# Waste



## THE WORLD'S WASTE

- Over a billion tonnes of food in the world are wasted every single year. About one third of the food made for humans is either lost or wasted.
- In 2011, around 1.3 billion tonnes got lost or wasted, according to a study done by the FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization)
- Industrial countries get rid of around 630- 670 million tonnes.



 Every year rich countries waste enough food to feed almost the entire population of Africa.

Fruits and vegetables have the highest wastage rates of any food.

The amount of food lost or wasted every year is more than
2.3 billion tonnes

# Losses in Food!

- Food waste is more a problem in industrialized countries, most often caused by both retailers and consumers throwing perfectly edible food into the trash.
- Waste by consumers is between 95-115 kg a year in Europe and North America, while consumers in sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia each throw away only 6-11 kg a year.

### **Food Production**

- Food production for human consumption is about 900 kg a year in rich countries, almost twice the amount produced in the poorest regions.
- In developing countries 40 percent of losses occur at post-harvest and processing.
- While in industrialized countries more than 40 percent of losses happen at retail and consumer levels.

Ways to belf

Buy only what you actually need. Cook leftovers. Share food with your neighbours. Use it up.

#### It 's the simple thing to do.