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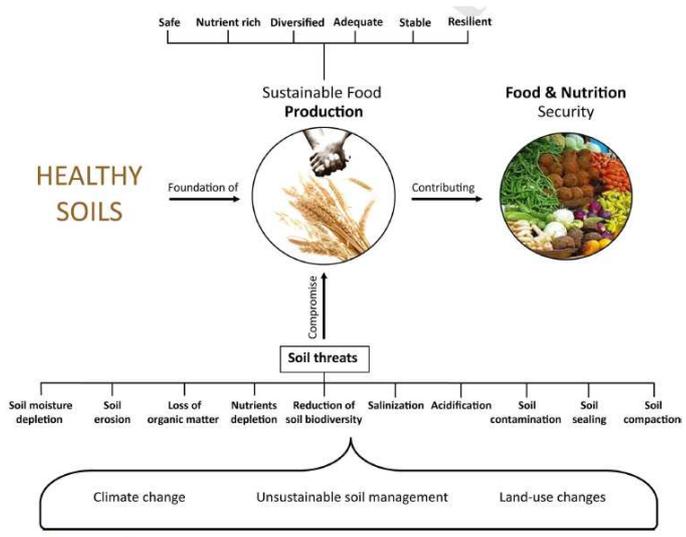
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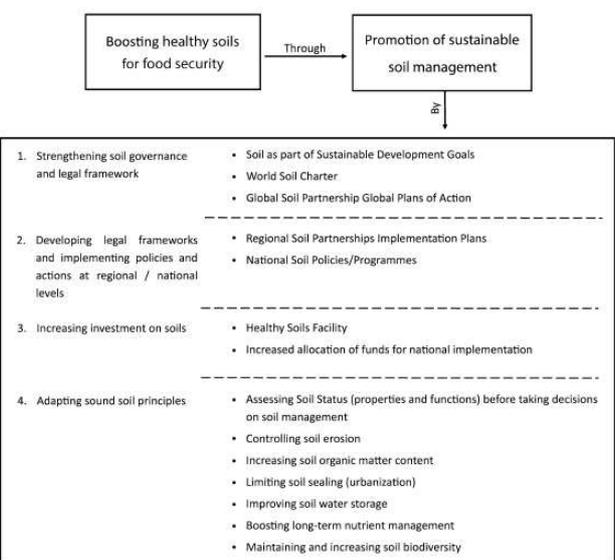
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Healthy soils: a prerequisite for sustainable food security

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1. Strengthening soil governance and legal framework

- Soil as part of Sustainable Development Goals
- World Soil Charter
- Global Soil Partnership Global Plans of Action

2. Developing legal frameworks and implementing policies and actions at regional / national levels:

- Regional Soil Partnerships Implementation Plans
- National Soil Policies/Programmes

3. Increasing investment on soils

- Healthy Soils Facility
- Increased allocation of funds for national implementation

4. Adapting sound soil principles

- Assessing Soil Status (properties and functions) before taking decisions on soil management
- Controlling soil erosion
- Increasing soil organic matter content
- Limiting soil sealing (urbanization)
- Improving soil water storage
- Boosting long-term nutrient management
- Maintaining and increasing soil biodiversity

Fig. 1 The importance of healthy soils in ensuring food security

Fig. 2 Towards the achievement of sustainable soil management

