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## Smallholder Farming under External Shocks: New Perspectives and Solutions for Future Crises

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### Message from the Guest Editors

While smallholder farming has been viewed as inefficient for decades, more recently it has experienced a renaissance as a way of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and human security, stabilizing fragile supply chains and volatile prices, and building ecosystem resilience, resulting in fairness and equity for all. The impact of external shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic or the Ukraine–Russia war will likely have long-lasting effects on smallholder and societal well-being at large. For smallholders, such external shocks are exacerbating their challenges, as smallholders are already confronted with factor (e.g., capital, land, water, inputs) and institutional constraints (e.g., related to gender roles, land tenure). However, urban and rural smallholders are innovative in adopting adaptive and/or coping strategies prior to and during external shocks. However, these strategies and their effectiveness are under-researched.

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