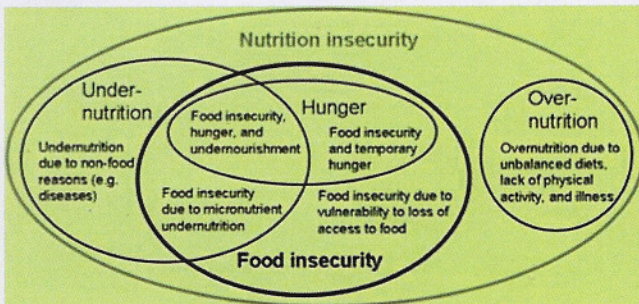


The Food Security Center (FSC) is a development cooperation competence center oriented towards eradication of extreme poverty and hunger (MDG 1). The FSC engagement concentrates on the problem area of hunger and food insecurity.



FSC competence includes sustainable food availability, economic food access, food use (storage, processing and preparation), food safety (contamination, freshness), food quality (micronutrient content, dietary diversity) and food utilisation. Particular emphasis is given to gender issues, linking aspects of MDG 3 and MDG 1.

FSC Strategic Research Themes

- Undernourishment, malnutrition and vulnerability of individuals and households and the role of gender, ethnicity, minorities, voice and indigenous knowledge in the formulation and implementation of food, agricultural, and safety net policies;
- Food quality and safety along the food chain (social responsibility, social, and environmental food standards);
- Climate change and increasing water scarcity and impacts on local and global food security and sustainable agricultural production and ecosystem resilience in the tropics and subtropics;
- Synergies and conflicts between food security and the production of renewable resources and bio - energy;

- Utilization of biotechnology and genomic diversity for achieving future food needs in terms of quantity and quality;
- Food security in the context of global and local markets and consumer policy; and,
- Monitoring and impact analysis of food and agricultural policies and projects.

Planned FSC activities target on

Improving food security, and thus contributing to the achievement of MDG 1. The center will engage in five activity fields:

- Interdisciplinary teaching and training of postgraduate students (mainly from developing countries) in relevant sciences, and strengthening selected MSc. and PhD programmes in the field of food security
- Innovative, demand - driven and impact oriented research
- Capacity building through award of study and research scholarships to PhD and MSc. students
- Structural and personnel capacity strengthening of higher education institutions in developing countries
- Knowledge transfer to the project target groups as well as assuming knowledge brokerage and advisory functions



FSC Partners: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America

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