

## ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: International Food Security Assessment, 2025

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) SOR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report continues the series of Global Food Assessments (GFA) in low- and middle-income countries, initiated in the late 1970s by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (ERS). The series title changed over time to reflect its content. In 1993, it became the Food Aid Needs Assessment (FANA), focusing on select low- and middle-income countries experiencing recent or ongoing food deficits. However, not all countries with significant food deficits are included in the assessment due to a lack of data on key metrics, such as average caloric consumption, prices, or macroeconomic figures. In 1997, the USDA, ERS broadened the analysis beyond aggregate food availability to include multiple dimensions of food security, renaming the report the Food Security Assessment (FSA). Starting in July 2011, USDA, ERS changed the report's name to International Food Security Assessment (IFSA) to explicitly define the geographic scope of the analysis.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 3/24/2025 Completed: ----

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

