

## **Yemen National Food Security Strategy and Directions for Future Research and Policy Support**

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Yemen has been facing major food security challenges and was hardly hit by the 2008 food price crisis and the following global recession. In response, the Government of Yemen developed a National Food Security Strategy (NFSS), which was adopted by the Parliament in early 2011. The NFSS was prepared under the leadership of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute. We will first give a general overview of the strategy and discuss the consultative process applied, as an example of an encouraging collaboration between policy and research. We will then present the methodology and selected findings of the underlying analysis. Finally, we will discuss following-up research in Yemen that will focus on new opportunities and challenges for development, poverty reduction, and food security emerging from the Arab Awakening.