

Shaping an equitable post-COVID world: the role of Global South think tanks

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The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the challenges to provide sufficient nutritious food to vulnerable populations and ensure livelihoods for those working in the food systems. This fragility of established food systems has been especially problematic in Asia, Africa and Latin America. According to the [Global report on Food Crisis-2021](#), while conflict will remain the major driver of food crises in 2021, the economic repercussions of COVID-19 will further exacerbate acute food insecurity in fragile economies.

According to the said report, it is estimated that the number of people in crisis or worse in 2020 was nearly 20 million higher than in 2019 (134.7 million) and projected that around 3.4 million people (35% of the rural population) would face a crisis or worse in the first three months of 2021. Poor households lacked food stocks and food prices remained high even during the lean season, affecting women and children who are particularly vulnerable to malnutrition.

In this session, we will discuss the challenges and desirable policy responses to ensure food security in the Global South through food systems transformation and find solutions for an equitable recovery from the pandemic. The session will examine how think tanks from the Global South can foster transformative policies to rebalance power at multiple levels and achieve sustainable and resilient food systems.

Moderator / Chair

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Speakers

- Ricardo Fort, Senior Researcher, GRADE - Peru
- Puspa Sharma, Executive Director, SAWTEE - Nepal
- Maria Ignacia Fernandez, Senior Researcher, RIMISP - Chile
- Manoj Thibbotuwawa, Research Fellow, IPS - Sri Lanka
- Berber Kramer, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI - Kenya