

Sub-Saharan Africa agriculture to rise 2.6% yearly through 2025

Sub-Saharan Africa's agricultural output may rise 2.6% annually through 2025, boosted by productivity improvements.



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"Faster technology adoption associated with the emergence of medium-scale producers and integration of smallholder producers into the value chain will raise production growth even as area expansion slows, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation said in a joint report on Monday.

Despite improvements, significant gaps remain and imports of most primary food products are projected to rise, it said.

The region is the world's most food-insecure, with almost a quarter of the population of more than 950 million people undernourished, according to the organisations. Low productivity of agricultural resources, high population growth rates, political instability and civil strife have slowed progress in addressing this.

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