

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: International Food Security Assessment, 2024–2034

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) SOR

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

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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 (food safety and nutritional knowledge). Among the major factors affecting the ability of people to access food are personal income, food prices, and economic inequality. Food security can be worsened by declining income levels, high food prices, and/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 International Food Security Assessment (IFSA) analysis helps the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and its stakeholders assess food security for 83 countries in 5 regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, the Former Soviet Union, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The 2024 report is based on observed country-level domestic commodity prices up to December 2023 and macroeconomic and international agricultural commodity price projections completed as of August 2023, 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 [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 4/12/2024 Completed: ---

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

