



# **Bangladesh National Food Security Strategies**

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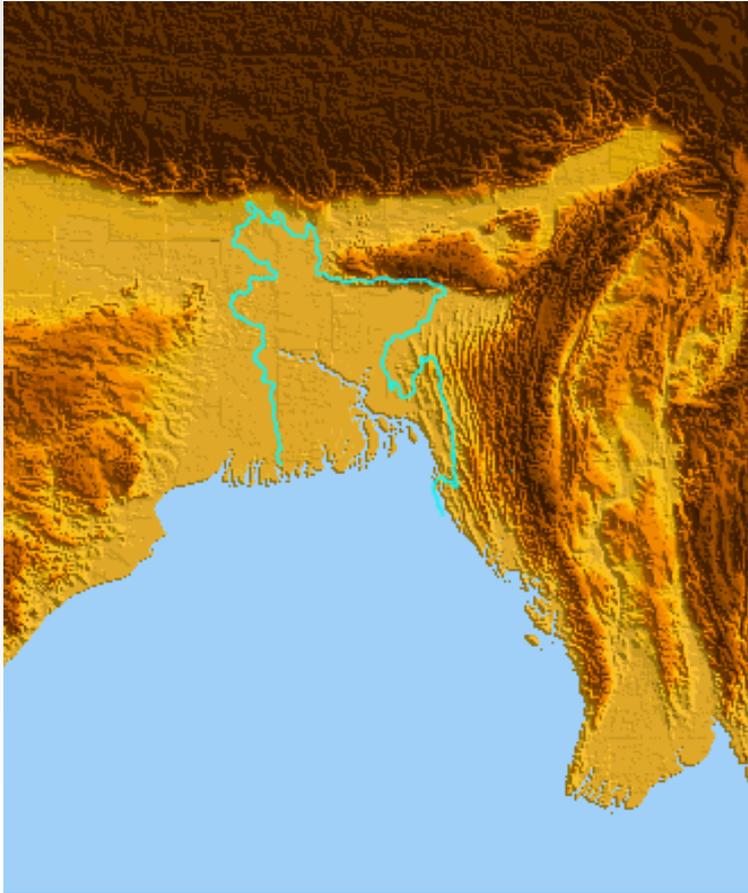
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# Introduction.....

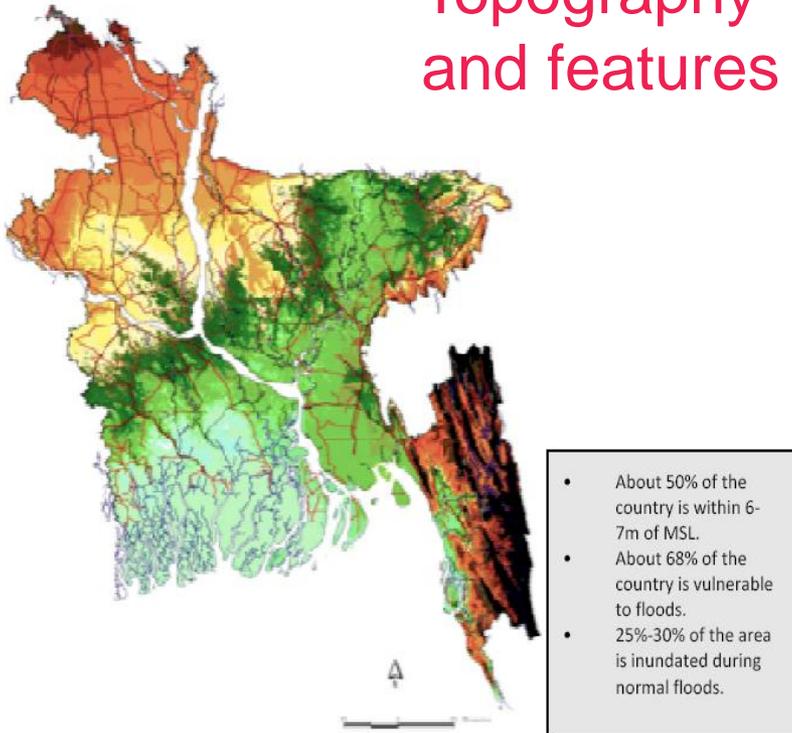


- ❑ Situated in the Bengal Delta at the confluence of GBM basin
- ❑ About 155 million people live in 147,570 sq. km area-highest population density in the world
- ❑ Bestowed with fertile land; hard working people
- ❑ About 10% area, hardly 1 meter above MSL;

