

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING FOOD INSECURITY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Food security management is an integral part of conflict management. International humanitarian assistance organizations like the World Food Program need to address directly the food insecurity consequences of conflict. From a development perspective, agrarian and land reforms can help dismantle the structural fundamentals of many conflicts. Understanding the economics of alternative policy interventions to ameliorate food insecurity is essential for effective social policy programming and peacebuilding.

PREREQUISITES

The Economics of Food Security is both, an applied micro- and macroeconomics field. The course therefore builds on introductory microeconomics and introductory macroeconomics, which are prerequisites for this course, in addition to calculus.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- use correctly food security relevant terminology.
- apply food security indicators to real-world analytical purposes.
- discuss the main causes and consequences of famines.
- problematize food insecurity from the angles of religion, political history, and economic history.
- develop policy relevant mechanisms to manage food insecurity.
- illustrate the importance of food security to conflict prevention.

OUTLINE

1. What is Food Insecurity?
2. Indicators of Food Insecurity
3. Lessons from Famines – Causes and Consequences
4. Food Insecurity in History
5. Managing Food Insecurity
6. The Importance of Food Security to Conflict Prevention

STRUCTURE

- For each Module
 - ✓ Lecture Notes
 - ✓ Complementary Material
 - ✓ Self-Assessment
 - ✓ Exercise