

# World hunger on the decline

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World hunger fell in the past four years, with about 805 million people estimated to be chronically underfed in the 2012-14 period from 841 million in 2008-10, the UN's Food & Agriculture Organization said.

About one-in-nine people still go hungry, with insufficient food for a healthy and active life, from one-in-eight in 2008-10, it said. A goal set in 2000 of reducing the proportion of undernourished people in the world by half in 2015 "is within reach," according to the report.

Strong economic growth in Asia as well as Africa is raising living conditions there, the United Nations' Rome-based agency wrote in a report today. Seven of the 10 fastest-growing economies in the world are in Africa, the FAO wrote.

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