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...it responds in emergency situations, such as conflict or natural disasters , to provide food to people. Through its various programmes it seeks to protect livelihoods, reduce chronic hunger and malnutrition , and strengthen the capacity of countries to source food. Its headquarters are in Rome, Italy. See also Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) . http://www.wfp.org/ Official website of the World Food...

Malnutrition
Reference library
David PIMENTEL and Patricia J. SATKIEWICZ
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
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Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 2,185 words

... Malnutrition Global malnutrition incapacitates more people and causes more illnesses and deaths annually than any other disease affecting humans (Pimentel et al. 2007). In 2010 , the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations reported that 925 million people were ~~protein~~/calorie malnourished; a lower number than the 1.02 billion people that the FAO estimated were ~~protein~~/calorie malnourished in 2009 , but obviously still a great cause for concern (FAO 2010). (The lower than expected number was mostly due to the improved...

Malnutrition
Reference library
The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History
Reference type: Subject Reference
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Length: 2,267 words
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...in developing countries and are significant in every phase of the food cycle, from production to marketing, they suffer more from malnutrition than men do. In addition to their unique biological requirements, they have inferior social status, fewer opportunities to be involved in decisions or policy making, and less control over food distribution. Protein-Energy Malnutrition . Another type of malnutrition is protein-energy malnutrition or PEM. Internationally the WHO estimated that there were 181.9 million (32 percent) children with PEM in developing countries....

Children, or children under 5?

Bushmeat
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Thomas J. BASSETT

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J. Manyitabot TAKANG
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
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Length: 4,344 words

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Diet and Nutrition
Reference library
Christopher CUMO
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2016
Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 3,519 words

...the precursor of vitamin A. The sweet potato also supplies carbohydrates, chiefly in the form of starch, and the orange-fleshed varieties contain beta-carotene. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, sub-Saharan Africa was home to 236 million undernourished people in 2007 (FAO 2008). In 2008 the estimate rose to 263 million people. According to the World Bank, Africa must import 45 percent of its rice and 85 percent of its wheat to feed its population (World Bank 2011). To meet this crisis of...

Grains
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David VAN TASSEL and Duane SCHRAG
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2016
Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 3,665 words

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Famine
Rob Paarlberg
The Oxford Companion to Comparative Politics
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2012

Not "undernutrition" which conveys the wrong message.

Severe lack of calories.

...food. Famines tend to come and go quickly. In this regard, they differ from chronic undernutrition, a condition that affects many more people on a continuous basis. ~~The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations estimated in 2009 that more than 1 billion people worldwide are now suffering from chronic undernutrition.~~ Chronic malnutrition is usually a reflection of material poverty, landlessness, or low social status. The malnourished suffer from impaired health, reduced physical strength, diminished mental alertness, and high rates of...

Animal Husbandry
Reference library
Albert SUNDRUM
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2016
Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 2,368 words

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Famine
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The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World (2 ed.)
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2004

The FAO estimated the number of people in severe, chronic lack of calories, not in "undernutrition".

...of food. Famines tend to come and go quickly. In this regard they differ from chronic undernutrition, a condition that affects many more people on a continuous basis. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations estimates that more than 800 million people worldwide are now suffering from chronic ~~undernutrition.~~ Chronic malnutrition is usually a reflection of material poverty, landlessness, or low social status. The malnourished suffer from impaired health, reduced physical strength, diminished mental alertness, and high rates of infant...

Famine
Reference library
Encyclopedia of Global Change
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2005
Subject: Science and technology, Environmental Science, Social sciences, Environment
Length: 3,729 words
Illustration(s): 2

...of 23 million, it is estimated that 16 million suffered from malnutrition and undernutrition, 2–5 million were considered to be at high risk of dying, and at minimum 800,000 were killed by famine. Many of those who died were elderly, children, individuals or groups considered nonessential to the communist government, and urban inhabitants who had no access to foraging off the bleak land. The famine reached its most devastating stage in late 1996 and early 1997 . It led to acute malnutrition and stunted the growth of two out of every three children under...

Famine
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Reference type: Subject Reference
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Subject: Science and technology, Environmental Science, Social sciences, Environment
Length: 3,492 words

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Food Security (Natural Resources and Sustainability)
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Douglas PLACHCINSKI
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2016
Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 3,444 words

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Africa, Southern
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William BEINART
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Length: 2,131 words

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Zareen Pervez BHARUCHA
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
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Length: 5,725 words

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Fertilizers
Reference library
Patricia J. SATKIEWICZ and David PIMENTEL
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2016
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Length: 4,153 words

...in this geographic region, soil nutrient removal exceeds nutrient replenishment by a factor of about three to four, and the FAO estimates that fertilizer consumption must increase 2.7 percent or more per year to compensate for these nutrient losses. Though sub-Saharan Africa's need for fertilizer is demonstrably higher than most of the world's, today it uses only 3 percent of the world's fertilizers (Bumb & Baanante, n.d.). FAO data on world fertilizer demand reflect that developing nations will require the most fertilizer in the immediate future. (See...

