

Food Insecurity : the Defining Challenge of the Century Ahead.

Outline :

Thesis statement :

Food insecurity is the new challenge of the contemporary world because of global food crisis, natural disaster, economic instability, poverty and population growth.

1. Introduction

2. Importance of food for the survival of human being

- a) Basic need of life
- b) Healthy body makes healthy mind.
- c) Lack of food causes health problems.

3. Factors that lead the food insecurity.

- a) Economic instability causes the food insecurity.

(The case in point : Pak)

i) The unavailability of proper food resources.

ii) Low rate of development leads towards unemployment.

(The case in point : South Sudan)

b) Political instability

i) No proper focus of Govt to the basic issue like food insecurity.

(The case in point : Sri Lanka)

ii) Ineffective governance system not implement the basic policies of food assurance.

4.) Food insecurity is the great challenge of century ahead.

a) Global food crisis

i) Disruption of supply chain

(The case in point : Russia Ukraine war and Israel Gaza conflict).

b) Climate Change

(The case in point : Pakistan and Sudan.

- c) Poverty increased
- d) Limited agriculture resources
- e) Lack of education
(The case in point: Afghanistan.)
- f) Population growth
(The case in point: Pak)
- g) Energy crisis.

5) Pragmatic measures to overcome food insecurity challenges.

- a) Promotes economic growth and enhances supply chain
- b) Mitigation and adaptation for climate.
- c) Ensure peace at global level
- d) Control the population ^{growth} rate.
- e) Focus on education.

6. Conclusion.

Food insecurity refers to the lack of consistent access to enough food. Food insecurity is the new global challenge, which is prevailing at global level. According to the United Nation report:

⁶⁶ "The number of people facing acute food shortages and requiring urgent food need increased for the 4 consecutive years."

The people has been facing food shortages ^{from the decade}. Economic instability plays important role in food ^{scarcity} (scarcity) and ^{it is} unable to provide basic food to the human being. The international community must take steps to overcome the global food crisis. There is a need to facilitate the global supply chain which has disturbed by Russia and Ukraine war and still disturbed by Israel and Gaza conflict. Focus on the climate change which has changed

weather and specially temperature by the continuous emission of green house gas. Food insecurity has faced and will face the poverty at global level. The lack of limited resources in agriculture production is also the challenge of food insecurity. According to the Guterres said;

Rising poverty, deepening inequalities rampant underdevelopment, the climate crisis and natural disasters also contribute to food insecurity.

He explains the prevailing challenges of food insecurity.

The food is very important element of life. Without food human being cannot survive and its deficiency creates the different nutrition problems. It is the basic need for the human being which makes the health mind.

Healthy body is also the result of healthy mind. Deficiency of nutrients creates different problems in the (d) body and people face different disease. Moreover, malnutrition is present in many of the children at the global level, because of lack of unavailability of food. So, its insecurity is the great threat for the people as well as children.

But the food insecurity is a defining challenge of the century. Many of the factors play important role in food insecurity.

Economic instability plays crucial role in the food insecurity. Recent economic crisis of Pakistan assures that Pakistan is in troubling condition of low economic growth and low development at national level. Resultantly, people of Pakistan has been facing food insecurity after the independence.

The economic growth of the country is the assurance of that people have enough food for their body nutrients. But if the country has no economic resources it means that most of the people face food insecurity. Resultantly, the low development in the country leads towards unemployment. When youth have no job how is it possible to fulfill their food resources. They face hunger. According to the global report on food crisis:

People faced starvation and death in seven of those countries: Somalia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Yemen.

It shows that these countries face severe starvation only because of economic instability.

Furthermore, political instability is the reason of food insecurity. Because when political parties involve in criticism and they not focus on the prevailing issue of the (p.) society. They prefer personal interest to national interest. The last year event of Pakistan shows

- That political rival is more important than current issue. The last year flood has happened in Pakistan, that has destroyed the infrastructure, (burial) building and Pakistan has faced severe economic crisis. In the time of flooding, politicians were involved to blame game to one another. They did not focus on main issue which is greater or main reason of food insecurity in Pakistan.

