

Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa

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A large number of people in the world have been persistently facing hunger and malnourishment despite targeted efforts by the global community to deal with it. In 1948 'Right to Food' was included in the 'Declaration of Human Rights' by the United Nation. Ever since all the global and international platforms on human rights and maintenance of human dignity had considered the 'Right to Food' to be the most fundamental right for the realisation of all the other right. Both the 'Millennium Development Goals' of the United Nations adopted in 2000 and then the 'Sustainable Development Goals' set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 are committed to achieve the broad development goals where hunger, poverty and health were the main target areas. All these goals set are inter-linked. Achieving the other goals is possible only if hunger and poverty are eliminated. Poverty makes availability and acquisition of food difficult consequently causing disease, hunger and malnourishment. Besides, rising prices and falling food production rates is making availability of sufficient food difficult. Hence the world is becoming more food insecure. The paper attempts to analyse the issues related to food security in the Sub Saharan African region.