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Recent Trends in Food Security: a Perspective from sub-Saharan Africans

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Overview of the Gallup World Poll

Surveying annually since 2006
- Typically 130 countries/year
- Representative samples
  - Telephone in developed world
  - Face-to-face in developing world
    - Local interviewers
    - Interview in major languages
- 2009 Gallup World Poll in sub-Saharan Africa
  - Food Security
  - Governments, food prices and hunger
  - 18 countries
- 2011
  - 150 countries
  - 38 in sub-Saharan Africa

George Gallup: “If democracy is about the will of the people, shouldn’t someone find out what that will is?”

Source: Gallup SEA London
The presentation will focus on results from Gallup’s research on sub-Saharan African’s own rankings of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and four of the seven most relevant world poll questions

Food Security and MDG Questions Asked

**MDG**

- “Could you please rank the following elements on this card in order of importance for you as an individual? 1 being the most important and 6 the least important”

**World Poll Questions**

- What is the most important issue the government should address in the next 12 months?
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
  - The price of food has increased significantly over the last few months
  - In the next six months it will be harder for my family to eat because food prices have increased
  - Because of these price increases, we can no longer afford 3 meals a day
  - The government of this country is doing enough to help people to get food
- Have there been times in the past twelve months when you did not have enough money full to buy the food that you or your family needed?
- Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or your family gone without enough food to eat?

Source: Gallup World Poll 2009
Of all the Millennium Development Goals sub-Saharan Africans across 26 countries ranked reducing poverty and reducing hunger as the top two most important goals for them as individuals.

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Overall Rankings of the MDGs in Order of Most Important to Least Important:

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>MDG</th>
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<td>Reducing poverty</td>
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<td>Providing access to new technology</td>
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Food security is of great concern to people in the region: when asked the “Top of mind question” sub-Saharan Africans say the most important issues for their governments to address are agriculture (20%) and jobs (19%).

What is the most important issue the government should address in the next 12 months?

Source: Gallup World Poll 2009
Two thirds of sub-Saharan Africans perceive that their governments are not doing enough to help people get food.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “The government of this country is doing enough to help people to get food.”

Per Cent Disagreeing: Median 66%

Zimbabwe: After government adopted USD and Rand

Source: Gallup World Poll 2009
Have there been times in the past twelve months when you did not have enough money to buy the food that you or your family needed?

Median: 59%
Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or your family gone without enough food to eat?

Median saying several times, many times or always: 35%

Source: Gallup World Poll 2009
Food Security is regarded as a policy priority for sub-Saharan Africans and impacts many of their lives—despite this there is a perception that their governments are not doing enough to help

Summary

- Sub-Saharan Africans perceive agriculture (20%) and jobs (19%) as the most important issues for their governments to address
- 2/3’s (66%) of sub-Saharan Africans say their government is not doing enough to help people get food
- Nearly 6 in 10 (59%) say there have been times in the last 12 months when they did not have enough money to buy the food that they or their family needed
- Over a 1/3 of sub-Saharan Africans say they or their families have gone without food in the last 12 months several times, many times or always
- Sub-Saharan Africans across 26 countries rank reducing poverty and reducing hunger as the top two most important goals

Source: Gallup World Poll 2009 and R D Totora “Sub-Saharan Africans Rank the Millennium Development Goals”