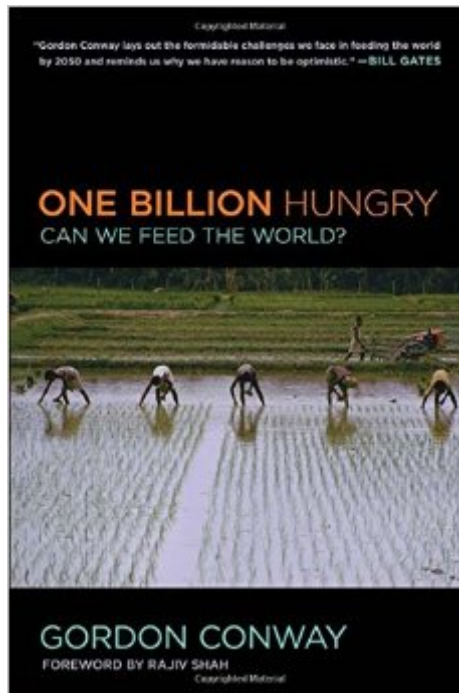


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One Billion Hungry: Can We Feed The World?



Synopsis

Hunger is a daily reality for a billion people. More than six decades after the technological discoveries that led to the Green Revolution aimed at ending world hunger, regular food shortages, malnutrition, and poverty still plague vast swaths of the world. And with increasing food prices, climate change, resource inequality, and an ever-increasing global population, the future holds further challenges. In *One Billion Hungry*, Sir Gordon Conway, one of the world's foremost experts on global food needs, explains the many interrelated issues critical to our global food supply from the science of agricultural advances to the politics of food security. He expands the discussion begun in his influential *The Doubly Green Revolution: Food for All in the Twenty-First Century*, emphasizing the essential combination of increased food production, environmental stability, and poverty reduction necessary to end endemic hunger on our planet. Conway addresses a series of urgent questions about global hunger: • How we will feed a growing global population in the face of a wide range of adverse factors, including climate change? • What contributions can the social and natural sciences make in finding solutions? • And how can we engage both government and the private sector to apply these solutions and achieve significant impact in the lives of the poor? Conway succeeds in sharing his informed optimism about our collective ability to address these fundamental challenges if we use technology paired with sustainable practices and strategic planning. Beginning with a definition of hunger and how it is calculated, and moving through issues topically both detailed and comprehensive, each chapter focuses on specific challenges and solutions, ranging in scope from the farmer's daily life to the global movement of food, money, and ideas. Drawing on the latest scientific research and the results of projects around the world, Conway addresses the concepts and realities of our global food needs: the legacy of the Green Revolution; the impact of market forces on food availability; the promise and perils of genetically modified foods; agricultural innovation in regard to crops, livestock, pest control, soil, and water; and the need to both adapt to and slow the rate of climate change. *One Billion Hungry* will be welcomed by all readers seeking a multifaceted understanding of our global food supply, food security, international agricultural development, and sustainability.

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Sir Gordon Conway's *One Billion Hungry: Can We Feed the World?* is the authoritative text for the 21st Century iteration of what Raj Patel (2013) calls the "Long Green Revolution." In it, Dr. Conway outlines an approach for ending hunger and poverty by reaching out to the world's hungriest people--peasant farmers. *One Billion Hungry* is an expanded update of Conway's earlier work, *The doubly Green Revolution* (Conway1997). During the 15 year hiatus between books, an explosive combination of global warming, peak oil, water scarcity, agrofuels, grain-fed meat, land grabbing and financial speculation has ushered in a new era of high, volatile food prices and widespread peasant dispossession and impoverishment. Notwithstanding record global harvests following an average annual rise in food per capita of 12% over the last twenty years, in 2008 and 2011 over 1 billion people went hungry, triggering food riots and full-scale rebellions. The resulting human suffering and political instability have called the legitimacy of the global food system--and the Green Revolution--seriously into question. *One Billion Hungry* attempts to re-establish the imperative of the Green Revolution under conditions of global markets, monopoly concentration and the privatization of pretty much everything--including the hallmark public research of the original Green Revolution. Conway laments these developments, but ultimately accepts the liberalization of food systems and avoids questioning heroic assumptions of endless global economic growth. This steers *One Billion Hungry* to the standard Green Revolution proposal: to feed 9 billion people, we must double food production by 2050. For Dr.

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