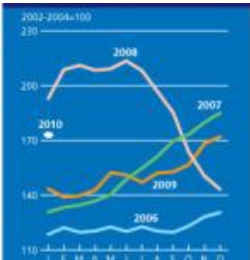
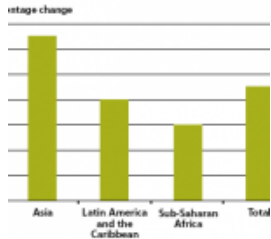


'State of Food Insecurity in the World 2009'

(source: FAO)



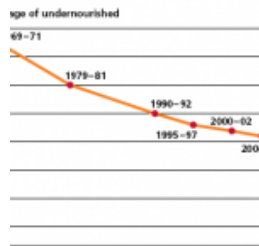
After decades of improvements, the number of undernourished people (in millions) in the world has been rising rapidly since the mid 1990s.



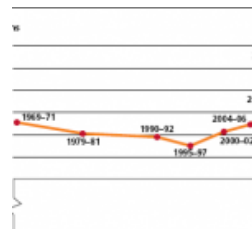
Even as a proportion of total population, hunger started rising in the middle of the last decade



This is partly because aid to agriculture has been collapsing for decades (% of total aid)



The global crisis of 2008/9 hit Asia particularly hard (percentage increase in malnutrition in 2009)



And food prices are continuing their rebound (this from the FAO's [World Food Prices Index](#) - the orange line is the latest and shows that food prices are already back to late 2007 levels)