The State of Food Security and Nutrition in Asia and the Pacific 2017 (the World Report 2017) has highlighted the need for action to address the alarming rates of malnutrition in Asia, which are driving the region's food insecurity and poverty. The report notes that Asia's poor and vulnerable populations are disproportionately affected by malnutrition, with stunted growth, undernutrition, and micronutrient deficiencies contributing to poor health outcomes and reduced productivity.

In Pakistan, the situation is particularly concerning. The country ranks among the worst in the world for stunting among children under the age of five, with 44% of children affected. The prevalence of underweight and overweight is also high, with 31% of children and 29% of adults affected, respectively.

Pakistan's food security and nutrition situation is further exacerbated by the country's complex challenges, including political instability, resource constraints, and climate change. The government has taken steps to address these issues, including the launch of the National Nutrition Plan in 2014 and the Nutrition Month campaign in 2017.

However, more needs to be done to ensure that all Pakistanis have access to nutritious and affordable food. The private sector also has a role to play in improving food systems and addressing malnutrition. By working together, we can make a real difference in improving the health and well-being of Pakistan's people.

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