

The Geography of Malnutrition

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In the present day and age, majority of Georgian population suffers from food shortage and consumes only a small part of daily norm of calories. In addition, there is a low awareness of this issue among the community which can lead to malnutrition.

Greater number of population is suffering from hunger. Specialists think that apart from not having enough food, malnutrition is one of the most serious dangers to population health. So it is not accidental that in 2016 Global Hunger Index (GHI), Georgia took the 16 th place among 118 countries. According to experts, if the country does not pay enough attention to the issue then in about 15 years, we will produce a degraded generation.

According to the United Nations, 821 million people in the world or otherwise one in nine people is on the edge of hunger, approximately 151 million children under 5 years of age are stunted because of malnutrition.

Nutrition value can be considered normal if a person consumes 2600-2800 calories a day (when it allows every function of an organism to operate properly). Based on calorie intake, an overall condition of world's population has improved over the last decade. However, differences are also noticeable. In developed countries the average daily consumption energy per capita is 3400kcal, while in Latin America and central Africa it equals 2700 and 2000 kcal respectively. In developed countries 1/3 of food products are of animal origin, while in developing ones-only 7%. The consumption of animal source foods is especially high in the countries of Latin America, which is caused by the favourable climatic conditions necessary for the development of stockbreeding.

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