

UNIDO expresses its appreciation to FAO, World Bank, and other agencies involved for the well-prepared report and would like to note the following: A large part of food supply comes from manufacturing production. With the increased volume of processed and packed food items the share of manufacturing products in total food supply has been increasing. Also with reference to disaster statistics, we just discussed, packed food are the first items to be delivered to disaster affected areas.

Taking the importance of measuring total food supply coming from agricultural and manufacturing production UNIDO and FAO Statistics has initiated an inter-agency database of food commodities which has gained special relevance in the context of SDG 2. I would like to recommend that ESCAP region could take this aspect into consideration in development of agricultural statistics, especially statistics of food supply.