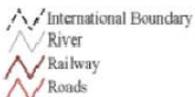
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Figure 1: Topography of Bangladesh

## Topography and features



### Legend:



### Elevation in meter (PWD)

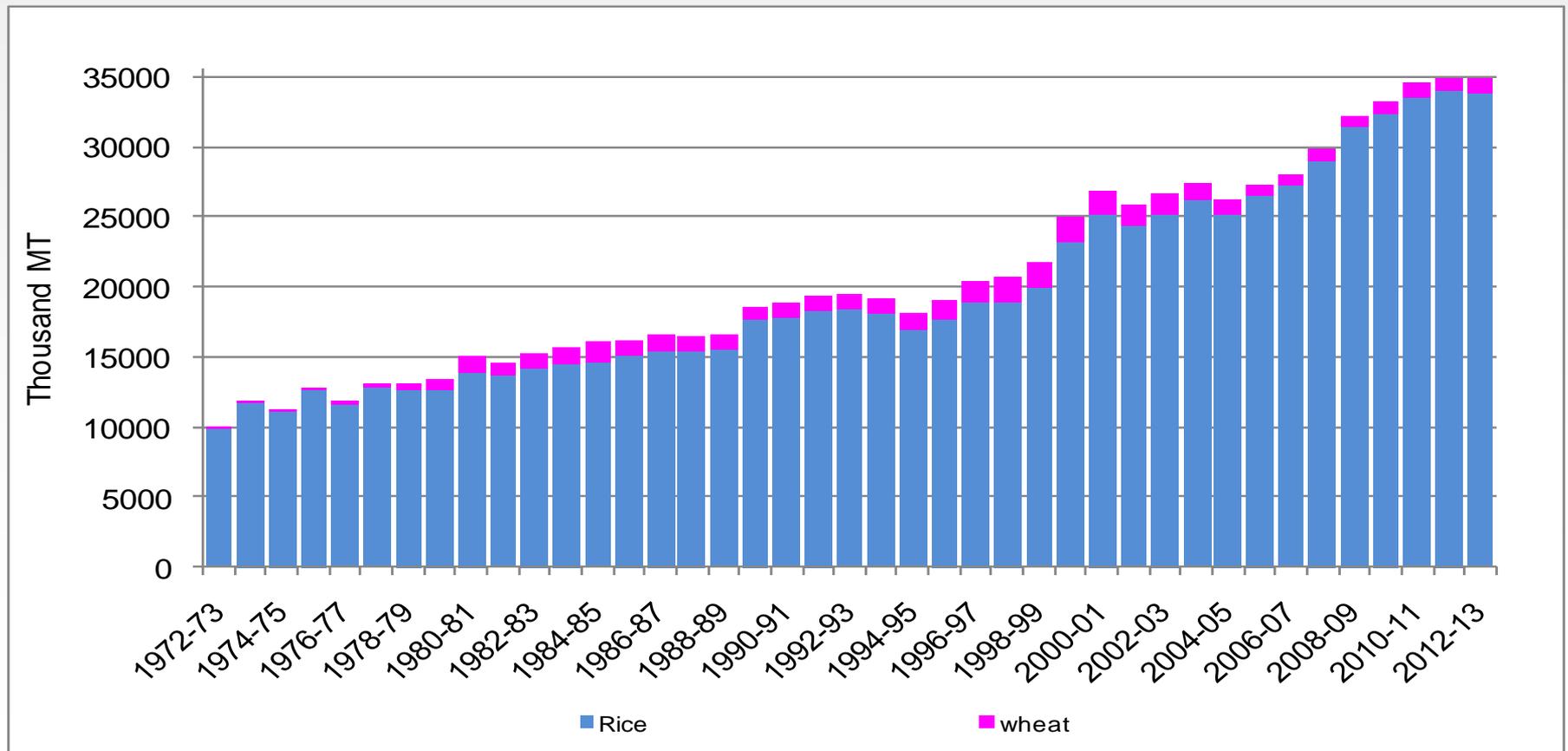


Source: NDMP (2010)

- ❑ Coastal area is about 32% of the total; i.e. one third under tidal excursions;
- ❑ Despite hurdles, Bangladesh managed to improve social & economic indicators:
  - ❑ School enrollment; Sanitation and drinking water; Iodine and Vitamin A supplementation; Maternal and Infant mortality rate; Life expectancy
  - ❑ Decent economic growth (5.5~6.8 %) in the last decade

