

SAM over the next 10 years

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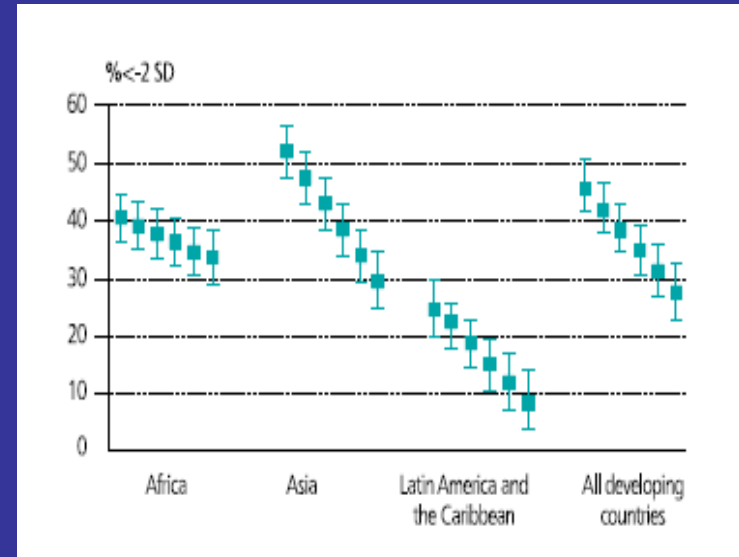
Dream: SAM will disappear within the next 5-10 y
– No need for CMAM any more...

Dream not too unrealistic 2-3 years ago:

**Malnutrition declining,
CMAM taking off, progress for
prevention.**

Over the last 3 years:

**Food prices increased,
SAM more frequent,
RUTF RUF more expensive.**



Evolution of stunting 1980-2000
De Onis et al, 2000

More realistic objective: first limit the consequences of the current food crisis

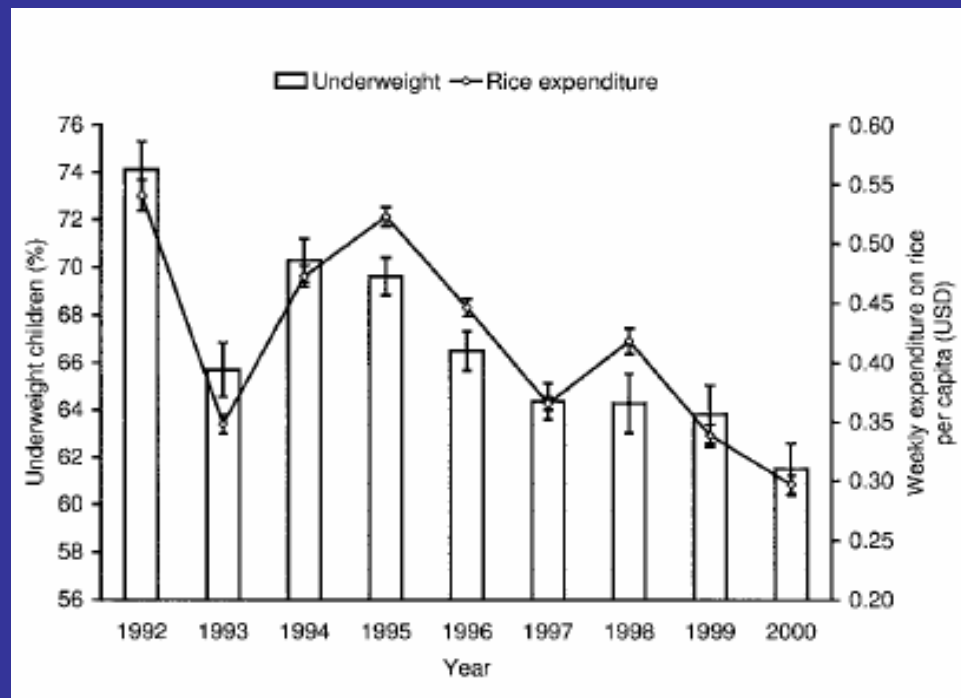
Expand CMAM programs

Improve management of moderate malnutrition

Improve prevention in a context of increasing food prices

% underweight vs rice expenditure in Bangladesh

Torlesse et al, 2003

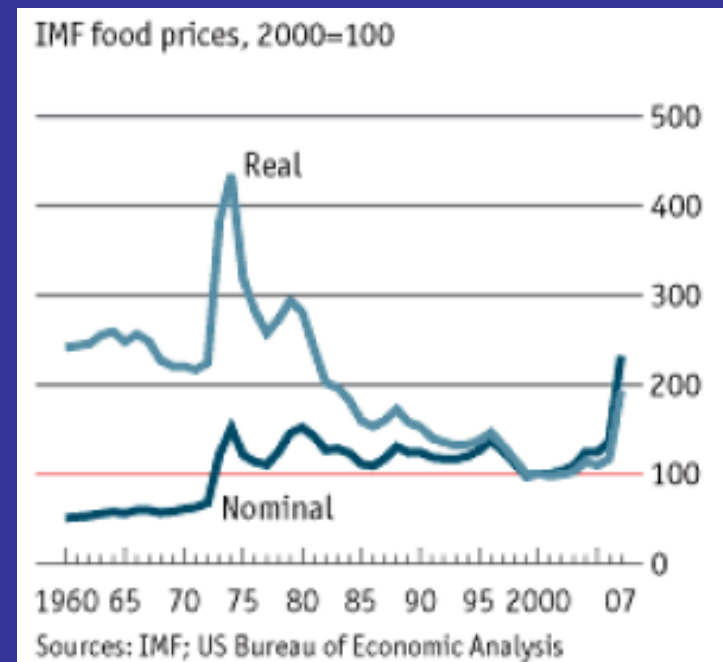


Prevention: need to reconnect the nutrition community with the real world +++

Lancet series on undernutrition: could not find a single mention of the problem of increasing food prices

“We really do believe that most of the areas of the world have sufficient food ...*It (i.e. malnutrition) is not really a poverty issue... It is just a lack of knowledge.*”

Lancet January 19th 2008, p197



TIME IS UP FOR A NEW PARADIGM +++

Prevention

- Impossible to solve a problem which is not identified
- Acknowledge the central role of poverty limiting the access to high quality food for prevention of malnutrition +++
- Education not sufficient
- Need of safety nets for the poor +++

CMAM should be integrated into or associated with social programs ensuring access to high quality foods to those who need it most.