



### **IPC-IG launches new online discussion on Food Security Initiatives**

**Brasília, 21 July 2010** – The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is pleased to announce that we in partnership with the **Ideas for Development** blog have launched an online discussion forum on

#### ***Food Security: How programmes can better support smallholder farmers?***

Join the debate at : <http://www.ideas4development.org>

The blog is an effort to involve civil society in the high level policy debate regarding Food Security initiatives. We strongly encourage you to join the discussion forum; honoring us by submitting a comment around the following issues:

- 1) **Challenges:** What are the main challenges facing smallholder farmers in reaching new markets for their products?
- 2) **Best practices:** Which examples of innovative public policies are supporting smallholder farmers in developing countries?
- 3) **Impacts:** What impacts a governmental programme that guarantees alternative agricultural markets may have on smallholder farmers?



In order to provide you with a few inputs on these issues, we highlight a recent assessment carried out by IPC-IG on **Brazil's Food Acquisition Programme (PAA)**. The PAA, part of the **Zero Hunger** Campaign that purchases food from small farmers and donates it to institutions working with people facing food insecurity, has helped to increase and improve farmers' production, but not enough to make them independent of the project.

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To read the full document:

**Market Alternatives for Smallholder Farmers in Food Security Initiatives: Lessons from the Brazilian Food Acquisition Programme**

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**About IPC-IG:**

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a partnership between the Poverty Practice of the UNDP Bureau for Development Policy and the Government of Brazil. Located in Brasilia, IPC-IG facilitates South-South learning with the aim of expanding developing countries' knowledge and capacities to design, implement and evaluate effective policies towards the attainment of high inclusive growth. IPC-IG is a hub for South-South dialogue on applied research and training on development policy. <http://www.ipc-undp.org>

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