# Bangladesh food security: production and availability

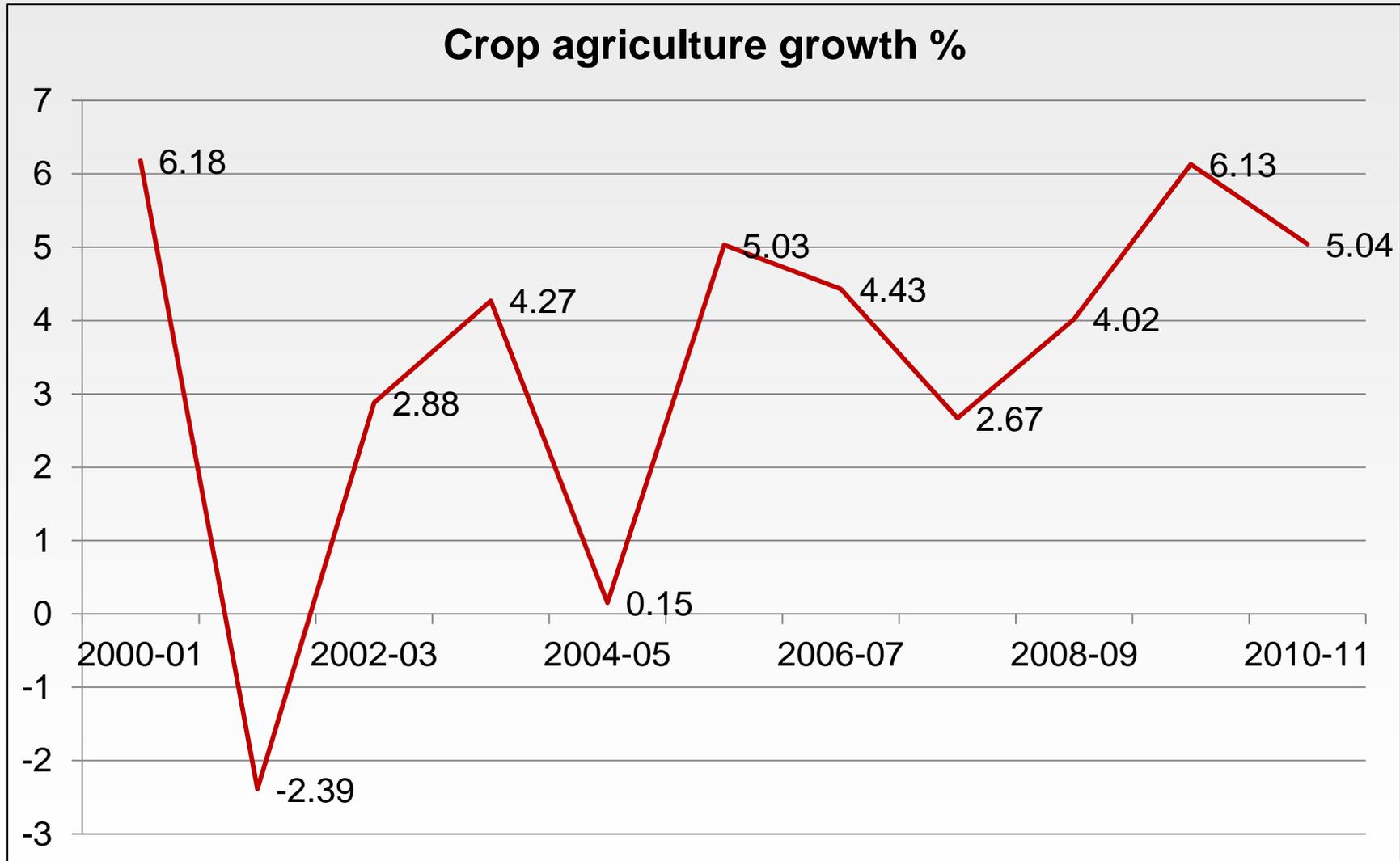
- Substantial progress in making food available
- Since independence, rice production has been tripled and the country is nearly self sufficient
- Foodgrain production growth outpaced population growth



