



FAO - FOOD SECURITY INDICATORS

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A core set of food security indicators

Following the recommendation of experts gathered in the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Round Table on hunger measurement, hosted at FAO headquarters in September 2011, an initial set of indicators aiming to capture various aspects of food insecurity is presented here.

The choice of the indicators has been informed by expert judgment and the availability of data with sufficient coverage to enable comparisons across regions and over time. Many of these indicators are produced and published elsewhere by FAO and other international organizations. They are reported here in a single database with the aim of building a wide food security information system. More indicators will be added to this set as more data will become available.

Indicators are classified along the four dimension of food security -- availability, access, utilization and stability.

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The new suite of food security indicators is composed of a revised selection of indicators based on the SDGs monitoring requirement and data availability. For example, some of the utilization indicators are replaced with official SDGs indicators. In addition, a new indicator for measuring severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) is included. This indicator is first launched in the State of Food Security and Nutrition 2017

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notes:

na = not available

ns = not statistically significant

nr = not reported

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