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Lessons to be learned?

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- o What devastated e.g. African food production were the many decades of food export dumping by Europe and the USA.
- o What did not work sustainably was the so-called Green Revolution and massive Food Aid even though it did save post-war India.
- o What works best, in many countries, is economic growth, if it reduces absolute poverty. (But even a little more income increases meet consumption and demand for feed.)

Missing element today: food safety vs food security ("zero risk" policies, with ever-higher production standards developed together with developed country industries: increase food costs everywhere and reduce market access for cash crop exports from poor countries). Like it or not, there is a trade-off between food safety and food security. Food governance must include but cannot be left to Health Ministries!