

UNICEF Study on Potential Food Systems Based Solutions for Improved Quality of Complementary Foods for Young Children

Agri-Food Economics Africa was contracted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in December 2017 to conduct a study on assessing potential food system-based solutions to enhance food availability and access for improved complementary feeding for young children. The study focused on the arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) counties of Baringo, Tana River, Turkana and West Pokot in Kenya. The study set out to understand the seasonal availability and access of affordable nutritious foods within households in these counties, and additionally considered enablers for increased consumption and behavior change at the household level, including the role of various actors.

The study was mainly qualitative, relying on key informant interviews (KIIs) in the capital city as well as in the four study counties, and literature review. The key informants targeted for interview were county officers' in-charge of food system-related docketts and other actors implementing food security, agriculture, resilience/livelihood programs in these counties.

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