

# GLOBAL FAULTLINES

## The Structural Crises Reshaping the 21st Century World

Climate disruption, food insecurity, economic inequality, and geopolitical tensions are converging into a systemic global crisis that no nation can confront alone.

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In an interconnected world, climate disruption, food insecurity, economic inequality, and geopolitical tensions interact like tectonic plates beneath the global order. A drought in one region can ripple through global food markets, trigger migration waves, and strain political systems thousands of kilometres away.

“The crises of the 21st century are not isolated storms; they are interconnected systems reshaping the global order.”

### Climate Change: The Defining Global Crisis

Scientific studies show greenhouse gas emissions reached roughly 51.5 billion tonnes in 2022. Approximately 3.3–3.6 billion people now live in regions highly vulnerable to climate change impacts such as droughts, flooding, and extreme heat.

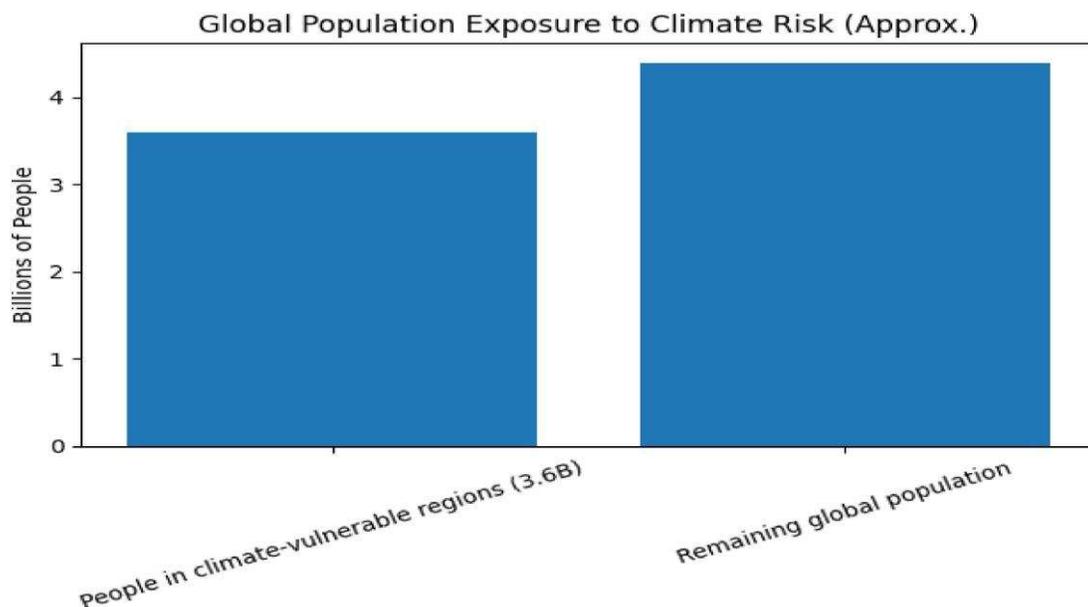


Figure 1: Population exposed to climate vulnerability.

### Climate, Food Systems, and Global Security

Climate disruption affects agriculture, water systems, and global supply chains. Rising temperatures and extreme weather contribute to food shortages and economic shocks that ripple through international markets.

