Biotechnology cannot feed world alone, but as part of integrated plan

Food biotechnology advocates frequently claim that GMOs will feed the world. It is an outright oversimplification and detracts from the technology's current applications, its limitations and most of all, its fantastic potential.

Most people, from scientists to the general public, understand there is no one-size-fits-all answer to the complicated problem of world hunger. Nutrition deficits are due to unpredictable climate, crop disease or pests, or simply a lack of resources or mechanisms to get food to places where it is needed most. It is a problem exacerbated by politics, religion, regional skirmishes, age-old ethnic rivalries and many other factors that broaden this multifaceted inequity.

Biotechnology alone will not feed the world; it can't. However, it will be part of an integrated plan that will bring welcome relief to many of those in critical need. That is, when it is finally allowed to realize that potential.

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