

Introduction to Foresight for Food Systems Change

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The Foresight4Food Initiative

Using foresight and scenario analysis for food systems change





Global network

- International agencies
- Research institutions
- Funders
- Food systems initiatives
- Providers and Users



Enhancing capacities to use foresight and scenario analysis



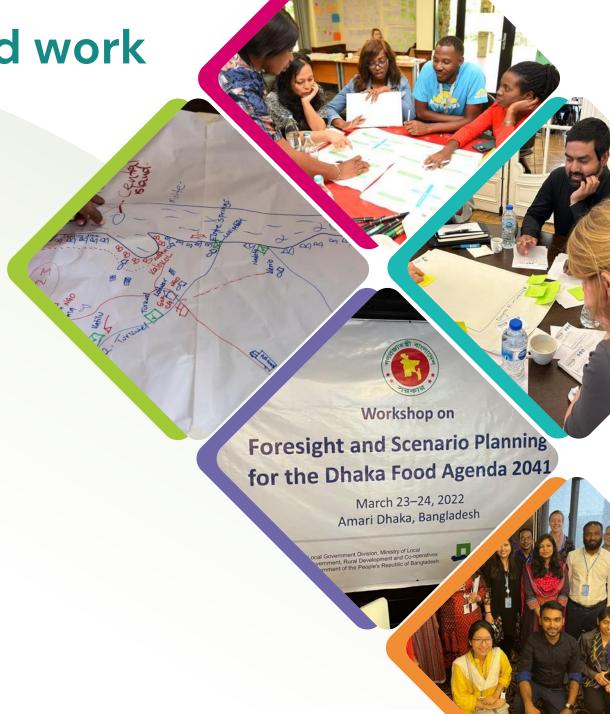
Linking participatory processes and quantitative modelling



Sharing of country experiences and lessons

Examples of Foresight4Food work

- Supporting national food systems transformation efforts in Bandladesh, Jordan, Kenya and Uganda
- Developing 2041 Food Agenda for city of Dhaka in Bangladesh
- Modelling future food demand
- Using foresight to design WFP programme for Lake Turkana Fisheries in Kenya
- Working with Mastercard Foundation on future of youth in African Food Systems
- Africa wide foresight training for young leaders
- Foresight analysis for IFAD's new Strategic Framework
- Training course for ICIMOD partners in Nepal
- Annual Foresight4Food global meetings
- Resource portal
- Global community of practice



TRANSFORMING food systems is no simple task!



It requires:

- ✓ understanding the whole system
- ✓ a long-term outlook and imagining alternative futures
- structural change in mindsets, economic relations, power dynamics and innovation
- Integrating quantitative and qualitative data and evidence
- effective processes of stakeholder
 engagement and learning across government,
 business, civil society and research



The
FORESIGHT FOR FOOD SYSTEMS CHANGE
approach integrates these elements to help
guide transformation processes

Foresight and futures thinking

Turbulence

Uncertainty

Risks and Opportunities







Exploring the future to **navigate** in uncertain and turbulent time



Assessing the **implications** of current trends and future uncertainties



Envisaging more desirable alternative futures



Examining how systems can be "**nudged**" in desired directions

The unknown box of food systems transformation

WHY But HOW?



Food System
Issues
(The problems)



The Transformation Process?

- Societal awareness and engagement
- Political will
- Stakeholder dialogue
- Alliances
- Coordination
- Political economy understanding
- Policy analysis
- Innovation Systems
- Human and organizational Capacities
- Data systems





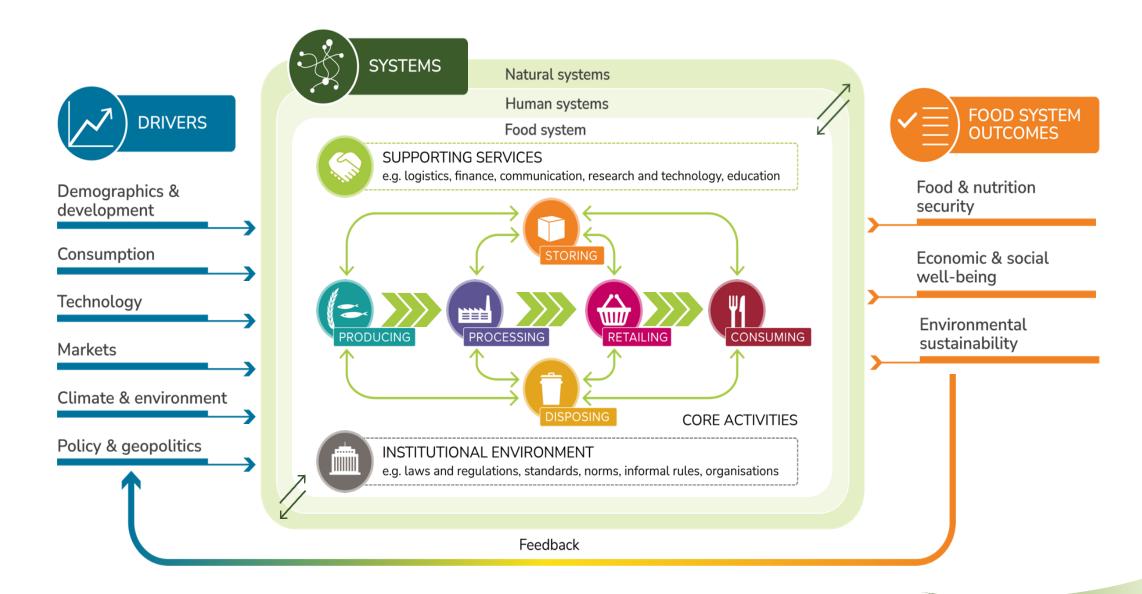
The
Transformed
Future
(What we hope
to achieve)



