



## 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.

<b><i>GLOBAL FOOD INSECURITY EXPERIENCE SCALE Individually Referenced</i></b>	
<b>Now I would like to ask you some questions about food. During the last 12 MONTHS, was there a time when:</b>	
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

**GLOBAL FOOD INSECURITY EXPERIENCE SCALE**  
**Household Referenced**

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

Q1. You or others in your household worried about not having 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 or others in your household 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. Was there a time when you or others in your household 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. Was there a time when you or others in your household 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 or others in your household 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. Was there a time when 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. Was there a time when you or others in your household 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. Was there a time when you or others in your household 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