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The relationship between food and development has always been controversial. Over the last 30 years, development in the north and south has failed to deliver people a decent diet. While some people have too little food and die as a consequence, others have too much food and die from associated diseases. Furthermore, some methods of food production create social dislocation and deadly environments where biodiversity is eroded and pollution becomes rampant. While guaranteeing enough food for the world's inhabitants continues to be a serious challenge, new issues relating to food have emerged.

Food and Development is a lively and lucidly written book which provides a clear and accessible introduction to these complex and diverse food-related problems. It explores the continued prevalence of mass undernutrition in the developing world, acute food crises in some places associated with conflict, the emergence of overnutrition in the developing world and the vulnerability of the contemporary global food production system. The text identifies the major problems and analyses factors at international, national and local levels to understand their continued prevalence. The book concludes by evaluating the potential of some oppositional forces to challenge the hegemony of the contemporary food system.

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Acronyms

| | |
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| AFN | Alternative Food Network |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| BMI | Body mass index |
| BRICs | Brazil, Russia, India and China |
| BWI | Bretton Woods Institutions |
| CAP | Common Agricultural Policy |
| DFID | UK Department for International Development |
| ETDZ | Economic Technical Development Zones |
| EU | European Union |
| FAC | Food Aid Convention |
| FAO | Food and Agricultural Organization |
| FDI | Foreign Direct Investment |
| GDI | Gender development index |
| GMO | Genetically modified organism |
| HDI | Human Development Index |
| IDRW | International Day for Rural Women |
| IEA | International Energy Council |
| IFAD | International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| IFIs | International Financial Institutions |
| ILO | International Labour Office |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| INGO | International Non-governmental Organization |
| ISI | Import Substitution Industrialization |

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| LIFDC | Low-income Food Deficit Countries |
| MDG | Millennium Development Goals |
| MERET | Managing Environmental Resources to Enable Transitions to More Sustainable Livelihoods |
| MNC | Multinational Corporations |
| NGO | Non-governmental organization |
| NIC | Newly Industrializing Country |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development |
| SEWA | Self-employed Women's Association |
| SEZ | Special Economic Zone |
| SHG | Self-help Groups |
| SOFI | State of Food Insecurity |
| SSA | Sub-Saharan Africa |
| TB | Tuberculosis |
| TNC | Transnational Corporation |
| UNCTAD | United Nations Conference for Trade and Development |
| UNDR | United Nations Development Report |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| UNHCR | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| VAD | Vitamin A deficiency |
| WB | World Bank |
| WDM | World Development Movement |
| WFP | World Food Programme |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WIEGO | Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |