

## Tackling the 1.6-Billion-Ton Food Loss and Waste Crisis

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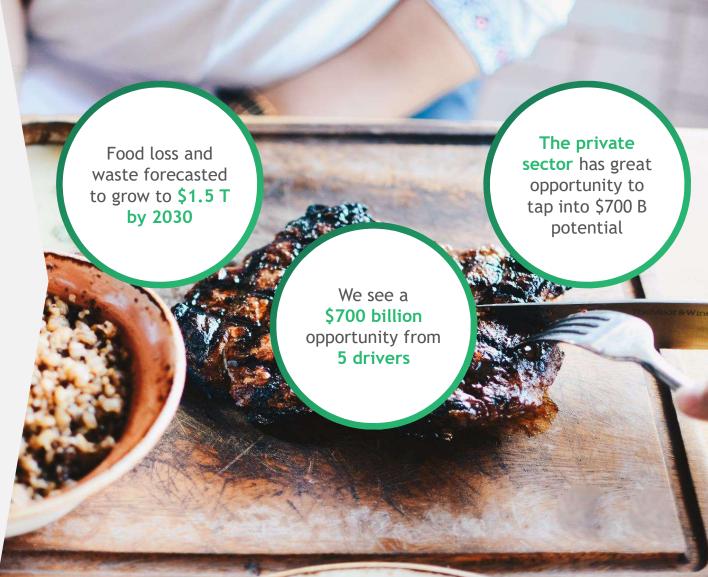




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# Today's talking points



## One third of food produced is lost and wasted

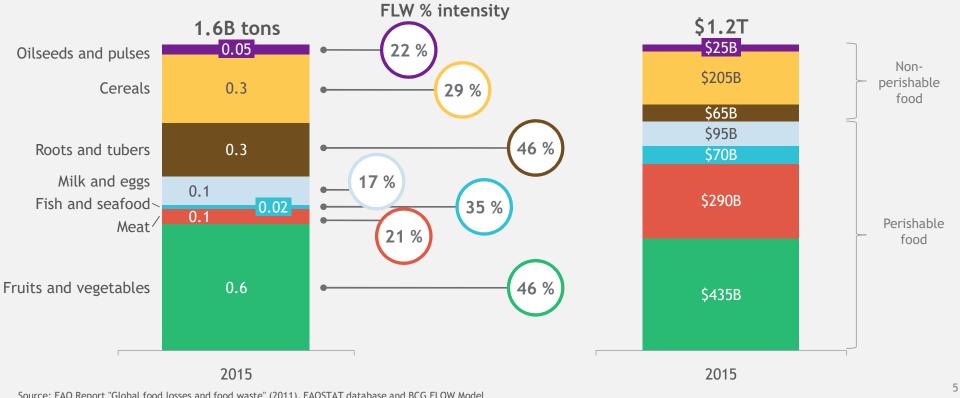


#### Food is lost and wasted at each step of the value chain



Source: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

## Food loss and waste worth over \$1.2T with meat, fruit and vegetables as main contributors



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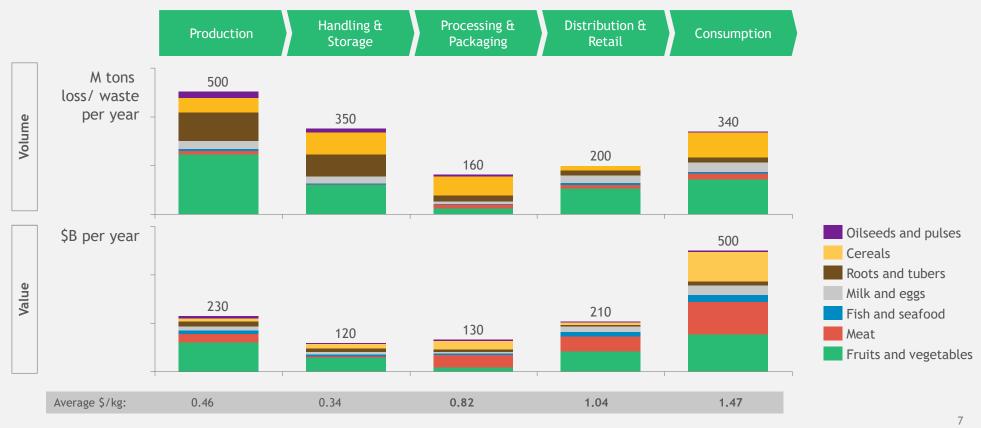
Source: FAO Report "Global food losses and food waste" (2011), FAOSTAT database and BCG FLOW Model Findings for 2015, in 2015 USD

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Where in the value chain are the largest food losses and waste, in terms of volume?

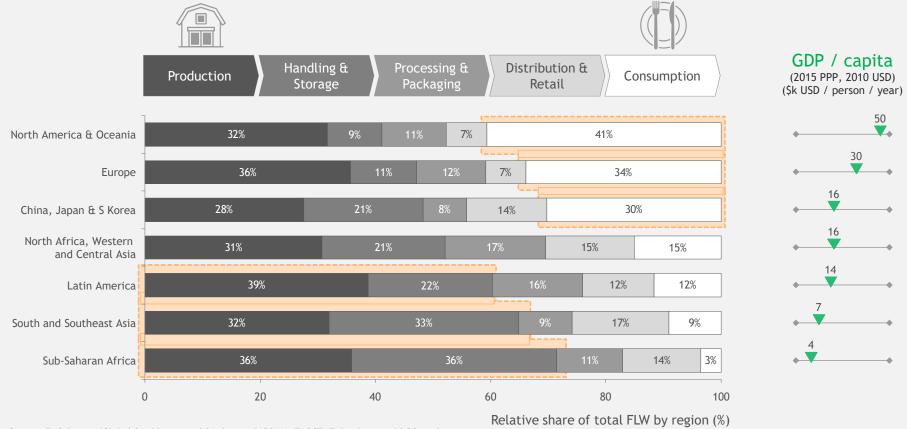
- A. At the start of the value chain, due to inefficiency in harvesting and initial quality loss
- B. During transportation and storage, due to insufficient cold chain infrastructure, especially in developing countries
- C. At the processing stage, as processing companies regard utilization above waste
- D. At the retail stage, when most produce would not make it to the consumer to maintain fresh products on display
- E. At the consumer stage, as we throw out a lot of waste at home

#### While FLW volumes are highest at ends of value chain, FLW value is highest downstream as unit price increases



Source: FAO Report "Global food losses and food waste" (2011), FAOSTAT database and BCG FLOW Model. Findings for 2015

## In developed regions, need to act at the "fork" and in developing regions, need to act at the "farm"



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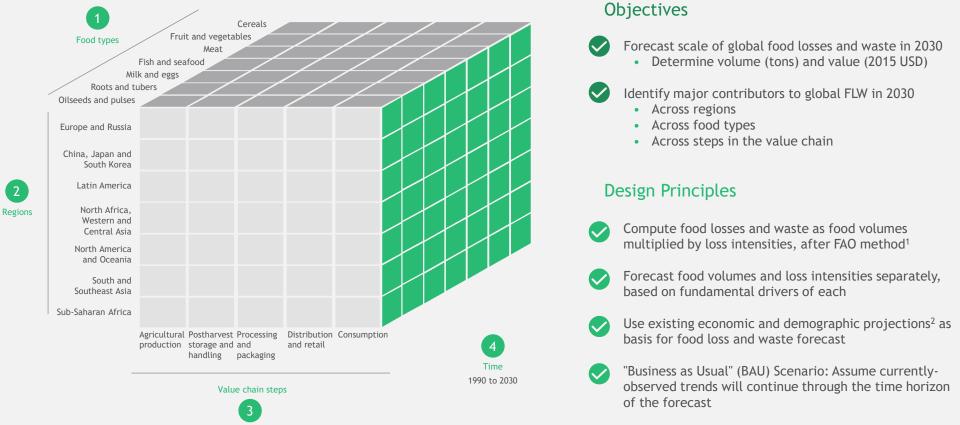
## Food Loss is massive problem growing to \$1.5 T by 2030



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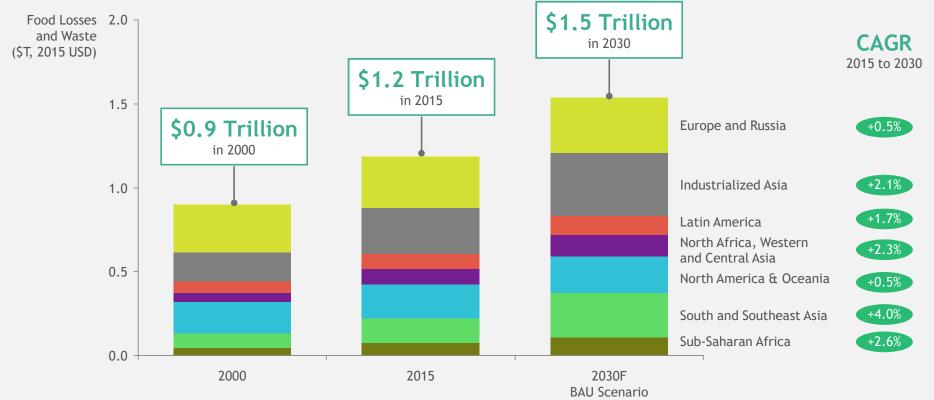
#### BCG FLOW\* Model: Robust forecast across dimensions

\*BCG Food LOss and Waste Model is a proprietary tool for long term forecasting



<sup>1</sup> Report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Global food losses and food waste - extent, causes and prevention" (2011) <sup>2</sup> World Bank, United Nations, International Monetary Fund (compiled by Oxford Economics)

#### Value of food losses and waste to hit \$1.5T in 2030



Source: BCG FLOW Model

Which region is expected to be the largest contributor to 2,1b tons FLW by 2030?

- A. North Africa, Western and Central Asia driven by FLW of cereals
- B. China, Japan and S Korea driven by FLW of Fruits and vegetables
- C. South and Southeast Asia driven by FLW of FLW of Milk and eggs
- D. Sub-Saharan Africa driven by FLW of Roots and tubers

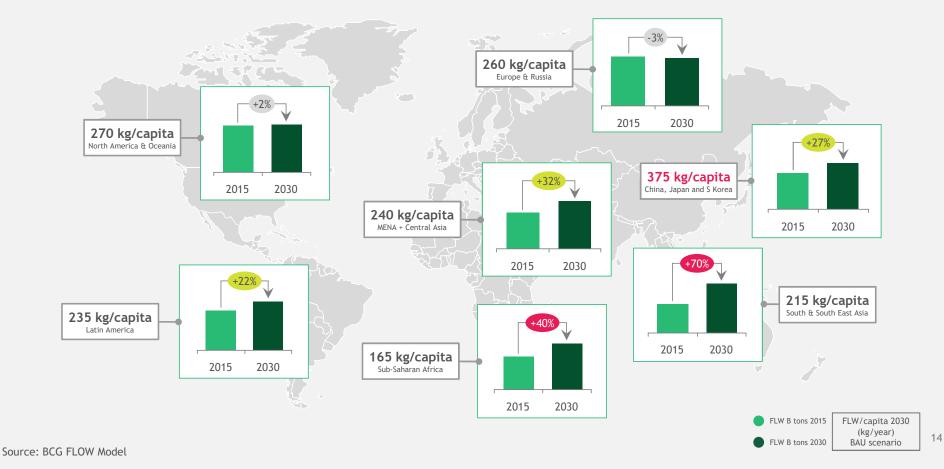
#### Loss and waste of fruits and vegetables in Asia forecast as 625M tons in 2030



BAU Scenario

#### Volume increase mainly driven by developing regions

FLW/capita still highest in developed regions in 2030, BAU scenario



#### Upstream improves, but consumption waste increases



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Source: BCG FLOW Model

### We see potential impact of \$700 B by 2030 from 5 drivers



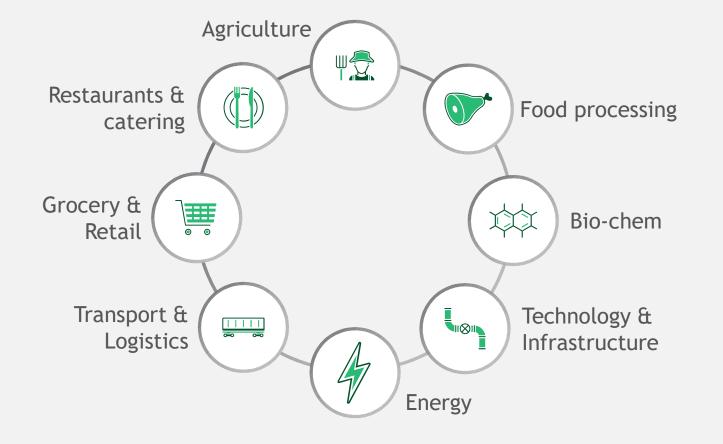
Source: BCG analysis

#### 5 drivers with potential impact of \$700 B

Driver	Examples	Estimated impact	
Awareness	<ul> <li>Consumers lack information on how to minimize food waste</li> <li>Excess purchasing encouraged by grocery promotions</li> </ul>	260 190	
Supply Chain Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Cold-chain logistics non-existing in many emerging markets</li> <li>Many companies have limited capabilities within recycling/re-purposing</li> </ul>	150	
Supply Chain Efficiency	<ul> <li>KPIs not designed to identify and address food loss and waste</li> <li>Efficiency improvements tend to focus on large levers rather than food loss, where high effort is required and yield is lower</li> </ul>	120 105	
Collaboration	<ul> <li>Lack of collaboration between farmers and food processors</li> <li>Purchasing contracts and agreements encourage overproduction</li> </ul>	60 150	
Policy Environment	<ul> <li>Regulations and standards not put in place to minimize FLW</li> <li>Expiration dates and cosmetic standards are unnecessarily conservative</li> </ul>	110 140	
Source: BCG Analysis		Value, \$B Volume, M Tons 17	

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#### Opportunities along entire value chain



#### Menu of 13 initiatives along 5 drivers

	Production	Handling & Storage	Processing & Packaging	Distribution & Retail	Consumption
Awareness	Educate farmers 3 Train employees to handle repurpose and recycle foo		<sup>2</sup> Develop products, packaging, and promotions to enable and incentivize consumers to reduce waste		
			lle and manage inventory more efficiently and bod waste		Facilitate recycling/ purposing by consumers
Supply Chain Infrastructure	Improve and expand cold	d chain infrastructure			
	Adapt technologies from operations to be suitable	large commercial e for smallholder farming	Develop and implement teo and recycle food loss and v		
Supply Chain Efficiency		reduce time to market and	storage		
	Adopt digital, big data, a food loss and waste	and related tools, metrics, ar	nd processes to prevent		
Collaboration	Collaborate on supply-de	emand forecasts to adjust pro	oduction plans		
	Develop new purchasing	agreements and models			
Policy Environment			e e	Advocate for regulation a issues such as date labels	
	3 Advocate for regulation that enables food waste donations and increases cost of discarding food				

Several conditions need to be met to reduce FLW



**Local governments** need to support and subsidize key food loss and waste reduction opportunities



International bodies need to optimize cross border relationship to reduce food loss and waste



**Companies** need to concretize their opportunities to lower food loss and waste and take responsibility



**Consumers** need to adapt practices to reduce food waste and hyper convenience

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Source: BCG analysis

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