



FSN Forum

Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition Policies and Strategies

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From the FSN Forum team

Before we here at the FSN Forum go on our respective holiday break, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and facilitators for their great participation in the past 2 months. Within such a short period of time we have grossed to a total of 515 members, discussed 4 topics, contributed 262 papers, over 30 useful web-links, and shared 25 news/events.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as a reference point for all knowledge and resources exchanged on the FSN Forum so far. Have a look to see what you might have missed within the Forum in the past 2 months. We shall continue updating you with newsletters bi-monthly.

We look forward to meet again in the New Year in hope that together we will make the Forum an efficient tool for knowledge sharing in FSN, bridge different communities and actively contribute to FSN security.

Warmest season's greetings,

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Highlights

1. Special thanks to **Charles Teller** and **Andrew MacMillan** for their outstanding participation in the discussion and to **Alberto Zezza** who has contributed 30 useful papers on FSN measurement.
2. Many thanks to those who completed the survey, which will be open to collect feedbacks until January 2008. We invite others to submit feedbacks and suggestions before the cut-off date of **8th of January 2008**. We will publicly display the plan for 2008 based on the results of this survey at the end of January for your comments. The results so far of the survey are available at http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Results_of_the_first_survey.doc
3. Many members have introduced themselves in the **FSN Cafe** on the Web-based forum. Here is a document compiling all the self-introduction messages
http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/FSN_cafe_Introductions.doc
4. The Forum is closed for winter holidays until 6th January 2008. The Web-based forum is open **24/7**, however. A conference has been opened on the Web-based forum for early comments on the upcoming discussion topic "**The way forward for small holder farmers**" raised by Subhash Mehta.

Forum activities

During its first two months, the FSN Forum has hosted the following **discussions**:

1. **Drawing Lessons from Food Security and Nutrition Research, Analysis and Information for Improved Decision Making and Response**. This discussion was facilitated by Mr. Mark Smulders, coordinator of the FAO-FIVIMS Programme.

Topic Introduction:

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Drawing_lessons_from_FSN_research_analysis_full_topic.doc

Discussion proceedings:

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/FIRST_DISCUSSION_PROCEEDINGS_FSN_FORUM.doc

Discussion summary: http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Final_summary_16Oct-16Nov_drawing_lessons_FSN_info.doc

2. **Emerging Topics For The 2nd International Conference On Poverty, Food And Health**, In Lisbon, November 2007. This discussion was proposed by Ms Sofia Guiomar, from the Institute of Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon.

Topic Introduction: http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/The_Institute_of_Preventive_Medicine.doc

Discussion proceedings:

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/summary_topics_for_PFH_2007_conference.doc

Discussion summary:

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/summary_topics_for_PFH_2007_conference.doc

3. **Topics on Which Research Is Most Needed**. This discussion was facilitated by Mr Andrew McMillan, former Director of the Field Operations Division, FAO.

Topic Introduction: http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Topics_on_which_research_is_needed.doc

Discussion proceedings: [http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/PROCEEDINGS - Topics in Which Research is Needed.doc](http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/PROCEEDINGS_-_Topics_in_Which_Research_is_Needed.doc);

Discussion summary:

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/final_summary_topics_on_which_research_is_needed_2.doc

4. **Nutrition Education - Essential But Often Neglected**. This discussion was facilitated by Ms Ellen Muehlhoff, Senior Officer, Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, FAO.

Topic Introduction: http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Nutrition_education.doc

Discussion proceedings: [http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/PROCEEDINGS - Nutrition education 2.doc](http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/PROCEEDINGS_-_Nutrition_education_2.doc)

Discussion summary: http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Summary_on_Nutrition_Education_2.doc

Note: French and Spanish versions of the summaries are also available on the FSN Forum website http://km.fao.org/fsn/resources/discussion_proceedingssummaries.html

Featured News & Events

25 News and Events have been shared in the FSN Forum since **16 October 2007** and are available at

http://km.fao.org/fsn/fsn_home.html?no_cache=1

Featured News include:***New E-learning Course on Livelihoods Assessment & Analysis***

http://km.fao.org/fsn/news_events0/fsn_detail.html?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=987&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=364&cHash=a551e84685

Launch of The State of Food and Agriculture 2007 FAO annual report (SOFA 2007)

http://km.fao.org/fsn/news_events0/fsn_detail.html?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=951&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=364&cHash=bf954bb0dd

Latest Electronic Journal of Agricultural and Development Economics issue

http://km.fao.org/fsn/news_events0/fsn_detail.html?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=939&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=364&cHash=18fa06b5b0

Offer of publications - Agricultural Marketing Group of FAO

http://km.fao.org/fsn/news_events0/fsn_detail.html?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=938&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=364&cHash=73f7f9b245

Urban Agriculture Distance Learning Courses

http://km.fao.org/fsn/news_events0/fsn_detail.html?tx_ttnews%5Bpointer%5D=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=890&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=364&cHash=a467b9fe40

New resources contributed by topic

Crisis and Food Security

"Emergency Food Security?? Assessment Handbook First Edition, WFP

http://www.wfp.org/operations/emergency_needs/EFSA_section1.pdf

Livelihood Characterisation of South Sudan: The use of physiographic and agro-climatic layers

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Andrew%20Odero_ESRI%20User_Paper.pdf

Food Security and Poverty

Global case study livestock rearing for Health and Economics

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/population/rc/ItemDetail.do~1077756>

