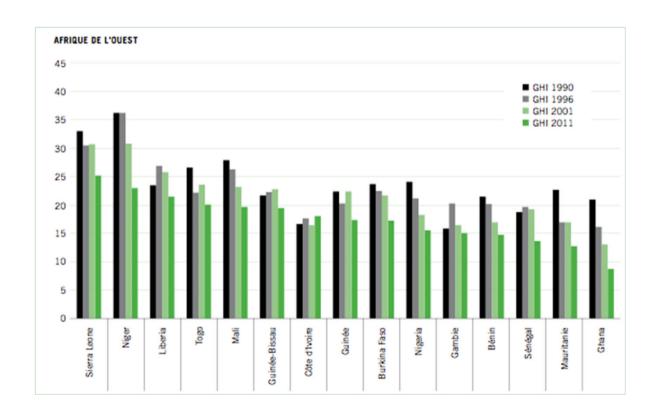
Year	Kcal per inhabitant per day
1980	1661 kcal
2007	2397 kcal

### 44% increase in 27 years





# Food situation (continued) 3-Reversing persistent malnutrition and hunger



Source: World Hunger Index, IFPRI et al. 2011







### Causes of food insecurity

- 2 interwoven causes:
  - Inaccessibility
  - Economic inaccessibility
- 4 key factors in West Africa:
  - Climate changes and variability
  - Demographics
  - Markets
  - Conflicts



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# **Causes** (continued) Factor 1 – Climate changes and variability

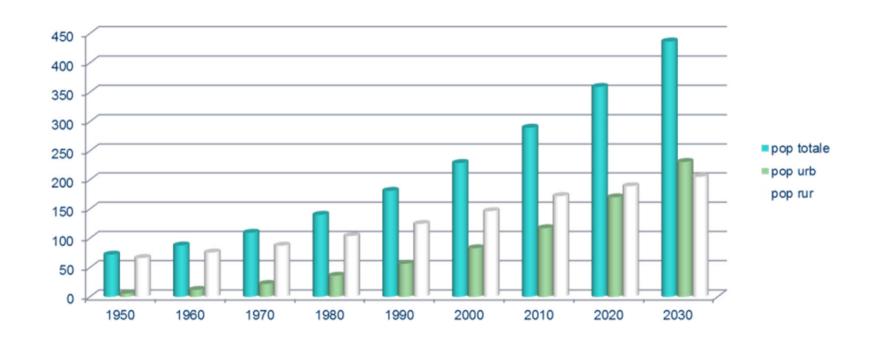
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- Frequent weather phenomena
- Land fertility

Productivity gains accounted for only 40% of the total increase in agricultural production.





### **Causes** (continued) Factor 2 – Demographics and population



Source: based on SWAC data, 2012





### **Causes** (continued) Factor 3 – Markets

- Double price instability
- Obstacles to exchange
- International markets

Drop in purchasing power = an increase in the vulnerability of households



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### **Causes** (continued) Factor 4 – Conflicts

- Displaced people, refugees
- Household assets
- Migrant workforce

Number of assisted persons rising





### **Trends until 2025**

- Favorable developments:
  - Transformation of the population
  - Progress and productivity
  - Management of agricultural and nutrition policies
- Do note, however:
  - Strong and complex demand
  - Shortage of products



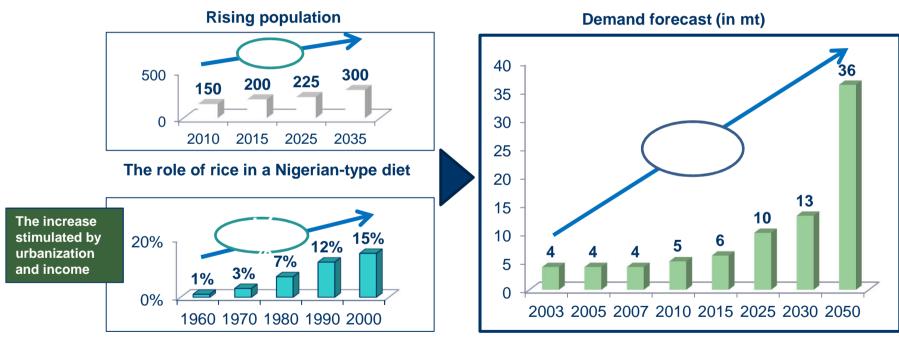






# Trends until 2025 (continued) Rice, the Achilles' heel of regional food security

### The case of Nigeria



Source: Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Transformation Agenda



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### Conclusion:

#### Reducing the hunger, without uprooting it

- Demographic transition
- Regional market reforms
- Household resistance
- Social protection











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## Thank you.

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