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## NEWS

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### South Africa Milestones to Achieving SDGs on Poverty and Hunger

Recent research from Ismael Fofana of IFPRI, AGRODEP member Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu, and co-author Ramos Mabugu has defined the milestones that South Africa must meet in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of halving poverty and ending hunger by 2030. The study uses a nonparametric income distribution (micro) simulation and an economywide general equilibrium (macro) model.

The study finds that South Africa's current average 2 percent annual economic growth will need to grow to 4.5 percent by 2030. In addition, the government will need to enact an income redistribution strategy by expanding social assistance programs to reach 10 percent of the population. To meet this goal, both private and public investment will need to increase to 5.7 percent annually on average.

The authors also suggest that rural areas will need more intervention to reduce income inequality. In addition, policymakers should pay particular attention to investing in and developing skilled and high-skilled labor markets in rural areas, as these markets offer better employment and income opportunities than other markets.

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition Assessments

Four AGRODEP members recently completed assessments of the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in their respective countries. Senakpon Fidele Dedehaounou conducted an assessment in Benin, Nkechi Owoo conducted an assessment in Ghana, and Oluwole Matthew Akinagbe and Oluwafunmiso Adeola Olajide both conducted an assessment in Nigeria. These latest assessment reports, together with the report for Burkina Faso, are included as annexes to the full NAFSN report. In addition, these assessments provided the basis for a synthesis report on the NAFSN in these West African countries, authored by O. Badiane, J. Collins, B. Dimaranan, and J. Ulimwengu.

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