Agricultural Revolution
Reference library
The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History
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Length: 5,645 words
Illustration(s): 2

people severely and chronically lacking in calories

...socioeconomic inequalities in Asia and Latin America and failing states and chronic civil wars in Africa result in unequal access to food, with widespread and continuing malnutrition and even recurrent famines. The latest FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) estimate of ~~undernourished people~~ totals 826 million, or about 14 percent of the world's population in 1998 (FAO , 2000). The highest shares of undernourished population (about 70 percent of the total) are in Afghanistan and Somalia, whereas the rates for India and China are,...

Agriculture (South Asia)
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Zareen Pervez BHARUCHA
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
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Length: 2,417 words

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Agriculture, Tropical (the Americas)
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Nicolás MATEO and Rodomiro ORTIZ
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Length: 2,381 words

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School Food
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Nancy Ralph
The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America (2 ed.)
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2013
Subject: Society and culture, Cookery, Food, and Drink, Social sciences, Regional and Area Studies
Length: 3,567 words
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Algae
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Juan LOPEZ-BAUTISTA and Michael S. DePRIEST
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
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Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 4,097 words

...2009 harvests (Bixler and Porse 2010). Carrageenan is used in processed meats to increase product yields or replace fat, in dairy products as a stabilizer, and in canned pet foods to prevent separation of fat. The Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization (FAO /WHO) Expert Committee on Food Additives determined that adding carrageenan is not a health hazard and is acceptable for daily intake (Guiry and Guiry 2010). Algae as Environmental Indicators Algae have proven useful as environmental bioindicators and bioassays. Bioindicator...

Green Revolution
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Murray J. LEAF
Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2016
Subject: Science and technology, Social sciences
Length: 4,743 words

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Length: 4,394 words

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Reference type: Subject Reference
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Subject: Science and technology, Environmental Science, Social sciences, Environment
Length: 6,803 words

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Fire
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Right to Food and Adequate Standard of Living
Reference library
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Length: 8,840 words

...et al., p. 443). The FAO 's State of Food Insecurity report for 2005 said that hunger and malnutrition kill nearly 6 million children each year. In some parts of the world, malnutrition accounts for a large proportion of all deaths. The Burden of Disease Unit estimated that for the world as a whole malnutrition accounted for about 11.7 percent of all deaths, but in sub-Saharan Africa malnutrition accounted for almost a third of all deaths. These findings were updated and confirmed in the WHO's World Health Report 2002 . Globally underweight is by far...

Hunger and Famine
Reference library
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Length: 1,761 words

...for food deprivation, when the result is malnutrition the damage can be long-lasting. Malnutrition makes people more susceptible to many diseases, including malaria, rickets, anemia, pellagra, and perhaps Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Malnourished children suffer stunted growth and, often, learning problems. Malnourished adults have less energy to work. Over the long term, inadequate nourishment can cast communities into a vicious cycle of sickness, underproduction, and poverty. The 2003 FAO report concluded that hunger was worsening in...

Famine
Robert Paarlberg
The Oxford Companion to International Relations
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The FAO did not estimate how many people suffered from chronic undernutrition. They estimated how many were in severe, chronic lack of calories.

They use the word "undernourished", which misdescribes the estimates and understates the problem.

...food. Famines tend to come and go quickly. In this regard, they differ from chronic undernutrition, a condition that affects many more people on a continuous basis. ~~The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations estimated in 2009 that more than 1 billion people worldwide are now suffering from chronic undernutrition.~~ Chronic malnutrition is usually a reflection of material poverty, landlessness, or low social status. The malnourished suffer from impaired health, reduced physical strength, diminished mental alertness, and high rates of...

Food Insecurity
Reference library
Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz
The International Studies Encyclopedia
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...2000 Millennium Declaration. Food insecurity remains widespread today in large measure because extreme poverty remains widespread, and vice versa. Most food insecurity is chronic. FAO (2006) reports that only 8 percent of hunger-related deaths worldwide in 2004 were caused by humanitarian emergencies, while 92 percent were associated with chronic hunger and malnutrition . Food insecurity exists in the countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). For example, in any given year, the US Department of Agriculture...

Food Politics
Reference library
James A. Paul
The Oxford Companion to International Relations
Reference type: Subject Reference
Current Version: 2014
Subject: Social sciences, Politics
Length: 4,399 words

...afford to purchase what they need for adequate nutrition. At present, about 200 million of the world's children under age five are estimated to suffer from stunting—a condition that restricts mental and bodily development—due to malnutrition . Global agricultural output could theoretically feed all the people, but hunger and malnutrition prevail because of poverty and enormous inequalities of power. Governments and multilateral organizations have responded sluggishly to the gathering crisis. They have convened emergency conferences and set up a High-Level Task Force...

International Environmental Law
Reference library
Chenaz B. Seelarbokus
The International Studies Encyclopedia
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Length: 14,187 words
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...sustainable development, the site provides good articles and documents on various themes such as climate and energy; security; measurement and assessment, inter alia. Ecolex: The Gateway to Environmental Law. At www.ecolex.org/ , accessed Nov. 2, 2009. Jointly operated by FAO , IUCN, and UNEP. Provides searchable database on environmental cases based on treaties, court decisions, literature, and legislation. Provides links to treaty Secretariats. International Law page from the United Nations. At www.un.org/law/ , accessed Nov. 2, 2009. Provides access...

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