

## *Status Report on the Kenya National Food Security*

This status report is as a result of a collaborative project between African Women's Studies Centre (AWSC), University of Nairobi (UoN) and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS). The African Women's Studies Centre is a multi-disciplinary Centre of the University of Nairobi. Its broad mandate is to promote evidence-based policy advocacy as well as scholarship and research that brings African women's knowledge, experiences and perspectives into scholarship and policy development. The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics is the principal agency of the government for collecting, analyzing and disseminating statistical data in Kenya.

The two institutions carried out a Baseline Survey on Food Security in Kenya in 2013-2014 whose findings are reflected in this report.

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*Sessional Paper No. 1 of 1965 on 'African Socialism and its Application to Planning in Kenya' promised to fight three evils: poverty, ignorance, and disease. Food poverty is a manifestation of food insecurity and has been a thorny issue in Kenya since independence. The Kenya Vision 2030, which is Kenya's development blueprint, also stresses food security as a cross-cutting issue and a number of programs and projects aimed at eradicating food insecurity in Kenya had been put in place. This report is one of the efforts aimed at achieving the objective of eradicating food insecurity in Kenya.*

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*This study on the status of food security in Kenya assumed a rights-based perspective and was informed by the need for the provision of adequate and quality food as a process and food security as the expected end result. The unique study methodology applied in the study culminates with self-reporting status of food security at the Households, within the four dimensions of: availability, access, utilization and, stability. The findings provided in the form of facts and figures fill an identified knowledge gap on the basis of the eight hunger indices. Readers will be privileged to share the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, which evidently provide a wake-up call to both the duty bearers in the provision of food security and the claimers for the right to freedom from hunger and access to adequate food of acceptable quality in Kenya.*

**Prof. Elishiba Kimani, Department of Gender & Development Studies, Kenyatta University**

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*Attainment of food security is a developmental issue that is at the heart of every Kenyan because it brings to the individual a sense of dignity and self-worth. This report by the African Women's Studies Centre (AWSC) of the University of Nairobi reveals the stark reality that many Kenyans go to bed hungry and is a call to action by all stakeholders. I hope you will enjoy reading it and will be motivated enough to become part of a growing group of champions for food security in Kenya and the region.*

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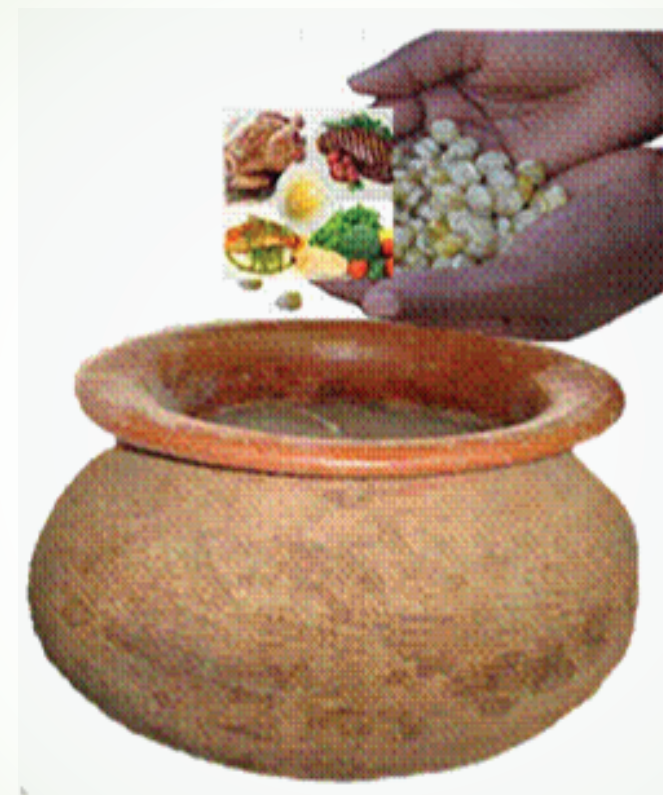


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