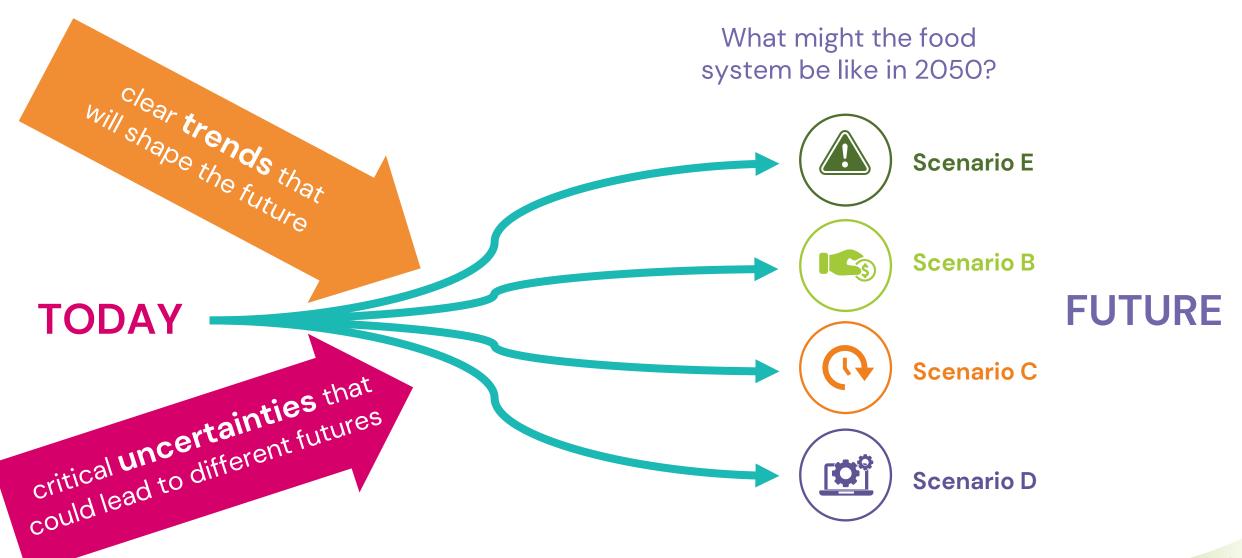
Foresight for Food Systems Change



A model for mapping food systems



Foresight – exploring different scenarios for how the and future might unfold



Foresight and scenarios in simple terms

SCENARIOS

Being prepared for **and creating** alternative
futures

Shouldn't We Stop To Consider Our Options?

Why bother? Everything's going fine Scenario 1: Crocodile lunch

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Scenario 2: Lucky escape



Decision point!

FORESIGHT



Thinking about the future to improve decision making today

Scenario 3: Smooth ride

> Scenario 4: Unseen dead end

Foresight4Food guiding framework



Stakeholder Participation

Engage all relevant stakeholders to generate shared understanding and commitment for change

- Gaining multiple perspectives
- Recognizing foresight as a cognitive, social and political process
- Using participatory tools and methods



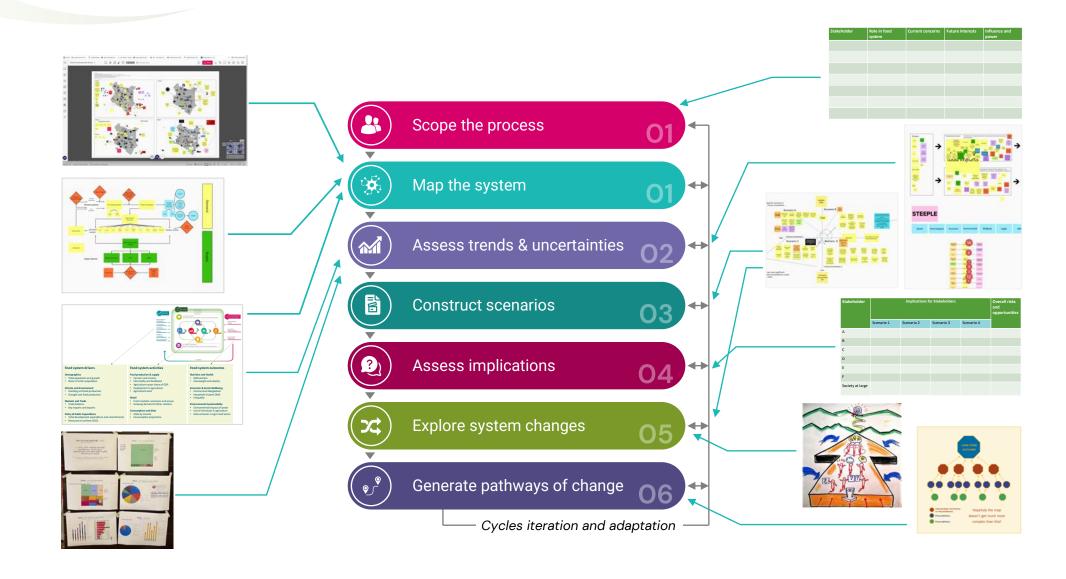


Evidence Base

Utilize science and evidence to ensure well informed analysis and stakeholder dialogue:

- Stakeholder analysis
- Systems analysis
- Empirical evidence
- Data sets
- Qualitative analysis and insight from actors
- Game theory

Tools in the process



What Foresight4food can offer





for food systems change

Support for developing systems change processes

Access to global network of expertise in quantitate and qualitative approaches to foresight

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