

**Appendix 5 (as supplied by the authors): Food insecurity status, based on CCHS 18-item questionnaire**

Status	Measurement	Interpretation
Food-secure	Affirmed no item on either the 10-item adult food security scale or 8-item child food security scale	No report of income-related problems of food access.
Marginally food-insecure	Affirmed no more than 1 item on either scale	Some indication of worry or an income-related barrier to adequate, secure food access.
Moderately food-insecure	Affirmed 2 to 5 items on the adult scale or 2 to 4 items on the child scale	Compromise in quality and/or quantity of food consumed by adults and/or children due to a lack of money for food.
Severely food-insecure	Affirmed more than 5 items on the adult scale or more than 4 items on the child scale	Disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake among adults and/or children due to a lack of money for food.

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