



State of Food Insecurity in African

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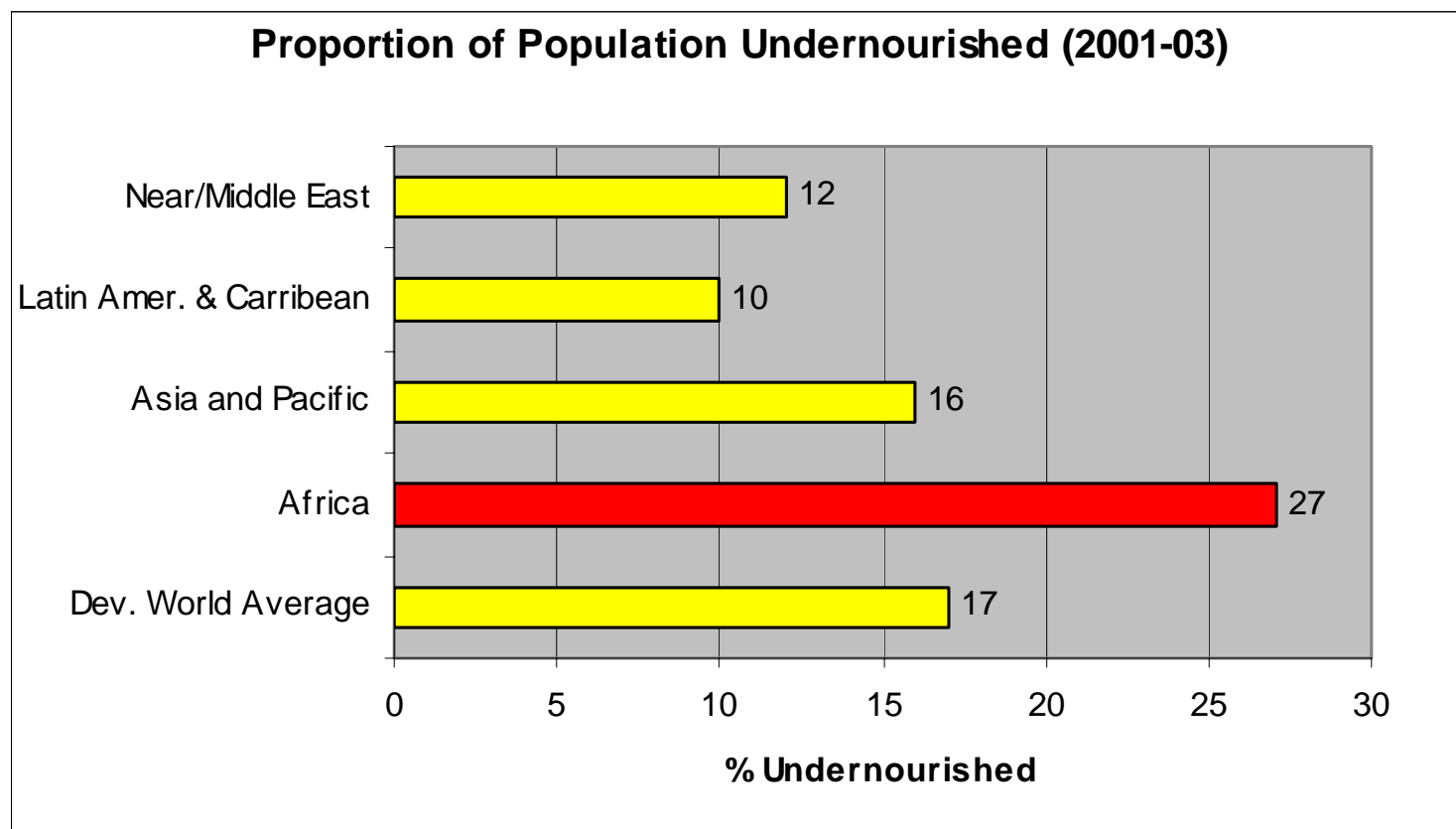
Outline of Presentation

1. Food Insecurity Trends
2. Institutional Review
3. Food Security Challenges for Africa
4. AU Responses to the Challenges



