

**ROLE OF GOVERNANCE IN IMPROVING FOOD SECURITY IN  
MARIGAT DIVISION- BARINGO COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

Food is essential for all. Every human being has the right to food. Yet food insecurity remains one of the major challenges of our time. Kenya in particular has continued to experience recurrent food shortages. This study sought to find out *Role of Governance in Improving Food Security in Marigat Division-Baringo County*. The objectives of this study were to: Evaluating Kenya's Food Policy, examine governance structures on food security, determine the relationship between good governance and food security, and find out what the respondents felt were the greatest challenges among the suggested. This study was guided by Borgatti et al (2011) network theory which refers to the mechanisms and processes that interact with network structures to yield certain outcomes for individuals and groups. In food security governance, all players form a network that determines the results to be achieved. This study was descriptive in nature as this allowed the researcher to gather the necessary information and gave a general idea of how things are. Simple Random Sampling technique was employed as this was highly representative. This technique was ideal for this study as it made generalization from results of the sample to the population possible. In order to gather the necessary information, the study used questionnaires for primary data and content analysis for secondary data. Questionnaires made it possible to collect information from a large population. It was also possible to make objective conclusions from the results. Data analysis was a process that involved editing of raw data, coding and tabulation. This research also used descriptive statistics to summarise the collected data. Study findings showed that in deed there was food insecurity in Marigat and that governance had role to play in improving food security. The following were the recommendations: Kenya's Food Policy be widened to accommodate other food commodities such as spices and herbs, involve farmers organizations in decision making processes, prioritize agricultural investment and make farm inputs readily available and accessible.