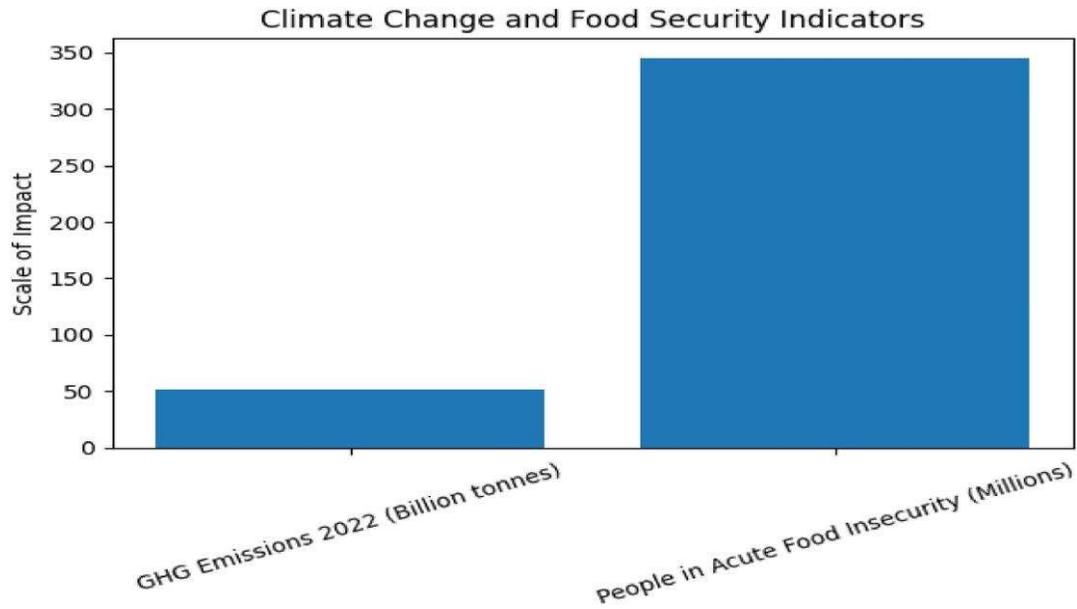


Figure 2: Climate change and food insecurity indicators.

## Hunger in an Age of Plenty

Despite advances in agricultural technology, hunger remains persistent. Over 9% of the global population has experienced hunger in recent years, and projections indicate 582 million people could remain chronically undernourished by 2030.

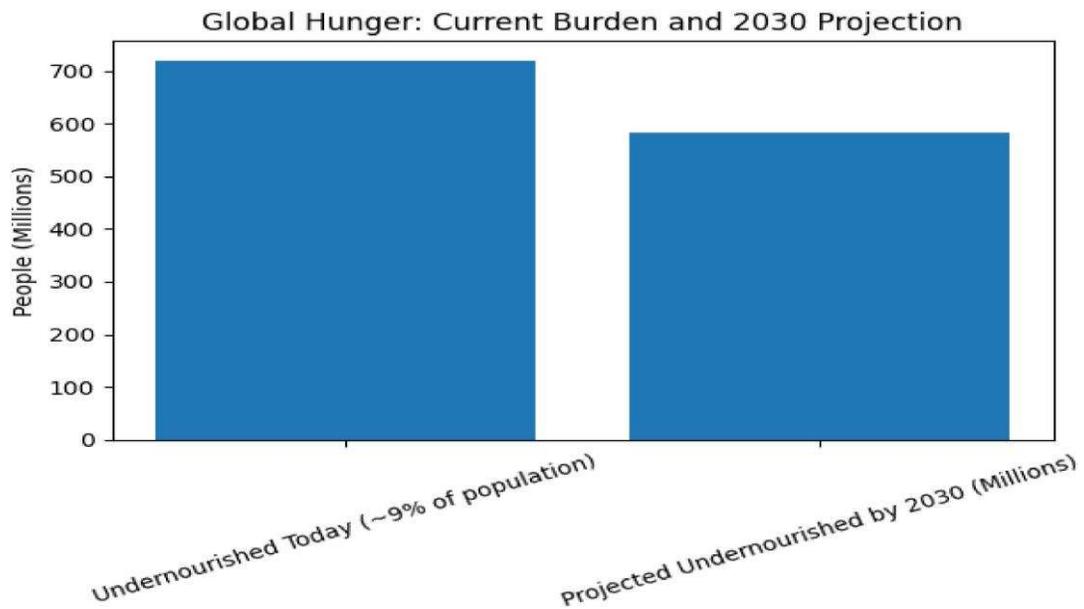


Figure 3: Global hunger projection toward 2030.

## A Planet at a Crossroads

Humanity now faces a decisive moment. The structural faultlines of climate instability, food insecurity, and geopolitical rivalry continue to widen. Coordinated international cooperation and sustainable development strategies remain the most viable path toward stabilising the global system.

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