# Middle East, Central Asia & Eastern Europe (ODC)

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# Food Security in the Region



Imports more than **50** % of caloric intake.

Cereal import bill added up to 25.5 billion US dollars in 2007/08, compared to 11 billion dollars in 2003/04.

In 2008, 31 million of hungry people resided in the Arab countries

**Egypt:** In November of 2010, food price increases have reached 17.6 percent following peak levels of 22.5 percent in August of the same year.

**Iraq:** food prices have increased by an average of 38 percent since 2007

**Jordan:** the 2008 consumer price inflation of all commodities reached almost 19 percent with food contributing to over one third of its weight at 29 percent inflation

**oPt:** Bread prices have increased an average of 7.5 percent between June and December 2010.



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Eastern Europe



Plantings of the winter cereals for harvest in 2011 are estimated to be down by 5 to 7 percent compared to the previous year.

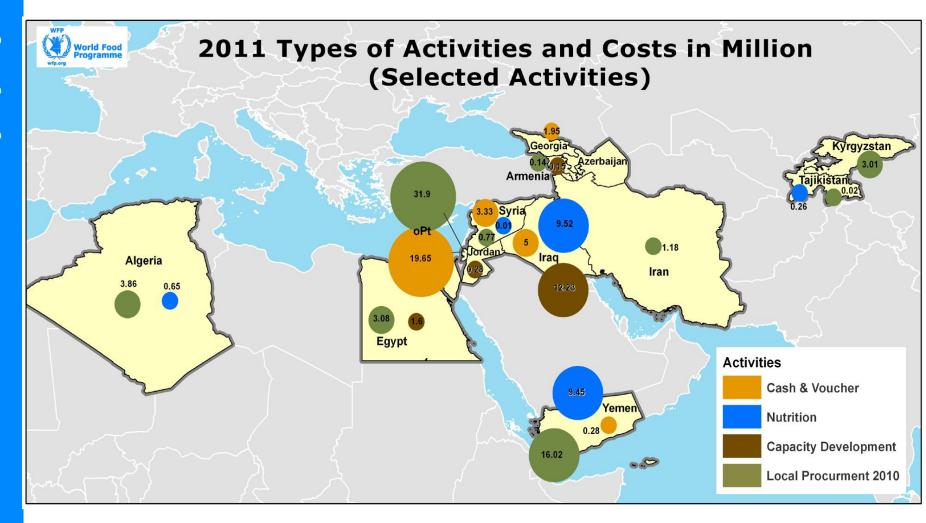
**Armenia:** now among the top 10 countries with the highest food prices and on average more than 50 percent of income is spent on food.

**Tajikistan**: In the summer of 2010, 33 percent of households in reported that high food prices represented the main threat to their food security. This figure jumped to 50 percent in the last four months of 2010.

**Kyrgyzstan**, the cost of the average Kyrgyz food basket increased 40 percent since January 2010, according to WFP monitoring of 19 household food commodities.

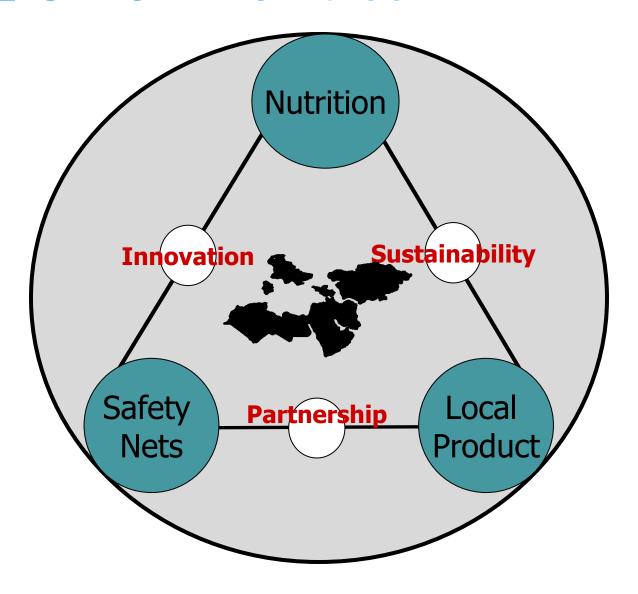


### 2011 ODC Activities





# **ODC Priorities**













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