

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Tanzanian Food Basket Analysis

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

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

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Subject of Review:

Identifying food security is an important task but difficult to do with limited information. Current Tanzanian government efforts to identify food insecurity are based on a formula based on unreliable production estimates. This does not consider the other aspects of food security—access, utilization, and stability. This report provides a measure of access. This measure uses estimates of a representative monthly food basket for mainland Tanzania, Dar es Salaam and two geographical zones—the surplus corn producing Southern Highlands and the corn deficit Lake Zone. The food baskets include 17 food items that make up 70 to 80 percent of average calorie intake. Calculations are based on calorie shares derived from the 2010/11 Tanzanian National Panel Survey conducted by Tanzania's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) with assistance from the World Bank. This analysis uses retail prices collected by NBS to calculate the monthly food basket cost; this cost compared to income provides a measure of access to food.

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: 03/17/14 End: 04/17/14 Completed: 07/18/14

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

