

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food and Non-Food Coping Strategies in Response to the World Food Price Crisis: Evidence from India

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, SOR,) ERR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: Food prices across the world dramatically rose between 2006 and 2008. However, the rise in food prices was not uniform. Cereal prices especially surged, and the average increase in rice prices was nearly twice as large as wheat prices. The causes of the price shock are complex and unclear, but droughts, rising oil and fertilizer prices, the expansion of biofuels, and increasing demands of a rising global population have all been offered as potential explanations. Whatever the causes, the effects have been dramatic, where as many as 44 million people were driven into food insecurity. This report analyzes food-based coping strategies in response to the food price crisis, and also investigates non-food coping strategies.

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 [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/03/14 End: 7/7/2014 Completed: 7/7/2014

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No



