

PDF - FOOD SECURITY AND POVERTY STATUS IN HOUSEHOLDS - researchcub.info **ABSTRACT**

The research profersan analysis of food security and poverty status among households in Ehime Mban

It elucidates thenature of food security and poverty status, portrays the challenges of foodsecurity and poverty and provides measures to enhance food security alleviatepoverty.

INTRODUCTION

Food security is aconcept that has evolved during the 1990s far beyond a traditional focus on thesupply of food at the national level. This concept has been given generaldefinitions in time past but in recent times, there has been a divergence ofideas on what food security really means. food security is defined as access by all peopleat all times to enough food for an active and healthy life. The committee onworld food security defined it as physical and economic access to adequatefood by all household members without undue risk of losing the access. However,the definition adopted by the countries attending the world food summit of1996, and reconfirmed in 2002, accepts the USAID'S concept which has three keyelements viz; food availability, food access and food utilization. However,a fourth concept is increasingly becoming accepted namely, "the risks that candisrupt anyone of the first three factors" There are therefore four majorelements of food security. They are food availability, food access, foodutilization and not loosing such access. Availability, access and utilization arehierarchical in nature. Food availability is necessary but not suicient for foodaccessibility and access is necessary but not suicient for utilization. In alarger sense, two broad groups of factors determine food security. These are supply side factors and demand side factors. The supply-side factors are thosethat determine food supply or food availability. In other words, they are determinants of physical access to food at national, household and intra-householdlevels. The demand side factors on the other hand are factors that determinethe degree of access of countries, households and individuals to available food.They are, in other words, determinants of economic access to food ordeterminants of entitlement to available food.

CHAPTER ONE

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Food insecurity orlack of access to nutritionally adequate diet in a household or country cantake various forms. For example, chronic food insecurity exists when food suppliesare persistently insuicient to supply adequatenutrient for all individuals. Transitory food insecurity occurs when there is atemporary decline in access toadequate food because of instability in food production, food price increasesor income shortfalls.

We may distinguishbetween national food security and household food security. This distinction isnecessary because an aggregate supply of food, from domestic sources orimport or both, are prerequisite but certainly not a suicient condition for a foodsecure situation in a country. In other words, adequate availability of foodin Nigeria on a per capita basis does not necessarily translate to suicient andadequate food for every citizen. Food security at household level is a subset ofthe national level and it requires that all individuals and households haveaccess to suicient food either by producing it themselves or by generating suicientincome to demand for it. The research intends to profer an analysis of foodsecurity and poverty status among holds in Ehime Mban.

1.2 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The problemconfronting the research is an analysis of food security and poverty statusamong household in Ehime Mban.

1.3 RESEARCH QUESTION

1. What is the nature of food security?
2. What is the challenge of poverty status among household on food security?
3. What is the challenge of poverty on food security in Ehime Mbano?

1.4 OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1. To perform an analysis of food security and poverty status among household
2. To determine food security and poverty status among household in Ehime Mbano

1.5 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The study shall project the level of food security and poverty among household with a view to prefer measures to mitigate and eliminate food insecurity and poverty among households.

1.6 STATEMENT OF HYPOTHESES

H0 Poverty level among household in Ehime Mbano is low

H1 Poverty level among household in Ehime Mbano is high

H0 Food security in Ehime Mbano is low

H1 Food security in Ehime Mbano is high

H0 Effect

of poverty on food security in Ehime Mbano is low

H1 Effect

of poverty on food security in Ehime Mbano is high

1.7 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The research is an analysis of food security and poverty status among households in Ehime Mbano

1.8 DEFINITION OF TERMS

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