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The issues addressed in this report concern both developed and developing countries: despite profound differences, they can face similar problems with respect to investment in smallholder agriculture. The report demonstrates that using a food security lens contributes to a useful understanding of the policies needed to support smallholder agriculture. Finally, it proposes policy recommendations on overcoming the main barriers to investments, both by smallholders themselves and by other investors, to achieve food security and nutrition. Particular attention is given to the respective roles of public and private stakeholders in providing (or not) adequate incentives and in shaping an enabling environment for investments. The report is organized in four sections: The first section defines smallholder agriculture and its investment constraints. It provides an overview of the smallholder sector in different regions of the world. A typology of constraint patterns is presented, based on three dimensions: assets, markets and other institutions. The second section delineates the importance of smallholder agriculture for food security and sustainable development. Reasons to invest in smallholder agriculture are to be considered in the broader perspective of structural transformations of agriculture and the economy, which frame, open or limit policy options. The third section presents the different types of investments that are needed at the smallholder level, but also other types and levels of investments – collective, private and public – needed for smallholders to secure and strengthen their own investment strategies. Section four introduces the way ahead for smallholder agriculture, with options to enable the various actors to facilitate investments in smallholder agriculture for food security, including institutions, policies and related instruments.

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