

**ASSESSMENT OF DETERMINANTS OF FOOD SECURITY THAT  
IMPINGE ON FOOD SECURITY IN SOMALIA: A CASE OF AFMADOW  
DISTRICT IN SOMALIA**

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## ABSTRACT

The lack of central government and the ever increasing insecurity in Southern Somalia has severely weakened the ability of aid organisations to effectively implement activities geared at reducing poverty and increasing food security. Afmadow district experiences insecurity and recurring droughts that severely affects agro-pastoral livelihood, lack of water and pasture for livestock leading to migration to distant lands, leaving children and women with no social support. Though a lot of studies have been done on determinants of food security in Somalia, there is no specific study on the extent at which these determinants affect food security. This study will assess the determinants of food security for the residents in Afmadow district of Somalia in order to investigate the extent at which level of food availability is an important determinant of food security in Afmadow district; To determine the extent to which physical and economic access to food is an important determinant of food security in Afmadow district. To investigate the extent to which food utilisation is an important determinant of food security in Afmadow district. The study will use descriptive research design to obtain information from residents in Dhobley and Afmadow towns. Random sampling will be used to select the sample of respondents to participate in this study. A total of 100 persons will be selected to participate in this study distributed as follows: Ninety (90) residents of Dhobley and Afmadow, five (5) Community leaders, and five (5) humanitarian agency officials. Sources of data will be both secondary and primary involving fieldwork. Qualitative data will be analyzed by content analysis (thematic analytical approach) while quantitative data will be analysed using the Pearson Correlation Coefficient. Data presentation will be in form of frequency tables, Histogram and bar graphs.