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Take action for food insecurity

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(Richard Davies, 2022)



(CDEMA, 2022)



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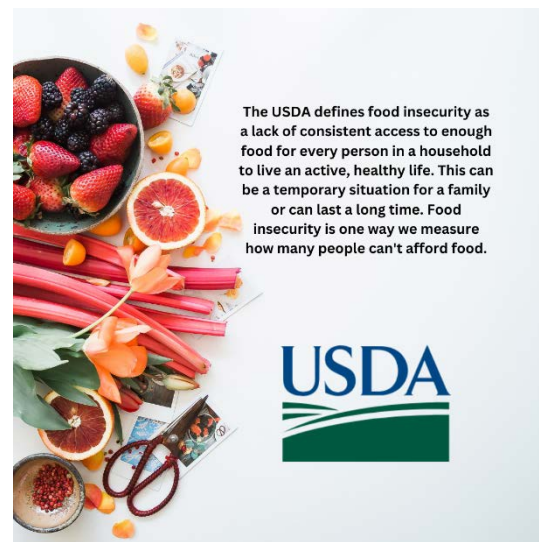
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The country is hardly guilty of greenhouse gas emissions, and the country is the most vulnerable due to its low coastal plain.

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Some facts about Suriname

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Some areas in Suriname that were flooded by 2022

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Solutions on the issues

Collaborations between government and NGO's

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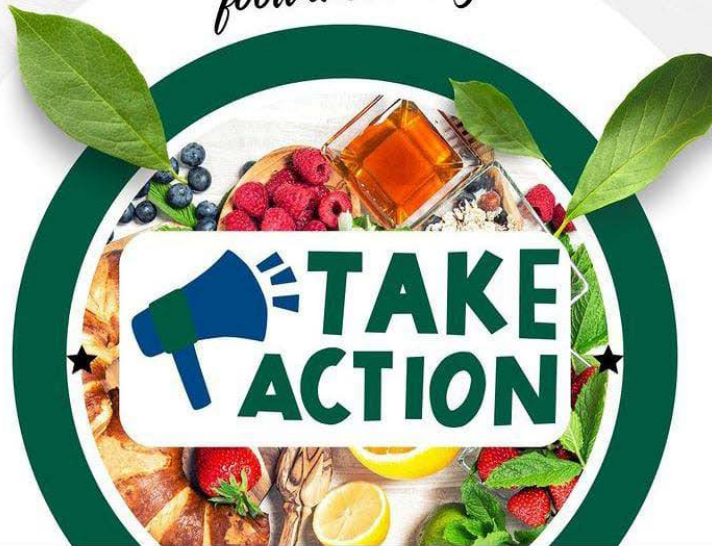
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