Comparison of Development Regions

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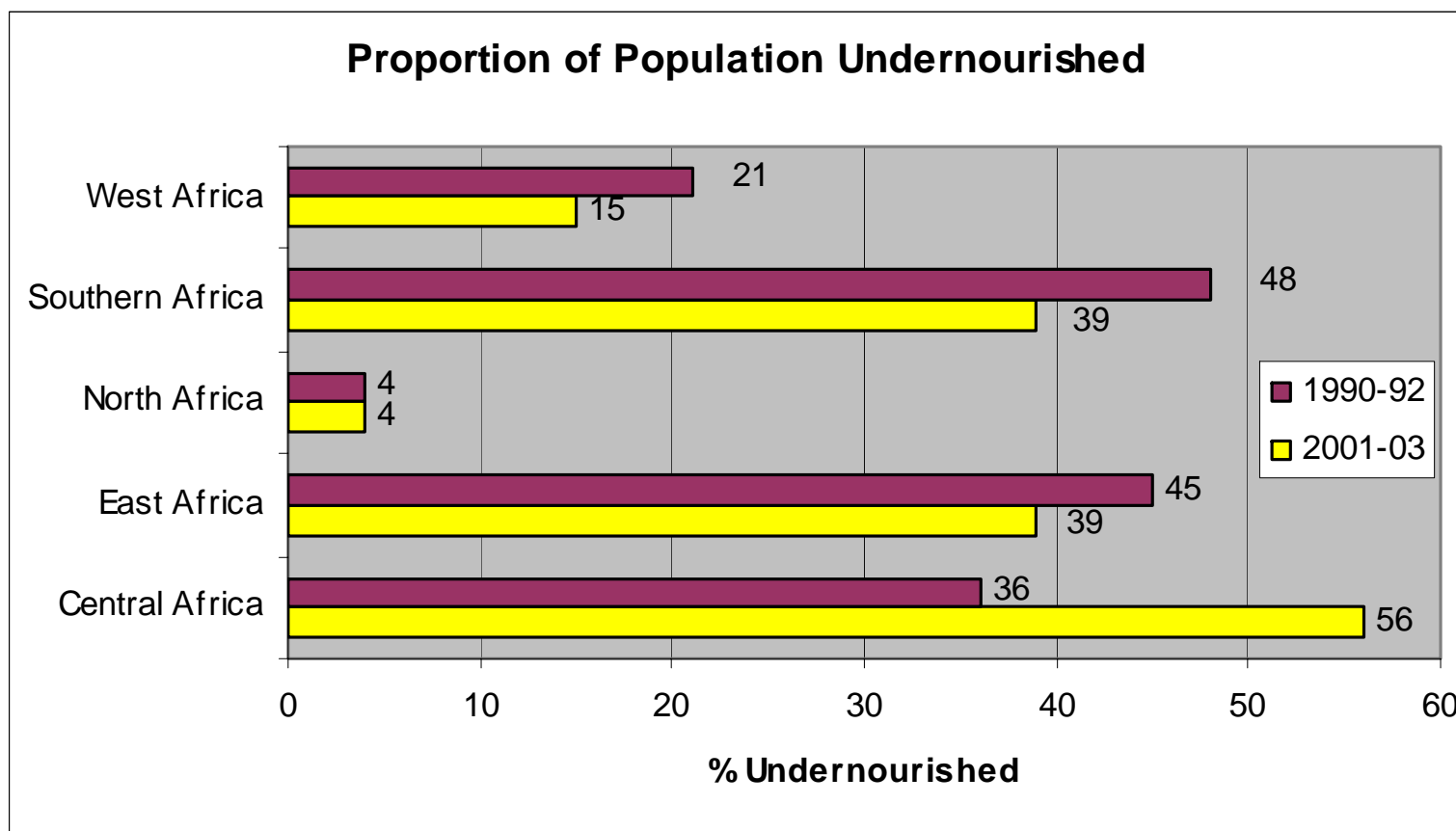


