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Special Edition on Community-based Food Security: Guidelines for Authors

Community-based food security is becoming an important issue in both developed as well as developing countries. Based on well-recognized international scholarly research (see for instance, FAO (2009); Pimbert (2008), we define, community-based food security as local communities of a given region defining their own issues and needs for achieving and maintaining their food security (both quality and quantity) and then using their own local knowledges, practices, and values alongside with the scientific approaches in order to reflect, engage into and govern the development action that leads to achieving their food security goals. The following are suggested themes for this special issue on community food security:

- 1) Local innovations within community food security, food sovereignty with special reference to local and indigenous communities facing agricultural and ecological challenges, such as climate change
- 2) Community-based initiative, policies, practices that demonstrate effective reconciliation of local food security and biodiversity conservation
- 3) Issues and initiatives focused on revitalization of small-scale farming system by local and indigenous communities in forest regions
- 4) Issues and challenges faced by socially-economically marginalized and indigenous communities in meeting their local food security and nutritional needs and ensuring sustainable future
- 5) Local and Indigenous agriculture management systems as sustainable food production systems
- 6) Community based initiatives demonstrating effective and sustainable agriculture land-use (production) by local and indigenous communities
- 7) Local, Indigenous Agrarian movements for achieving community food security
- 8) Critical review and analysis of recent legislative or policy changes on local community-based food security or food sovereignty
- 9) Vision, perspectives, challenges and experiences of community-based and indigenous governance models to community food security.
- 10) Case studies on the role of Women in maintaining community-based food security
- 11) Case studies on social and transformative learning for community-based food security.
- 12) Local cultural and customary practices, indigenous knowledges and values and community-based conservation initiatives that focused on local food production, processing, and consumption
- 13) Lessons learned from the international experiences on partnership projects on food security
- 14) Issues, challenges and perspectives on protection of traditional rights of access, harvesting, production, consumption and marketing of local food resources
- 15) Issues and Innovations in market value chains while securing community-based food security

We invite manuscripts from researchers, academics, community development practitioners, and students in this special edition on Community food security within three categories:

A) Research Articles: These include original contributions based on empirical, scientific, community-based research with less than 10,000 words including Tables, figures and list of references. The suggested structure is as follows:

1) Introduction: (Context or background that positions the topic and its relevance with indication of key scholarly literature and statement establishing the need for research);

2) Clear Aim/purpose statement and maximum three inter-related and specific research objectives/research questions

3) Critical review of literature (key references included, organize literature in at least 3 themes/categories as they relate to your research questions/objectives, must include key and recent references, must indicate clear gaps in past literature)

4) Research methods: (Selection of Sites participants/communities; provide map/visuals/photographs as appropriate; Detail description of data collection tools/instruments/methods on how each objective/research question will be satisfied/addressed (e.g., indicates how interviews were recorded and how consents were obtained) how data were transcribed, mention any sensitive issues in data collection (place, gender, local cultural aspects etc.), provide details on the community-based protocols and rules for recording/ data collection, Clear description on how data were analyzed)

5) Findings and Discussion: Present key findings into themes/ pattern, make sure your results/findings flow from the methods you used and address all the research questions/objectives, use relevant literature (from Section 3) to compare and contrast findings

6) Conclusions and Implications: Provide succinct conclusions by revisiting findings reported in Section 4; Provide a concise description on how your research findings help enhance the contributions outcome of indigenous food sovereignty, What are the implications of your research (further replication, generation of new research insights, enhance understanding of existing dimensions of community food sovereignty; provide new ideas that can inform, enrich or transform existing policies/ community practice related to community food security)

B) Review papers: These include original contributions which are reviewing published papers and other peer-reviewed publications in the field of community food security with less than 5,000 words. An analytic or critical review paper intended here is not the conventional book review; rather it summarizes, comments on, and critically assesses the relevant scholarly works focusing on the specific issues and theoretical concerns connected to community food security. Keeping this scope in mind, review papers should significantly contribute to the greater overall understanding of an issue by underlining the strengths of earlier works, highlight and gaps or limitations and offer opportunities and directions for research that could inform, enrich or transform the understanding and community-based practice or policies on community food security. Reviewers cannot review their own work or a works of that nature which there is a conflict of interest. The suggested structure is as follows:

- 1) Introduction: Brief background of the theme/category being reviewed with recognition of all original authors, brief summary of the central idea/argument and its relevance to community food security.

- 2) Critical review and reflection of content: theoretical and methodological issue and concerns, unacknowledged biases that may impact the findings and conclusions drawn in earlier works, , the differences in contexts/study community, appropriateness and relevance of theoretical /methodological angles or issues and that can affect interpretation of results, other unconsidered issues and factors.
- 3) Conclusion and Implications of these findings: Clear description and discussion summarizing gaps and inadequacies based on analysis on Section B.2, Indication of measures to address identified gaps/ inadequacies, outlining areas of further research or opportunities for revisions in further revised studies in similar direction based on reflection and analysis

C) Commentaries: These are short scholarly pieces of less than 3000 words based on critical reflection of contemporary community-based food security issue or regional or national policies that affect community food security issues. (It can also be shaped by a scholarly discussion on any theme of community food security based on recently published article/s or grassroots innovative approaches/practices that relates to community food security and is important enough to warrant further elaboration or critical discussion. Such Commentary debates specific issues/policies within a subject area rather than the whole field, explains the implications of the article and puts it in context. We would generally discourage opinions unless they are supported by facts and statistics. The suggested structure is as follows:

- 1) Introduction: Defining the item (bill/policy/legislation) and how it connects to one or any themes of community food security.
- 2) Literature Review: Background surrounding and brief explanation of the justification and cause for creation with specific mention of at what point the legislation is at (i.e currently being debated, recently passed, recently implemented etc.) , Assessment of Scholarly debate (with relevant examples and data from secondary peer-reviewed sources) that documents historical progression and impacts of policies/practice/legislation on communities of a given region/community
- 3) Reflection and Commentary: Revisiting the debate with critical commentary (in author's voice) on the contents of the item and outlining its potential impact. Use data and examples from the past literature to support your arguments than expressing opinions surrounding the expected outcome of the item.
- 4) Conclusion and Recommendations: Concluding remarks, importance of your perspective and analysis. How does your commentary enhance understanding of existing dimensions of community food sovereignty; provide new ideas that can inform, enrich or transform existing policies/ community practice related to community food security.

We expect that submissions will adhere to accepted peer-reviewed standards of research methodology, providing substantial evidence to support clear and well-argued central ideas s and employ accepted forms of citation suited to each discipline. Authors should carefully consider our diverse audience which consists of interdisciplinary scholars and community development practitioners (individuals and organizations) from a variety of disciplines. We ask authors to avoid jargon and fully explain any methodology or results in plain language. **In the subject line and covering letter please clearly**

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