



COMBINING INCOME GENERATION AND FOOD ACCESS FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

The [International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth](#) (IPC-IG) together with the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition ([FSN Forum](#)) just launched an online discussion entitled: “**Combining Income Generation and Food Access for Vulnerable Populations**”.

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a joint project between the [United Nations Development Programme](#) and the Brazilian Government to facilitate South-South cooperation on key development issues. It specializes in offering research-based policy recommendations for inclusive growth. By encouraging South-South cooperation, the centre specifically aims to expand the knowledge base and capacities of developing countries to design and implement nationally-owned poverty reduction strategies.

IPC-IG’s recently established research program on Rural and Sustainable Development aims at producing knowledge and fostering debate about the benefits of integrated policies that jointly tackle diverse dimensions of poverty.

In this context, **we are interested in policies that reconcile food availability and food access in order to ensure positive impacts on both rural poverty reduction and food security**. These interventions are important from at least two perspectives. On the one hand, they support agricultural production that benefits the rural poor, providing opportunities of market access and income generation. On the other, they ensure that all people, and especially the most vulnerable, have access to food provisions at all times.

We are therefore mapping innovative experiences in developing countries that benefit both food producers and consumers, linking support to smallholder agriculture and food access initiatives.

- **We would thus be very grateful if you could share ideas and experiences that combine market access and income generation for smallholder farmers with food access for vulnerable populations.**

For example, in **Brazil a public program named PAA** (Programa de Aquisição de Alimentos http://www.ipc-undp.org/doc_africa_brazil/2.SESAN_PAA.pdf) allows government procurement of food items from smallholder farmers, which can be or are further donated in food aid programs.

Information, perspectives and knowledge resources on country programs, evaluations, national project/ program materials and so forth are all welcome.

HOW TO JOIN:

To join the discussion, please register online at <http://km.fao.org/fsn/fsn-regform/> or participate by requesting a temporary subscription at fsn-moderator@fao.org.

Contributions can be made in English, French or Spanish.

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