Can 'public good' GMOs change the conversation?

Today, as technology is becoming more accessible and less expensive, smaller labs and researchers are able to produce GMOs at a reduced costs — with the seed produced available for public good, not profit. And this allows them to respond to small, localized food production issues such as <u>bananas in Uganda</u> and <u>papaya in Hawaii</u>.

For the development sector — where the impact of lost local crops can mean loss of income, increased poverty and loss of culture — does "public good" GMO change the debate?

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For scientists, GMOs are not the only solution for food security — but they are an important one. "Combined with improved farming conditions, better use of water and reducing waste, GMOs can help to create better food options," [plant molecular biologist Marina] Trigueros said.

And with the changing environment, she has no doubt that the future of food will be GMO.

"In ten years we are not going to have this discussion," Trigueros said. "GMOs are going to be there. People will accept them and we hope to even see organic shops accepting them. The new generations will understand this is the food of science, and they will be fine with that."

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