
IPCC - GLOBAL WARMING IS DAMAGING FOOD SECURITY

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20 MARCH, BRUSSELS/INTERLAKEN - Reacting to the publication of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [synthesis report](#) on the climate crisis, **experts from IPES-Food called for fundamental reform of food systems to avoid food-basket failures and unprecedented hunger.**

The [IPCC synthesis report](#), agreed by governments and scientists today, sounds a warning that:

- Global warming is already killing people, destroying nature, reducing food security, and making the world poorer.
- Damages will accelerate as temperatures rise further, causing unprecedented costs to people, economies, the environment, and food security. Deeper and faster cuts to greenhouse gas emissions are the only way to limit this.
- Every part of the world is already being hit and will face escalating costs, with poorer places and people, including smallholder farmers and Indigenous People, most at risk.
- We are nowhere near on track to achieve the Paris targets of keeping warming below 2°C, and ideally 1.5°C. 1.5°C of warming risks crop failure of staple foods in major food producing countries.

Million Belay, Ethiopia, food systems expert with IPES-Food and coordinator of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa said:

"Food systems around the world are being pounded by the climate crisis now. Every fraction of a degree of warming raises the risk of food shortages and multiple crop failures.

"Small-scale farmers in the Global South are being hit first and worst by climate change - though they did not cause this crisis. The world's poorest countries are also drowning in [debt](#), with little ability to invest in building resilience to climate change. These countries urgently need support, climate finance and wholesale debt relief to build resilient, [diversified](#) food systems.

"Transforming food systems is now an urgent priority and a massive opportunity - to cut the third of global warming emissions coming from industrial food and farming."

Notes:

IPES-Food recently published a special report on debt and the food crisis <http://www.ipes-food.org/pages/debtfoodcrisis>

Diverse 'agroecological' food and farming working with nature supports food security, livelihoods and biodiversity - and helps to buffer temperature extremes and sequester carbon https://ipes-food.org/_img/upload/files/AgroecologyClimateInfo.pdf

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