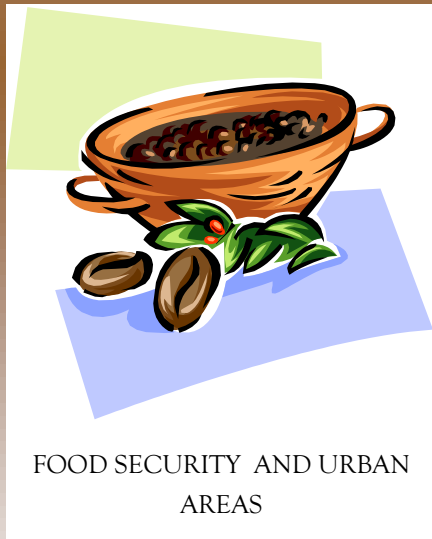


## Expected Output

- The workshop organizer's hope that the proposed forum will be an opportunity where stakeholders and practitioners on the “ground” can dialogue on the results and also ‘tease out’ key issues with policy implications for municipalities
- The ultimate vision is to support community change agents and to contribute to innovative policies that will enhance food security and better health at the community level.
- Workshop proceedings will be published



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URBAN FOOD SECURITY IN  
MANZINI: OPPORTUNITIES  
AND CHALLENGES

*DATE: 3rd of June 2009*

*TIME : 8:00AM*

*VENUE: Greater Alpha*



## Background

The University of Swaziland through its department of Geography, Environmental Science and Planning is involved in a regional project of nine (9) partner institutions and eleven cities in Southern Africa. The project is funded by the Canadian International Development agency through Queens University and the University of Cape Town. The City of Manzini has agreed to partner with UNISWA on this initiative.

UNISWA firmly believes that the project will contribute useful information which can assist government, municipalities, policy makers and community workers make informed policies and strategies to address food security and health challenges in the country.

## African Food Security Urban Network (ASFUN)

Food security in Africa is often seen primarily as a rural issue of agriculture and marketing. AFSUN was established in 2008 as a network of African and international universities, non-governmental and community organizations, and municipal governance networks. It aims at improving the knowledge base on urban food security in Africa. The focus of the network is to improve knowledge on food security through qualitative and quantitative action research.

## Rationale

The project is a response to the mounting levels of poverty and food insecurity in the cities

Food security is the ability of people to secure an adequate daily supply of food that is affordable, nutritious, hygienic and culturally appropriate.

The aim is to address these issues through a focused and sustained program of training and capacity building. The project's goal is to enhance the capacity of cities involved through policy development, education and training, community agents, women, youth and other actors to make informed choices about two key critical, inter-linked urban development issues: food security and health issues especially HIV/AIDS

## Survey

A baseline household survey for the city has been completed and results ready for dissemination to key and Relevant stakeholders.

The survey focused on four critical issues:

- Measuring the levels of food security among households;
- Understand the sources of food and related (in) security;
- Measure the relationship between chronic illness (with a focus on AIDS) on household food security;
- Capture the role of migration and urbanization in the experience of food security amongst households.

## Workshop Objectives

The workshop is a structured forum that aims to dialogue on the current status of food security in the country. Various methodological approaches will be used: key note address; panel session; paper presentation and plenary discussions.

## Specific Objectives

- To dialogue on existing national programmes on 'the ground' through a panel.
- To present the results of the survey on Manzini city.
- To discuss on results of survey in relation to the situation in Manzini.