



Webinar on

## Measuring Food Insecurity in the SDG Era

[15 September 2021 – 14:00 – 15:30 CET / 15:00 – 16:30 EAT]

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The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a network of 129 Universities in 38 African Countries, is organising a webinar on *Measuring Food Insecurity in the SDG Era* on 15th September 2021 at 14:00 - 15:30 Central European Time (CET) / 15:00 - 16:30 East African Standard Time (EAT). The webinar is one of the activities for 2021 under RUFORUM partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

### Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its associated Goals (SDGs) marks a significant change in terms of the way we look at addressing the world's food security problem. It recognizes that food insecurity is more than just "hunger". To solve it requires paying attention to different aspects starting from ensuring the adequacy of the food supply but also looking into all people's ability to access the available food. There is no simple way to measure all aspects of food insecurity, and sophisticated methods are especially needed to obtain timely, reliable and relevant information on people's ability to access food.

In 2013, FAO launched the "Voices of the Hungry" project, establishing a new globally valid tool called the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES). The latter provides an approach for measuring the severity of people's food insecurity condition by looking at their own experiences, allowing to hear the voices of the people who struggle daily to have access to safe and nutritious food.

In 2016, the FIES was endorsed as the basis to compile official SDG indicator 2.1.2 by the UN Statistical Commission. Today, the FIES system comprises a set of survey modules, a global reference scale, and the analytic methodology to produce globally comparable estimates of the prevalence of food insecurity at given levels of severity and to measure household and individual food insecurity in several other relevant contexts, such as for program evaluation and impact assessment.

### Objective

The objective of this webinar is to introduce FIES as a tool for measuring food insecurity at different levels and raise awareness among the participants on FAO's work linked to food security data and the SDGs.

In this webinar, Dr. Carlo Cafiero will introduce the FIES and discuss its potential use to measure the severity of the food insecurity condition of individuals and households worldwide.

Dr. Cafiero will share FIES' use to compute indicators that can be used at different levels, from monitoring and evaluation of specific programs at local level, to monitor SDG Target 2.1 at national, regional, and global levels.

### Target audience

Academic staff and graduate students in institutions of higher learning, policy makers in governments, and development work professionals involved in areas related to measuring food insecurity and food security data.

### Draft Programme (in East African Time)

**Moderator:** Dr. Alice Mutiti Mweeta

Time	Activity	Responsible person
15:00 – 15:05	Welcome Remarks from RUFORUM	Dr. Florence Nakayiwa Mayega
15:05 – 15:15	Welcome Remarks from FAO	Abe Kaori, Head of Partnerships Unit, FAO Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division
15:15 – 15:35	Presentation Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)	Dr. Carlo Cafiero, FAO Senior Economist and Statistician
15:35 – 16:00	Questions and Answer session on the presentation	Moderator
16:00 – 16:30	Discussion on broader application of FIES	Moderator
16:30 – 16:35	Closing remarks from FAO	Justin Chisenga, Team Leader – Partnerships with Academia, Partnerships Unit, FAO
16:35 – 16:40	Official closure of the Webinar from RUFORUM	Dr. Florence Nakayiwa

### Speaker Biography

Dr. Carlo Cafiero is a senior economist and statistician at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy. He received a PhD in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 2002, a Doctoral degree in Agricultural Economics and Policy from the University of Naples Federico II, Italy in 1996 and a MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of Arizona in 1995.

Since 2012, he is the Manager of the “Voices of the Hungry” project. He collaborated in the definition of the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) as a globally valid food insecurity measurement system.

He currently leads the Team at FAO in charge of the production of food security and nutrition statistics at global, regional, and country levels disseminated through [FAOSTAT](#). He is also the FAO focal point for the food security indicators used to monitor SDG Target 2.1 at the global level.

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