# Bangladesh food security: other indicators of availability

Indicator	2007/08	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	Target	Source
<b>Growth of agricultural GDP (constant prices)</b>	3.00%	5.22%	5.24%	2.99%	4.50%	BBS
<b>Rice import dependency (3-years moving average)</b>	4.20%	3.31%	2.53%	2.37%	0%	DGF, BBS
<b>Instability of rice production</b>	4.09%	4.07%	3.39%	3.04%	0%	BBS
<b>Share of rice on total food value added (current price)</b>	41.52%	42.17%	42.44%	41.71%	Decreasing over time	BBS

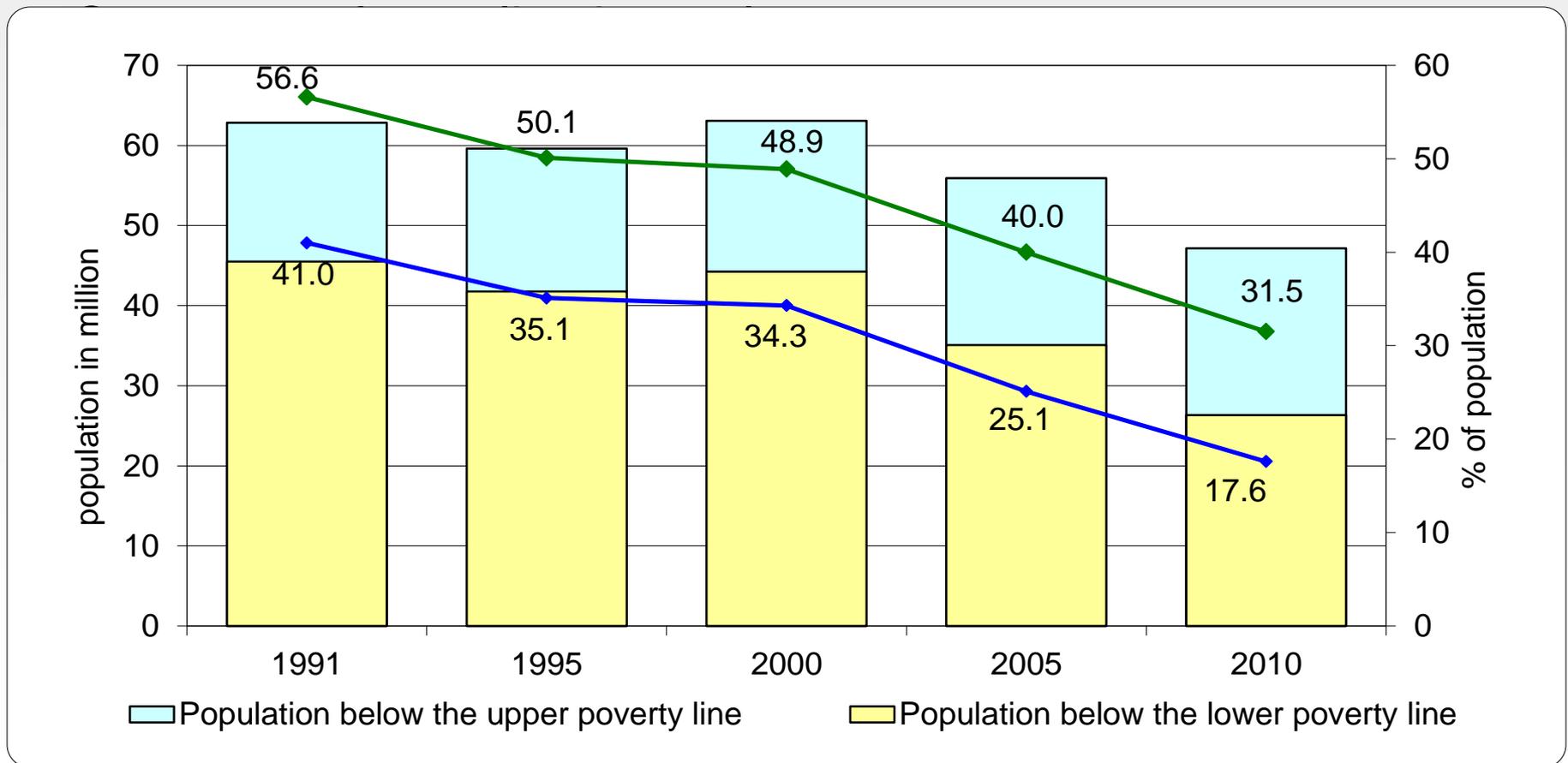
# Bangladesh food security: Crop production growth.....



