

# Food Prices for Nutrition



## 2023 Highlights

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# What is Food Prices for Nutrition?

## What We Do

*The Food Prices for Nutrition project develops and applies indicators of access to a healthy diet, to measure food security more fully. We show how food prices that are routinely collected by governments around the world can be used to understand and monitor the cost and affordability of meeting dietary requirements.*

## Our Mission

*This project seeks to equip governments and civil society with accurate, updated metrics to monitor the cost and affordability of healthy diets, for use in guiding agriculture and food system change. We envision a global food system that brings healthy diets within reach of all people at all times.*

## Project Goals



**Goal 1: Support the use of our metrics in high priority countries**



**Goal 2: Build a global system for monitoring food prices for nutrition**



**Goal 3: Extend out original methods with new applications**

# Food Prices for Nutrition tools remain in high demand in the UN system

During 2023, UN agencies adopted Cost and Affordability of a Healthy Diet (CoAHD) metrics, computed and published jointly by FAO and the World Bank, for global monitoring as a prominent feature of the SOFI 2023 report. The continued integration of our methodology in the UN system drives demand for national governments to collect and report relevant data and utilize CoAHD analysis in their national assessments of food insecurity.



## The CoAHD is now featured in a section of the SOFI annual monitoring report following traditional food security indicators

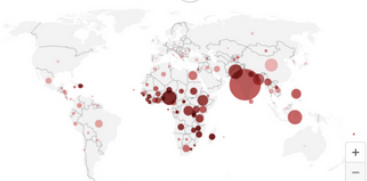
Our results were included in the annual monitoring section of SOFI 2023, presented and discussed jointly by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and the WHO in July 2023. The CoAHD is now featured in its own section of the annual monitoring report, adjacent to the section on traditional food security indicators. During the launch of the SOFI in July, Secretary General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres called out the importance of this metric and its contributions to the report.

## Food Prices for Nutrition

Over 3 billion people - 42% of the global population - could not afford a healthy diet in 2021

Population who cannot afford a healthy diet, 2021  
Share of population (%)      Millions of people who cannot afford a healthy diet

0%      50%      100%      100      400      1,000



## The World Bank published our flagship eLearning course and updated our DataHub

The World Bank launched an open access, self-paced online course that trains users on the construction of CoAHD metrics. It covers how this indicator is calculated and used, and its basis in nutritional and economic concepts. Additionally, The World Bank updated our Food Prices for Nutrition DataHub, which provides access to global statistics on the CoAHD and related indicators. These data were updated and released in collaboration between the World Bank and FAO for the first time.

“In a world of plenty, no one should go hungry. And no one should suffer the cruelty of malnutrition. But this report on the State of Food Security and Nutrition paints a stark picture of our reality. [...] More than 3 billion can't afford a healthy diet.”



António Guterres,  
Secretary General of the  
United Nations  
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and Nutrition in the world.

# Food Prices for Nutrition tools are continuously improving and being adopted by country partners

During the past year, the Food Prices for Nutrition team improved our software toolkit, developed a free online learning course, and provided technical support for country partners in calculating the cost of a healthy diet as tailored to their context and needs.



## Ethiopia became the first country to have a government institution publish results on the Cost and Affordability of a Healthy Diet

Following an in-person training workshop in April 2023, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute and the Food Prices for Nutrition team collaboratively developed a quarterly bulletin template for CoAHD results dissemination. These bulletins will release CoAHD monitoring results for Ethiopia on an ongoing basis. Ethiopian collaborators also finalized an in-depth analysis of historical CoAHD trends in the country.



## The Tufts team supported in-country and hybrid technical assistance workshops for stakeholders in Ghana, Ethiopia, and Malawi

Our strategy for engaging with partner countries encompassed a range of approaches, including a combination of hybrid stakeholder meetings, learning events, in-person training sessions, and workshops held in three countries (Ethiopia, Ghana, & Malawi), as well as the production of CoAHD research, reports, and briefs in four countries (Ethiopia, Malawi, Ghana, Bangladesh, & Pakistan).

View our software toolkit for technical assistance, now updated into its sixth version



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View our new self paced eLearning course training users about diet cost and affordability published by the World Bank



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