

COMESA and Statistics Norway have since 2020 collaborated on building capacity in Food Security Statistics, funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation.

### Overarching Goal:

Strengthen the capacity of National Statistical Offices so that food security statistics from Household Consumption Expenditure Surveys becomes part of the regular statistical production.



*Food security is a situation that exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life*

(World Food Summit, 1996).

**Household Consumption Expenditure Surveys (HCES)** are important data sources in national statistical systems, providing comprehensive insights into a population's food consumption patterns. The data includes details on quantity, monetary value, and sources of food products consumed by households. This information allows for the generation of various indicators, enabling analysis at finer geographical and socioeconomic levels. Consequently, HCES data can provide a better understanding of the structural patterns of food access within a country or region.



### Four steps illustrating how we work with the NSOs:

**1.** Online introduction meeting - how to move forward.

**2.** Data processing workshop - individual NSO.  
Duration: 5 days

**3.** Data analysis workshop – three NSOs.  
Duration: 5 days

**4.** Support with next survey. Online or technical mission.

**Why join?**  
Food security is high on the global agenda. Producing food security statistics from HCES is cost effective, relying on data already collected, and it increases the relevance of the NSO and its data by providing timely and critical information.