Source: BBS, various yrs

# Bangladesh food security: poverty trends

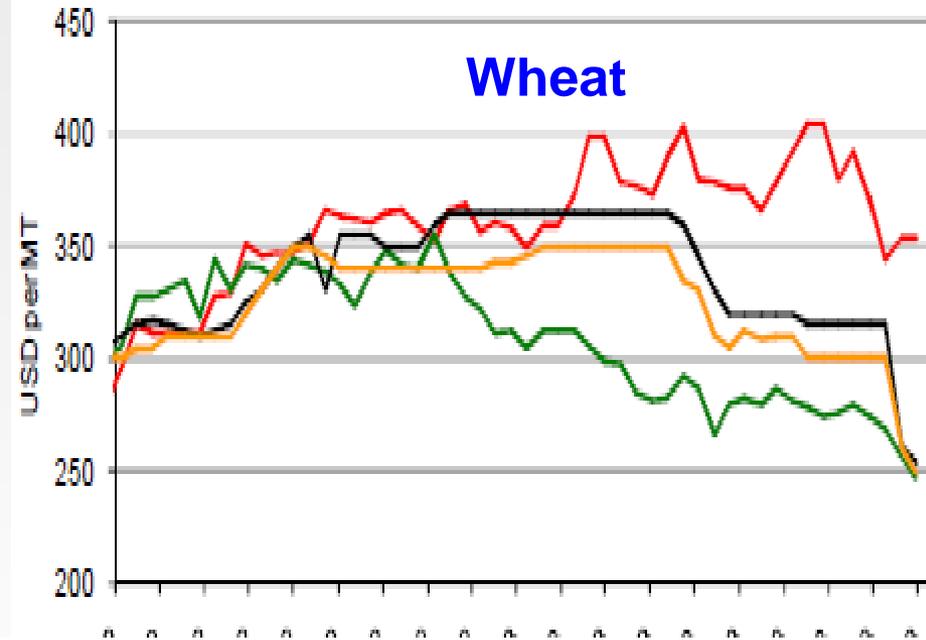
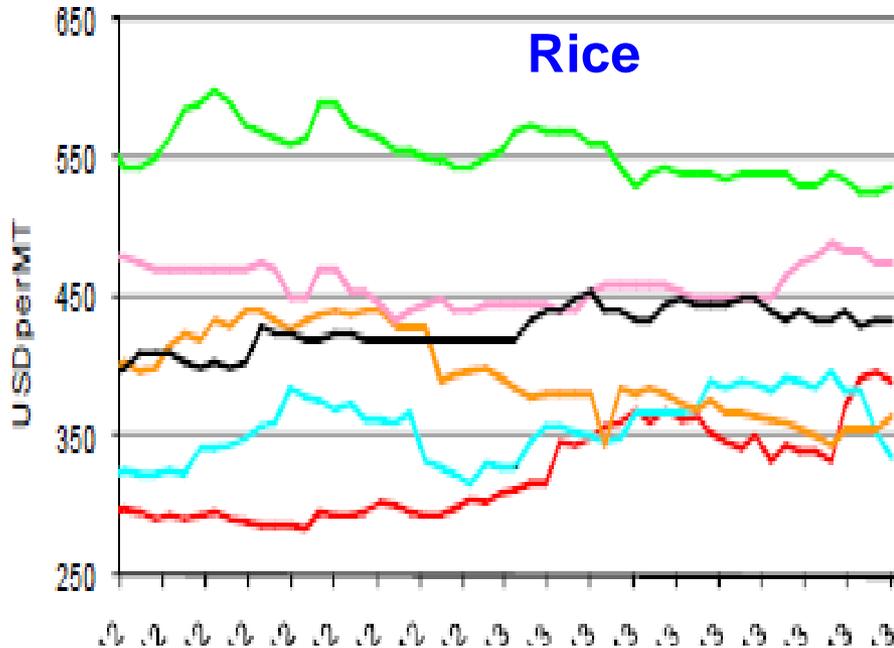
- Income **poverty reduction continues despite shocks;**
- Over the **last 5 years, poverty has declined faster;**
- Poverty incidence declined more in urban areas than in rural areas;



Sources: BBS Report on HIES 2010 (preliminary), HIES 2005, HIES 2000, HIES 1995 and HIES 1991.

# Food prices

Collective efforts of increased domestic supply, enhanced safety nets and PFDS interventions have helped in stabilizing prices in recent years



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