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*African  
Centre for  
Food  
Security*

# Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis



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## Programme overview & objectives:

The incidence of food security in some African countries remains high. This anomaly of widespread food insecurity amid national food surpluses stimulated the analysis of the nature and causes of food insecurity. Some countries are experiencing production shortfalls due to a series of drought and/or policy failures. Subsequently, national, regional and international organisations have engaged themselves in assessing the impact of such failure so as to better understand the context and take appropriate actions to build the capacity of vulnerable households and communities to respond to any changes in their environment.

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has recognised this challenge and identified the African Centre for Food Security (ACFS) and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) as Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (VAA). The overall objective of Food Security Analysis is to provide the necessary skills to practitioners who carry out vulnerability assessment activities and build much needed analytical capacity.

## How you will benefit. You will learn to:

- Understand complexities of food security, vulnerability and its indicators in the context of countries in Africa
- Use food security and vulnerability analysis as a means to promote continuous monitoring rather than the once-off assessments triggered by emergency response
- Understand the assessment of crop and animal production, storage and access to food security and vulnerability

## Key focus areas:

- Module 1: Conceptualising Food Security and Vulnerability
- Module 2: Food Production and Availability
- Module 3: Food Access, Livelihoods, Policies and Coping Strategies
- Module 4: Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E)

## NQF Level:

Level 7 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)

## Duration:

Two weeks

## Dates:

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## Facilitators include:



### Dr Joyce Chitja

Joyce is an experienced agricultural scientist and food security expert with a rich understanding of agriculture & rural livelihoods & vulnerability, especially challenges in the small-scale farming sector and its value chains. Her experience ranges from research in organic production, agricultural development, land reform, the land claims process and its challenge. Her current research areas include Food Security in relation to market access and innovation for smallholders, organic farming production, small-scale farmer value chains, water and land use security, rural livelihoods, gender & agriculture, land reform and vulnerability.



### Dr Unathi Kolanisi

Unathi holds a BHuman Ecology degree (University of Western Cape) and a Consumer Science PhD (North West University). She is an academic in the Food Security Programme teaching & researching on food security, food access for food security, food storage for food security, measuring and monitoring, research methods. Her other research interests are consumer behaviour, sensory evaluation, gender & agricultural production resources, and institution organisation.



### Dr Maxwell Mudhara

Maxwell is a lecturer in Food Security. He holds a PhD in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida, Gainesville, USA. He was an Agricultural Economist for more than 10 years in the government of Zimbabwe. He became a lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension. He has over 20 years experience in smallholder agricultural research and development. His current thematic fields of interest are marketing, agricultural development and policy and impact assessment.



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