Voices of the Hungry

GLOBAL FOOD INSECURITY EXPERIENCE SCALE
SURVEY MODULES

The Food Insecurity Experience Scale Survey Module (FIES-SM) is composed of eight questions with dichotomous yes/no responses. Together, the FIES-SM items compose a statistical scale designed to cover a range of severity of food insecurity and should be analyzed together as a scale, not as separate items.

Two different versions of the FIES-SM are available and appropriate for use in different contexts. Choice of FIES-SM version depends on whether the objective is to assess food insecurity at the individual or household level. In addition, each version of the FIES-SM may use a 30-day or 12-month reference period. The following versions show a 12 month reference period.

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**Individually Referenced**

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| Q1. You were worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q2. Still thinking about the last 12 MONTHS, was there a time when you were unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q3. You ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q4. You had to skip a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q5. Still thinking about the last 12 MONTHS, was there a time when you ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q6. Your household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q7. You were hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
| Q8. You went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources? | 0  No  
1  Yes  
98  Don’t Know  
99  Refused |      |
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### Household Referenced

Now I would like to ask you some questions about food. During the last 12 MONTHS, was there a time when:

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