

Powerful argument for lab-grown meat: Although low- and middle-income countries contain only 40% of the world population, they make up 75% of deaths from food-borne illnesses

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition found that [low- and middle-income countries make up 75% of the deaths from food-borne illnesses](#), while constituting roughly 40% of the population.

“[Even] devout meat-eaters...can’t ignore...the trucks carrying chickens packed together in wire cages. From a humanitarian perspective, it’s sad. From a food safety angle, it’s disgusting,” [Good Food Institute’s Varun] Deshpande said, adding that the supply chain in cultivated meat can be far more traceable than conventional meat.

“Cultured meat is not a sure-fire solution,” said [Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology’s Nalam Madhusudhana] Rao, “but it is one of the solutions that can be effective to solve these problems.”

These reasons will grow as incomes rise in India and the demand for protein increases.

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“Meat is an aspirational food in India – it’s a symbol of affluence,” Deshpande said. “Cultivated meat offers a path to fulfil [the increasing] demand. We need to take it out of the Michelin-star restaurants of Los Angeles and Singapore and bring it to places like India.”

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