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Population Undernourished

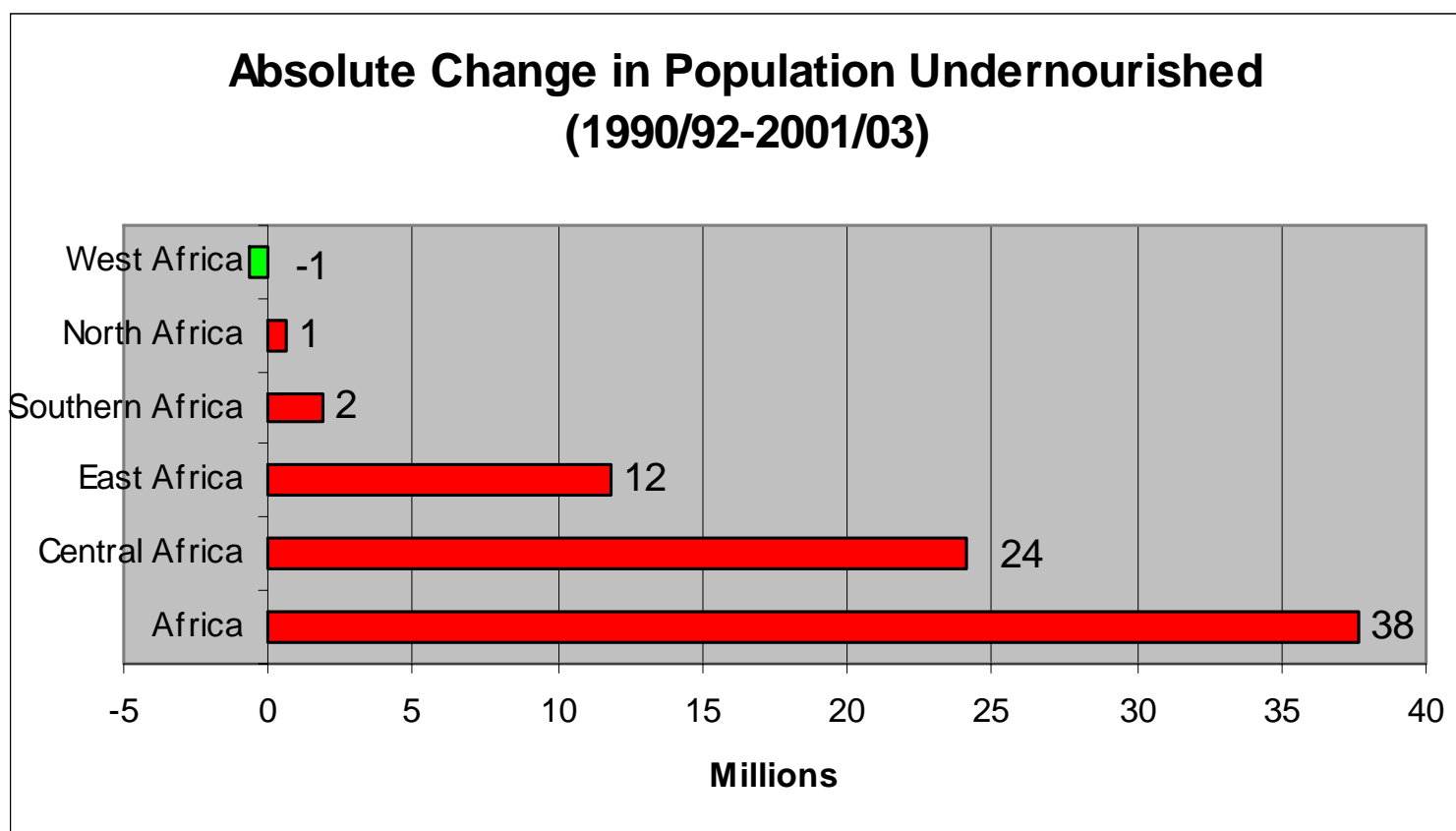
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Change in Absolute Numbers



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Institutional Framework – CAADP

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- ❖ A Framework for agricultural growth, food security and rural development in Africa
- ❖ Has the following specific targets
 - Agricultural growth rate of 6%
 - Have dynamic agricultural markets (national and regional)
 - Integrate farmers into market economy
 - More equitable distribution of wealth
 - Harness role of science and technology
 - Harness and manage natural resources sustainably
 - Attain food security
- ❖ Sirte Summit on Agriculture and Water
- ❖ Abuja Food Security Summit



Institutional Setup

- ❖ African Union
 - Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture
 - NEPAD Secretariat – Agriculture Department
- ❖ Regional Economic Communities – RECs
- ❖ Member States
- ❖ Specialized Regional Institutions
 - CILLS, ICPAC, FANRPAN, etc.
- ❖ SROs
- ❖ Development Partners and Donors
 - UN Agencies, Donors (Multilateral & Bilateral), NGOs, etc.



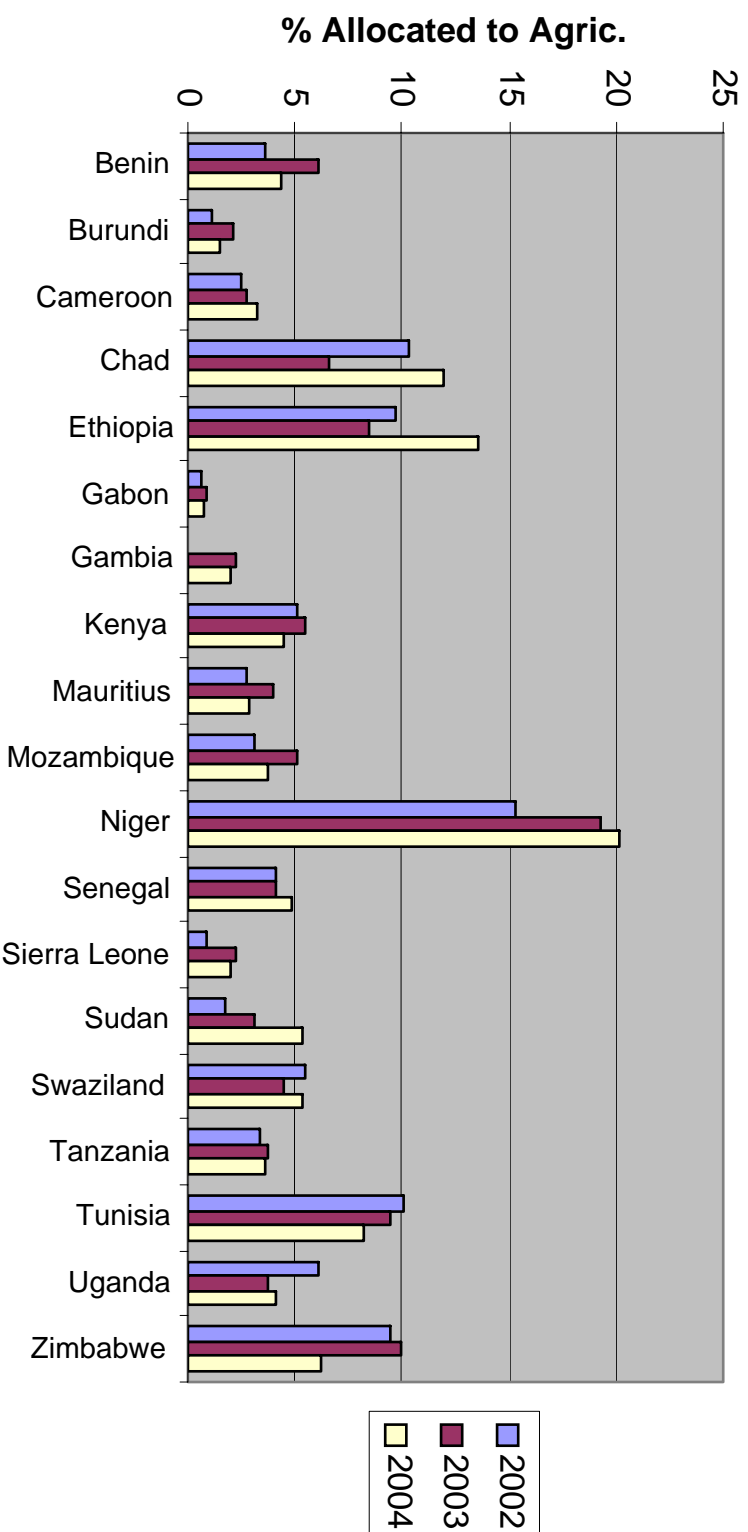
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10% Budget Allocation (2002-2004)





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5. Market Infrastructure and Trade
 - Within Africa
 - With the outside world



AU Responses to Food Insecurity

- ❖ CAADP-Sirte Framework
- ❖ Peace and Security
- ❖ Early Warning Systems/Environment Programme
- ❖ Resource Mobilization – 10% Budget Allocation
- ❖ Productivity – Fertilizer Summit
- ❖ Trade – Common Market for Food Products
- ❖ Safety Nets
 - Home Grown School Feeding



Thank you for your attention