

**Review Form 1.7**

Journal Name:	<b>European Journal of Nutrition &amp; Food Safety</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_EJNFS_120039</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Toward Advancing Dietary Policy: Examining Economic Hurdles to the Affordability of a Healthy Diet in Tanzania</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The scientific community generally becomes curious and interested in a research piece whose parameters of study are explicit clear and unambiguous.</li> <li>➤ This study fails to operationalize key variables. The study seems to identify nutrition and health as the key dependent variables, but does not operationalize them to give the reader an understanding of what constitutes nutrition and/or health. For example, how would one know that inflation caused poor nutrition and health? Delineate nutrition and health clearly to assist in their assessments</li> <li>➤ This is the type of study that requires both study and control samples, otherwise in its current format it won't yield the correct results.</li> <li>➤ This study has several independent, intervening, moderating and character variables that should be analysed separately as discrete and stand-alone studies.</li> <li>➤ When is a diet deemed healthy – how does one measure that? Is all diet that is nutritious healthy? How does one determine the distinction between the two?</li> <li>➤ The author asserts that close to 60% of Tanzania's population is malnourished. How did the researcher measure malnourishment? Again, study sample/control sample.</li> <li>➤ What was the instrument used for this research?</li> <li>➤ Who decides on one's dietary policy, the individual or the government?</li> <li>➤ Did the researcher considered the impact of traditional foods against bought-in food stuffs in analyzing malnourishment?</li> <li>➤ This should be a longitudinal study to yield appropriate results. It is impressive that multicollinearity was considered and assessed thus far.</li> <li>➤ The introduction should include a statement of the problem in question form followed by research objectives and research questions.</li> <li>➤ The conceptual framework will definitely change once the variables of the study are clearly identified and operationalized.</li> </ul> <p>The title of the article is fine, but may be reduced to manageable sub-topics, e.g. focus on inflation alone as a study imperative, etc.</p> <p>Rather superfluous - please make it brief and succinct. However, it should change based on each sub-topic, if that is the way the author will choose to go.</p> <p>For purposes of publishing, subsections and structure of the manuscript are fine.</p> <p>The manuscript is scientifically correct – the author needs to reconsider suggestions made to enhance its veracity.</p> <p>Referencing is inadequate in scale and scope – please include some older studies, specifically those done by scholars within the country under review. You will find highlights about how people maintained good health through their traditional nutrition or otherwise.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>Language is consistent with Grammarly and suitable for scholarly communication.</p>	

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<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ After the conclusions, please provide recommendations for future research in the same area of study.</li><li>➤ State who are the beneficiaries of this study, e.g. researchers, scholars, govt., etc.</li></ul>	
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**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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