

## Scoping Study: Community-based Food Security Assessment

This questionnaire forms part of a Scoping Study into Community-based Food Security and has been designed to identify the extent of existing work in the UK and the likely demand for community-based food security assessment in the future. There are 10 questions in all. Please use a separate piece of paper for your responses or type them into the word version and email or post it back to me at the addresses found at the end of the questionnaire:

For the purposes of this study I have used the FAO's definition of food security, detailed below. For the sake of brevity I have also felt it necessary to combine the phrases 'food insecurity' and 'food security' as, in many contexts individuals or communities are 'tackling' or 'addressing' both essentially by doing the same things. Hence the use of the phrase 'Food In/Security' in certain places. The word 'community' is here meant to imply a geographic community, such as a city, town, village, neighbourhood or possibly even a borough or county.

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### Definition of Food Security

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation defines Food Security as "existing when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life." (1)

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1	Do you feel that communities themselves can play any part in addressing food in/security. If so would you mind explaining briefly how you think they could best be addressing it?																
2	do you know of any examples of communities addressing food in/security in the UK (or other 'developed' country), particularly in response to climate change or peak oil. If yes please include location and contact details, if at all possible, in your response.																
3	If such work HAS been done where do any gaps exist for community based food in/security work in the UK - what still needs doing?																
4	If work HAS NOT been done, what do you think the priorities should be for such community-based food in/security work (NB these may apply at whatever level you have experience of eg local, regional or national) (Please rank in importance and use '1.' as most important)																
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