

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: International Food Security Supplement 2023
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) SOR
 Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: Millions of people around the world lack access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. Several factors affect the prevalence of food security— including food availability (agricultural production and market conditions), access to food (economic and physical), stability (price and income shocks), and utilization. Personal income, food prices, and economic inequality are among the major factors affecting the ability of people to access food. Widespread food availability, rising income, and low food prices improve a country’s food security by increasing access to food. Food security can be worsened by declining income levels, high food prices, or food supply shocks. This report focuses on the availability and access dimensions of food security. Using a demand-driven model that integrates income, food prices, and food supply, the analysis helps USDA and its stakeholders assess food security for 83 countries in five regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and North Africa, Former Soviet Union, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The 2023 report is based on observed country level domestic commodity prices covering up to December 2022 and macroeconomic and international agricultural commodity price projections completed as of August 2022 to estimate and project the potential impact on present and future food insecurity levels.
Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.
Type of Review: Panel Review Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):
Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 3/20/2023 Completed: 06/07/2023
Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists
Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization

