



After the flash in the pan
Food security policy in countries of the South
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At the World Food Summit, sponsored by the FAO in November 1996, world political leaders promised to reduce by half the number of the undernourished by 2015, which at the moment stands at 800 million.

If we assume that this target is achievable, the question we have to ask ourselves is: who should feed the 400 million? The producers of the concerned countries or the world market?

The Answer lays in the principle of everyone having the right and duty to feed themselves. This means that those Non Governmental Organisations committed to this principle are on the right track. However....

The mass-producing and strongly subsidised farmers in the north offer their products at low prices to poor countries in the South.

In the South, it is time to face facts: the danger of social unrest due to the economic crisis disrupts the sense of national sovereignty and pride that is linked to fact that a nation is able to secure their food. And with the borders opening we fear worse to come.

In view of such conditions, what can be done in relation with the countries of the South? One of the sections of this publication elaborates on this issue: for food producing countries aid is not always the best act of solidarity... Demonstration.

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