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Household Food Security Survey -2014
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The Department of Census and Statistics has conducted a survey on Household Food Security in 2013/14 and it is the first ever survey about the food security situation of entire country conducted in Sri Lanka. This survey collected data from 25,000 households covering the entire country.

The food security is defined as the ability to have sufficient, safe and nutritious foods to ensure an efficient and healthy life of all people at all time. This survey reveals that the percentage of the food secure households of the country is as high as 90% said Dr.Amara Satharasinghe Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics.

The food insecure situation can be further classified into four categories as marginally food insecure, mildly food insecure, moderately food insecure and severely food insecure. The percentages of households of Sri Lanka falling in to these four categories are 0.9%, 2.2%, 4.1% and 3.1% respectively.

The Household Food Insecurity Access Scale Score (HFIAS) is an index introduced by the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project (FANTA) of United States Agency of International Development (USAID) to quantify the statues of food insecurity of food insecure households. The HFIAS ranges from 0 to 24 where 0 indicates the least food insecurity and while 24 indicates the severe food insecurity. Department further stated that for those food insecure household HFIAS score was estimated to be 9.2.

This survey further reveals that 3% from households of Sri Lanka consume low nutritional food while 3.7% households having insufficient food intake than the requirement.

A copy of the full report of this survey has been published in the Department of Census & Statistics website. (www.statistics.gov.lk) The DCS is planning to conduct the survey regularly enabling monitoring of the food insecurity in the country.

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