

We propose that the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) is added to the DHS core questionnaire. FIES, developed by the FAO, is the only household food insecurity measurement tool that currently ensures the possibility to obtain internationally comparable, standard measures of severity. With the FIES it is possible to conduct a statistical validation and to calibrate the measures against a reference severity scale, which makes it an ideal instrument to be included in multipurpose household surveys intended for internationally comparable assessments. Two summary indicators are recommended for reporting purposes. Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population based on the FIES is Sustainable Development Goal indicator 2.12.

1. Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 2.1.2)

Definition: Proportion of individuals in the population who have experienced moderate or severe food insecurity during the reference period.

2. Prevalence of severe food insecurity in the population

Definition: Proportion of individuals in the population who have experienced severe food insecurity during the reference period.

Attached to this post is a completed submission form with full justification for the recommendation.

This recommendation originated in the September 2018 Technical Consultation on Measuring Nutrition in Population-Based Household Surveys and Associated Facility Assessments--a 2-day working meeting convened by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and United States Agency for International Development in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and coordinated by Data for Decisions to Expand Nutrition Transformation (DataDENT). The consultation included more than 60 technical experts, survey program representatives from DHS, MICS, LSMS and SMART, country data stakeholders, and donors from the nutrition measurement community.

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This recommendation is endorsed by the WHO-UNICEF Technical Expert Advisory Group on Nutrition Monitoring (TEAM). Out of the 10 sets of recommendations endorsed by TEAM, this recommendation was prioritized as Tier 2 of 3 (high priority data need).

This recommendation is also endorsed by Countdown to 2030, Alive & Thrive, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), the nutrition team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

File Attachments

1) [9. Food Security \(FIES\)_25 Feb.docx](#), downloaded 2653 times