Action Plan 2007 Brief - Regional Initiative Hunger-Free Latina America and the Caribbean

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Action%20Plan%202007%20ALCSH%20eng.pdf

Pobreza e Inseguridad Alimentaria en pais sin salida al mar en America Latina y el Caribe: los casos de Bolivia y Paraguay

<http://www.rlc.fao.org/prior/segalim/pdf/mediter.pdf>

Politics and Poverty Reduction Strategies: Lessons from Latin American HIPC's

http://www.odi.org.uk/publications/working_papers/wp262.pdf

Poverty, hunger and food security in Central America and Panama

http://www.unicef.org/lac/Pobreza_hambre_y_seg_alim_CA_Panama_ing.pdf

Food Security and Agriculture

Confronting Agrarian Crisis: Historical Food Insecurity, the Indian State, and the Green Revolution

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Agrarian%20crisis%20%20Arena.doc

MARS-Food Internet Site

<http://agrifish.jrc.it/marsfood/Default.htm>

Food Security and Livelihoods

Importance of Veterinary profession for Economic growth and Health

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Importance%20of%20Veterinary.doc

Food Security and Rural Development

Complementarities between CCTs and Food Security Programs

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Davis.%20complementarities%20between%20CCTs%20&%20FS%20programs.pdf

Alleviating Rural Poverty through Low-cost and Biological Approaches of Crop Production and Innovative Market System

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Alleviating%20Rural%20Poverty%20through%20Low.doc

Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment/analysis

A Comparison of Surveys for Food Insecurity

http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/Comparison_of_Surveys_for_Food_Insecurity_Paper.pdf

Development of a Universally Applicable Household Food Insecurity Measurement Tool: Process, Current Status and Outstanding Issues

<http://jn.nutrition.org/cgi/reprint/136/5/1449S>

Is Dietary Diversity an Indicator of Food Security or Dietary Quality?

<http://www.ifpri.org/divs/fcnd/dp/papers/fcndp140.pdf>

On the Arbitrariness and Robustness of Multi-Dimensional Poverty Rankings

<http://www.wider.unu.edu/conference/conference-2003-2/conference%202003-2-papers/papers-pdf/Garcia%20Diaz%202020503.pdf>

Food variety - a good indicator of nutritional adequacy of the diet

<http://www.nature.com/ejcn/journal/v52/n12/pdf/1600662a.pdf>

Food Security?? Assessment Handbook First Edition, WFP

http://www.wfp.org/operations/emergency_needs/EFSA_section1.pdf

Measuring Living Standards with Proxy Variables

<http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/wp/129.pdf>

An Adapted Version of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Insecurity

<http://jn.nutrition.org/cgi/reprint/134/8/1923>

Development and Validation of an Experience-based Tool to Directly

http://www.fantaproject.org/downloads/pdfs/Burkina_Faso_Nov2004.pdf

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Household Food Insecurity Access Scale (HFIAS) for Measurement of Food Access: Indicator Guide VERSION 3

http://www.fantaproject.org/downloads/pdfs/HFIAS_v3_Aug07.pdf

Conceptualization and Instrumentation of Food Insecurity

http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/Conceptualization_and_Instrumentation_of_Food_Security_Paper.pdf

Choosing Outcome Indicators of Household Food Security

<http://www.ifpri.org/themes/mp18/techguid/tg07.pdf>

Dietary Diversity as a Food Security Indicator

<http://www.ifpri.org/divs/fcnd/dp/papers/fcndp136.pdf>

Household food security

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Food Security - Other Topics

The Economics of Hunger in Latin America

[http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/The%20economics%20of%20Hunger%20in%20LAC%20\(Vivero\).doc](http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/The%20economics%20of%20Hunger%20in%20LAC%20(Vivero).doc)

Regional Initiative Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean brochure

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/ALCSH%20brochure%20eng.pdf

Literature review on Policy Assistance

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/literature%20review%20policy%20assistance%20TRAN.pdf

Nutrition - Policies and Strategies

Malnutrition to be resolved by policy makers, not by medical care only

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/population/rc/ItemDetail.do~1113622?itemId=1113622>

Nutrition assessment/analysis

The Transformation of Hunger: the Demand for Calories Past and Present

http://www.econ.ohio-state.edu/trevon/TransHung_06-22-07.pdf

The Malnutrition Index Based Agriculture for Health and Economic Growth

http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Malnutrition%20based%20agriculture.doc

Nutrition - Other topics

From Agriculture to Nutrition. Pathways, Synergies and Outcomes

<http://www.donorplatform.org/content/view/full/129/117/>

The potential impact of reducing global malnutrition on poverty reduction and economic development

<http://hec.server101.com/APJCN/Volume14/vol14supp/fullArticles/Hunt.pdf>

Nutrition bulletin Oct 2007- Helen Keller International, Cambodia

[http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/CNB%20Vol%207%20Iss%201%20\(press%20quality\)%20October%2010%20%202007%20Final.pdf](http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/CNB%20Vol%207%20Iss%201%20(press%20quality)%20October%2010%20%202007%20Final.pdf)

Right to Food

National studies on the implementation of the Right to Food in 7 countries in Latin America & the Caribbean

<http://www.rlc.fao.org/iniciativa/infda.htm>

Capacity Development (Training materials, information...)

Food Security and Nutrition Training leaflet

[http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Training_InfoLeaflet\(ver4\).pdf](http://km.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/fsn/docs/Training_InfoLeaflet(ver4).pdf)

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