

ACHIEVEMENTS:

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Significant progress in reduction of malnourishment in China. China's booming economy has lifted millions out of poverty.

Source: Unicef

CHALLENGES:

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Rising food prices and the poor state of global economy are causing reversion of the declining trend in food security.

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From 1990 to 2007 the proportion of children under five who were underweight dropped only by 5 % (from 19.3 % to 17.8 %).

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With China excluded, there has been a rise of the prevalence of hunger in East Asia (excluding China), from 19.3 % in 1990 to 21.8 % in 2007.

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High discrepancies in progress between the poorest and the richest in society.

Source: [UN MDG Report 2009](#)