

Food Security and Nutrition in the Southern Basin of the Mediterranean Region: Linking Problems at the Household Level to Policy Actions

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This paper attempts to review the socio-economic status of households in countries bordering the southern basin of the Mediterranean (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, oPt, Syria, Tunisia) plus Jordan, with a particular focus on their food security and nutrition status, root causes of observed challenges and possible remedial policy actions. The scope of the paper is limited to a review of the current literature and analysis of evolving trends, aiming to link problems identified at the micro or household and meso level with policy actions at the macro level. The paper uses three case studies that provide in-depth information on household food insecurity and malnutrition experiences in oPt, Tunisia and Egypt. The different methodologies used in all three cases provide excellent examples of what can be done, despite limitations in availability of relevant socio-economic data sets and funds to conduct new surveys.

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