

Summary

Paper 1 - Option F.3 The power of different stakeholders in relation to influence over diets and health

| Subject | Year | Start date | Duration |
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| Geography | IB2 | Week 4, October | 4 weeks |

Course Part

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Description

This optional theme looks at the geography of food and health. Economic development is often accompanied by dietary change and an epidemiological transition in which diseases of poverty become less common and diseases of affluence more common; however, this transition does not apply equally to all sectors of society.

Neither food nor health is easy to “measure”, so alternative indicators of food and health are considered. There are many interactions between, and shared influences on, food and health. The role of gender, TNCs and national governments in both food and health provision is considered. This topic considers alternative ways of assessing agricultural sustainability alongside possibilities for improving food supplies and global health over the long term.

Through study of this optional theme, students will develop their understanding of processes, places, power and geographical possibilities. They will additionally gain understanding of more specialized concepts including some, such as **diffusion** and **barriers**, which are applicable to both food production systems and the spread of diseases. **Sustainability** is considered in relation to long-term food production.

Curriculum

Syllabus Content

Part one: Geographic themes (SL and HL options)

Option F: Food and health

3. Stakeholders in food and health

The power of different stakeholders in relation to influence over diets and health

The roles of international organizations (such as the World Food Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and World Health Organization), governments and NGOs in combating food insecurity and disease

The influence of TNCs (agribusinesses and the media) in shaping food consumption habits

Gender roles related to food and health, including food production/acquisition and disparities in health

Factors affecting the severity of famine, including governance, the power of the media and access to international aid


One case study of the issues affecting a famine-stricken country or area

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ATL Skills

 Approaches to Learning


 Thinking

 Self-management

Developing IB Learners

 Learner Profile

 Caring

 Reflective