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Undernourished Women and Children under 5 could increase by 20 percent

Almost half a billion women and children under five in the developing world are undernourished due to poor nutrition.

A new report however shows this number could increase by 20 per cent, reaching one in five within a decade, compared to one in seven today, due to the impacts of climate change on global food production.

This is according to a detailed analysis by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN), 1,000 Days, World Vision International and partners.

“Food security is under threat by climate change. The linkages between its impacts on global food production, price volatility, population growth and nutrition need to be addressed in order to tackle undernourishment of these more vulnerable groups.”

Chronic hunger will increase

Today, 495 million women and children under five in the developing world are undernourished. That is 150 million or one in four in Africa; 315 million or one in seven in Asia; and 30 million or one in 11 in Latin America and the Caribbean.

About 465 million additional women and children under five will be living in developing countries by 2020, bringing the total population of this group to 3.6 billion, vastly increasing food demand.

Thus, in 10 years, the compounded impact of climate change and population growth could increase the number of undernourished women and children by 20 per cent.
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