

FOOD LOSS AND WASTE REDUCTION

KEY FACTS PRESENTED BY THE FAO-LED SAVE FOOD INITIATIVE

The [FAO-led Save Food initiative](#) is spreading important information, articles and documents about a key issue for territorial development such as *Food loss and waste reduction*.



The initiative is partnering with international organizations, the private sector and civil society to enable food systems to reduce food loss and waste in both the developing and the industrialized world.

The initiative underlines that hunger is still one of the most urgent development challenges, yet the world is producing more than enough food. Recovering just half of what is lost or wasted could feed the world alone.

The following key facts show the relevant impact of this initiative: One-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally, which amounts to about 1.3 billion tons per year; Food is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain, from initial agricultural production down to final household consumption; Food losses represent a waste of resources used in production such as land, water, energy and inputs, increasing the green gas emissions in vain (FAO, 2011)

[More relevant key facts about food loss and food waste](#), the interesting document *Global food losses and food waste – Extent, causes and prevention*, published in 2011 by FAO, articles and news are available in the *Save Food initiative* web page.



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