The National Disaster Management Authority has already informed about this disaster but not (adlocp) adopted mitigation and adaptation techniques. So, political

instability is the great challenge which (20th) century has faced. Moreover, many of countries have no proper governance system. The government (should) will not focus on policies implementation. They are focus on basic food availability policies.

Moreover, food insecurity is the great challenge of century ahead. Because of global food crisis, which is the great threat and challenge for the countries.

The main reason of global food crisis is the last year war of Russia and Ukraine. The Russia and Ukraine war has badly affected the supply chains of goods and food. The Ukraine and Russia is the great exporter of wheat and crops. After the war supply chain has disrupted. Many of the countries especially middle Eastern countries faced

the food insecurity. Now the Israel and Gaza war / Conflict also arises the food insecurity issue because trade and supply chain has affected. Many of the countries face economic challenges because of shortage of trade by the way of Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea. The climate change and natural disaster has disturbed the food resources. It is the great challenge for the food insecurity. According to the Aljazeera writer which explained the United Nations World Food Program:

A new study shows more than a fifth of global food output growth has been lost to climate change since the 1960s, while an estimated 34 million people live on the brink of famine.

The climate change has badly

affected the food growth. In South Sudan, the lack of rainfall and shortages of water resources has badly affected the food growth and reason of Sudan conflict.

Furthermore, poverty has increased at the global level because of lack of resources. People have no resources to fulfil their needs.

They face acute shortages of food. It is the challenge of food insecurity. The poverty level has increased in Pakistan

because of lack of access to the needs. The country does not overcome of this issue. People

have limited resource for the food. Afghanistan has been faced severe economic crisis and the level of poverty has increased.

The shortage of food has increased. Children can not take basic nutrients and millions of people has suffered in malnutrition.

Moreover, many of the countries have no agricultural resources.

Their production of agriculture is limited because they have no proper technological advancement in the agriculture sector. The developing and underdeveloped countries have no innovative technique which they used for the more production.

Lack of educational awareness and less resources is the great challenge for the insecurity of food. When people have no education, they do not know about the innovative and technical skills which are beneficial for the food production. Many of the countries do not provide education to the children because of lack of economy and some have no resources to allocate budget to the education. Afghanistan the government of Taliban does

not provide education facilities to the people. Especially they do not allow the female to go for education, it is the emerging challenge in the world. Furthermore, the population explosion is also the great challenge for the food insecurity. It is the great pressure to the government to provide proper food resources to population.

Pakistan population grows at an annual rate of 1.9pc, more than two times of the global annual rate of 0.8pc. It affects the economy and resources of Pakistan. Energy crisis is also the great challenge for the food insecurity. People spend a lot of money to pay the electricity bills in developing countries, they do not focus on their basic food needs. The Pakistan and India ^{crisis} are clearly explaining the energy shortages.

The international community and organization take proper step to overcome these challenges of food insecurity. First, promote the economic growth and development at the national level. The trade chain will be easy and free of tariff for the developing and under developed countries. The international organization (WTO) should focus on resolving the international conflicts. Especially the emergence of Israel and Gaza war. Moreover, focus on the climate change and natural disaster. They should adopt effective policies for natural disaster and climate change issues. Furthermore, the govt of that countries which have great youth bulge to control the population, it is the great pressure on the country's economy. And focus on education which is basic right of every person.

In a nutshell, food insecurity is the new challenge of century. Food is the basic right and need of every human being. Without food people cannot survive. Many of the challenges which are great threat and issue of the every country. Economic instability is the main challenge which has faced many developing countries.

So, there is need to focus on economic and political stability for the development and growth.

The global food crisis, disruption of supply food chain, natural disaster and climate change are the challenges for food

insecurity. The ^{rising} poverty, and limited agriculture resources,

population explosion and lack of education are the challenges

which countries would be face.

So, there is a great (demonet) need to take steps for the overcome of these challenges.