

Panel 8

State of Food Security in South Asia

This panel has been designed to share our findings of our ongoing research that analyzed the indicators of the state of food security in South Asia and the existing policy framework. While availability, access and utilization are considered prime indicators, we have also concentrated on stability of availability and access at affordable costs. Similarly political stability and a stable law and order situation also play an important and decisive role in the determination of food security of any area, country or region. Our methodology has been to rank the districts on a continuum. The panel will share reasons of food insecurity, the controlling factors and required action. Objectives of the study were:

1. To study the linkages between food (in) security, violence and peace;
2. To identify the districts where donor or government intervention is immediately required; and,
3. Identify specific result oriented planning and implementation of development project in food insecure areas.

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