Reducing food loss is key to achieving zero hunger and meeting environmental targets.

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Rich countries waste 222 million tonnes of food, almost as much as the entire net food production of sub-Saharan Africa (230 million tonnes).

Per capita waste by consumers is between 95-115 kg a year in Europe and North America, while consumers in sub-Saharan Africa, south and south-eastern Asia, each throw away only 6-11 kg a year.

In developing countries, 40% of losses occur at post-harvest and processing levels, while in industrialized countries more than 40% of losses happen at retail and consumer levels.

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations