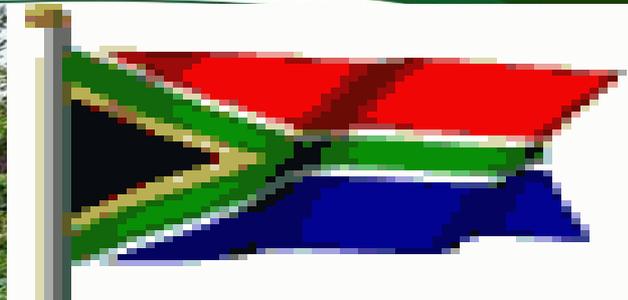




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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD SECURITY – THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE WEBINAR

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Food security defined
2. Food availability and food access
3. Household involvement in agriculture
4. Child nutrition and overweight
5. NFNSP as an intervention for SA and Conclusions



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Food security defined: A state where all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active healthy life.

Food security **helps to enhance the productivity and consecutively the production of food**
- can assist in providing opportunities for income generation.

Complex and multi-faceted concept

Food security pillars

FOOD AVAILABILITY

- Production
- Distribution
- Exchange/trade

FOOD ACCESS

- Affordability
- Allocation
- Preference [purchasing power – grants etc.]

Quantity

STABILITY over TIME: imports and exports

Quality

FOOD UTILISATION

- Nutritional Value
- Social value
- Food safety



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FOOD AVAILABILITY

- Generally, South Africa continues to meet food requirements at national level, with a combination of domestic food production and imports.
- The expected commercial maize crop is 16 095 590 tons, which is 5,20% or 795 590 tons more than the 15 300 000 tons of the previous season (2020). This is the second largest expected maize crop ever produced in the RSA.
- The country has ample maize supply to meet demand in the human and feed markets and will be able to export into neighboring countries.
- This was underpinned by favorable weather conditions and is beneficial as maize is one of the staple foods consumed in the country.



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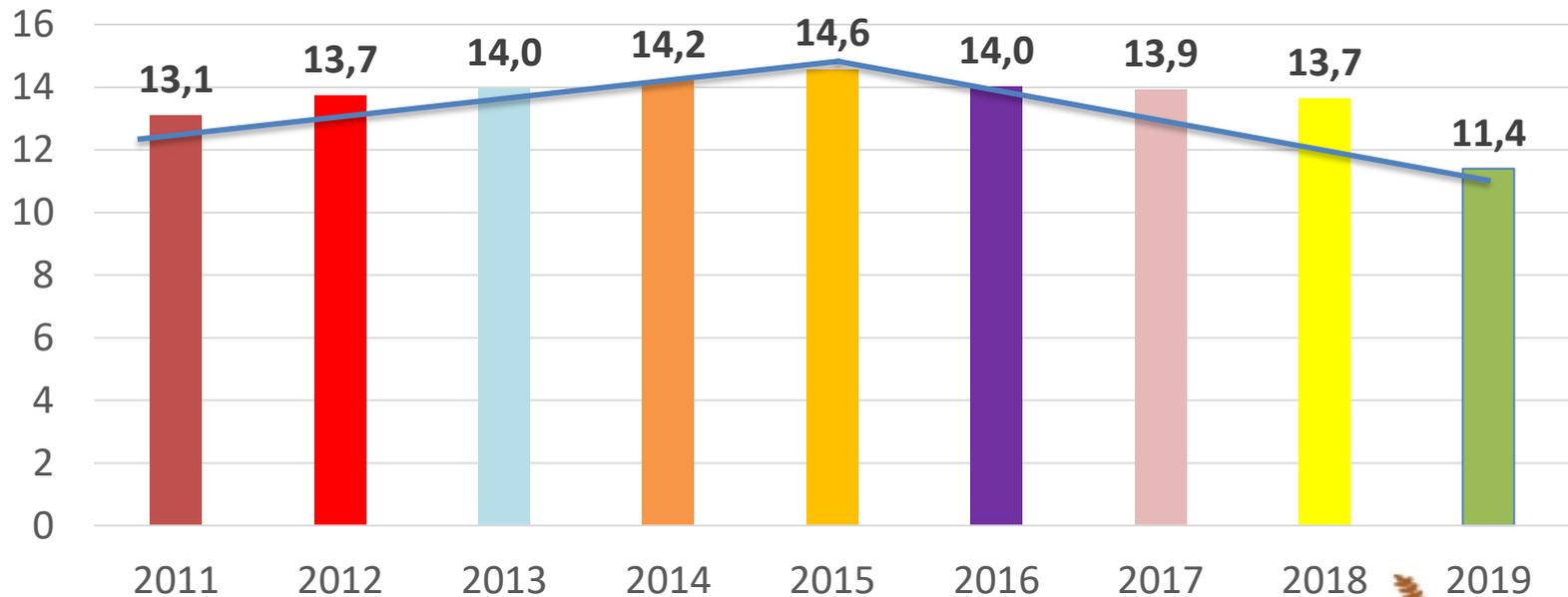
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FOOD ACCESS

Number of people with inadequate and severe inadequate access to food,
Stats SA 2011 - 2019



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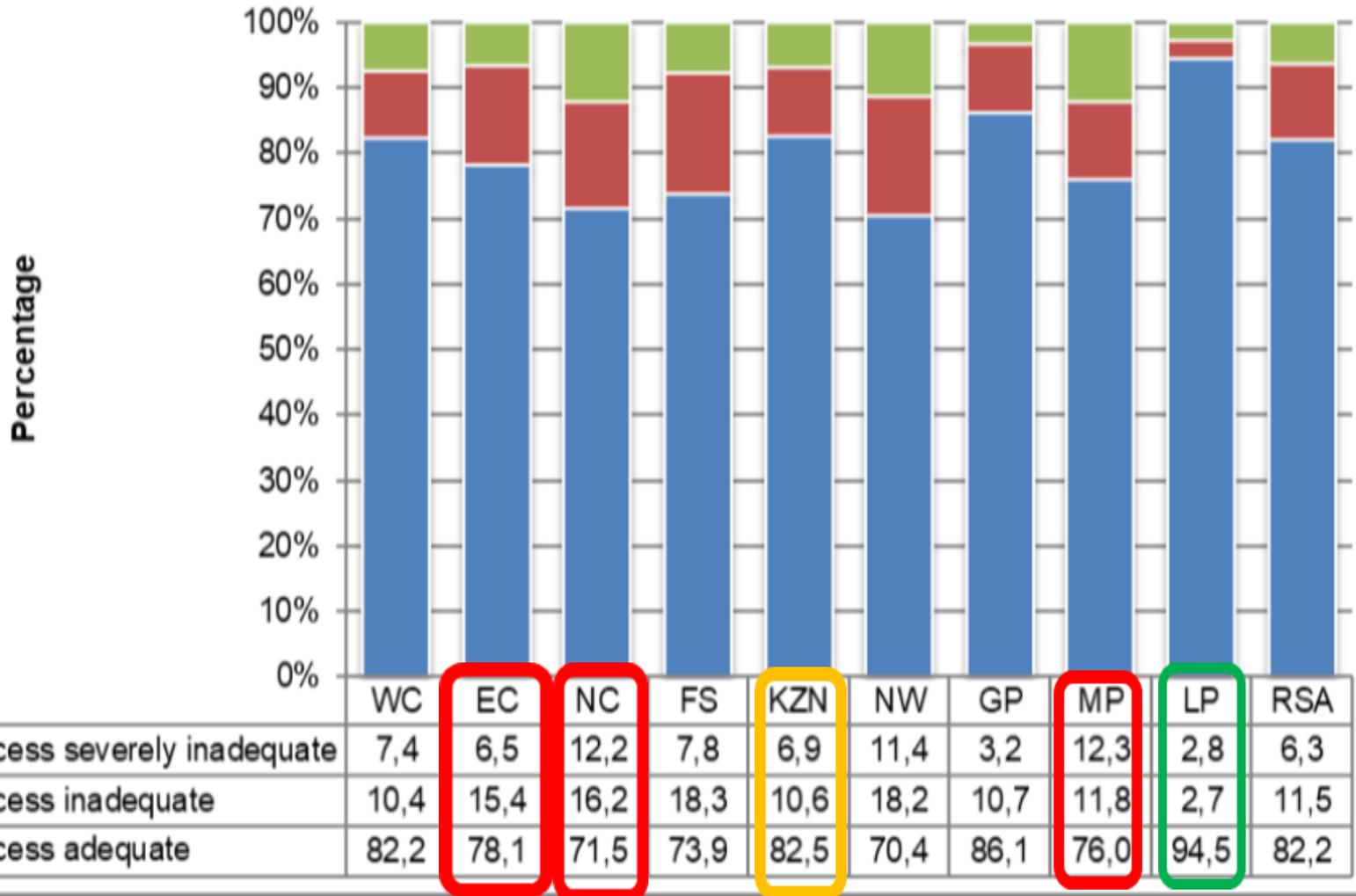


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PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING FOOD ADEQUACY OR INADEQUACY BY PROVINCE, 2019: STATSSA GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY (GHS) 2020



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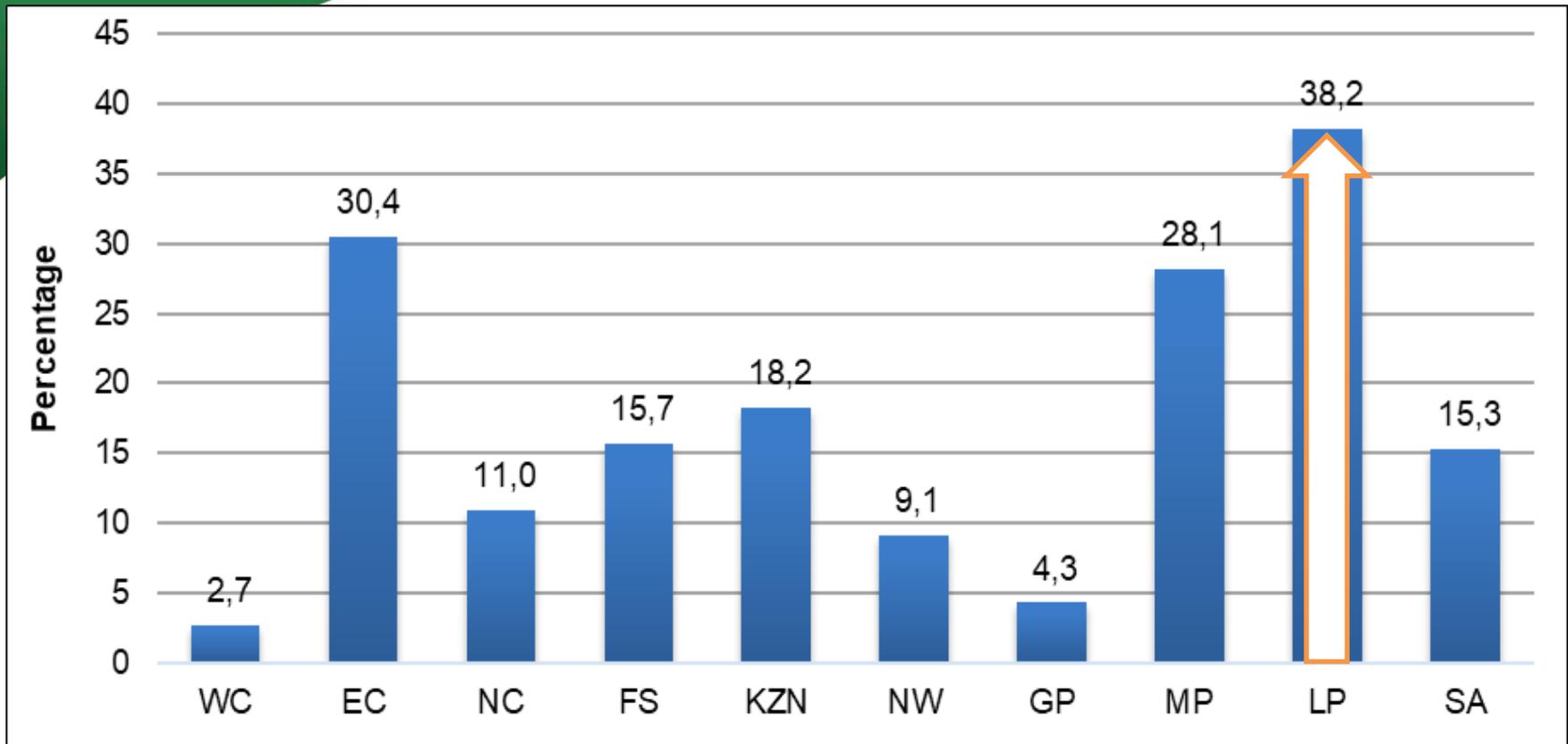


Limpopo – lowest % of households
with food access problems (5,5%)
Limpopo highest % of households
involved in agricultural activities



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PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES BY PROVINCE, 2019



- Nationally, the % of HHs involved in agriculture increased from 14,8% in 2018 to 15,3% in 2019.
- Limpopo remained the province with the highest % of households that are involved in agriculture.

Source: Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) 2020: General Household Survey 2019



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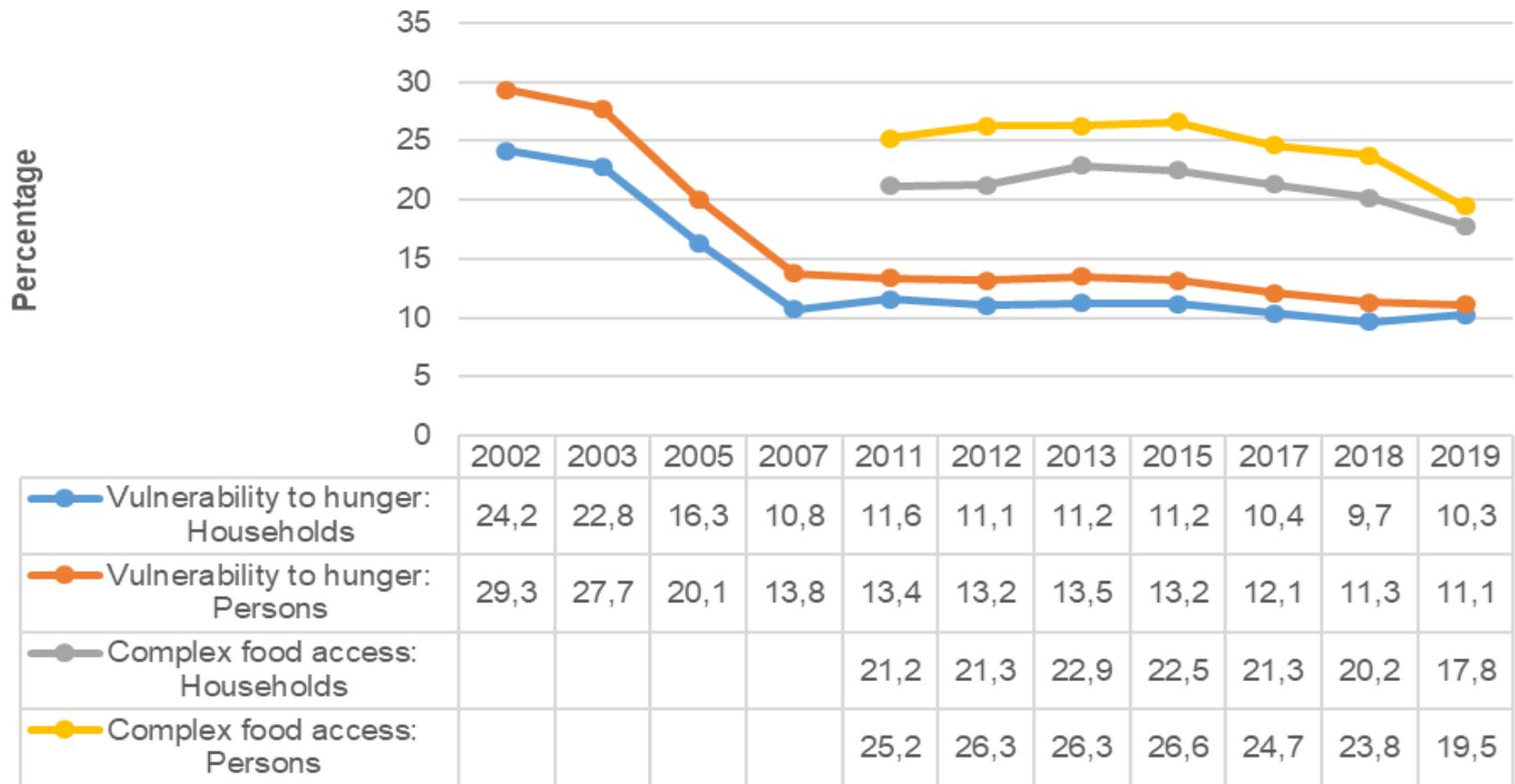


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VULNERABILITY TO HUNGER AND ACCESS TO FOOD



MTSF target on HH is: from 10.3 to 5.7% in 2024

Source: Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) 2020: General Household Survey 2019



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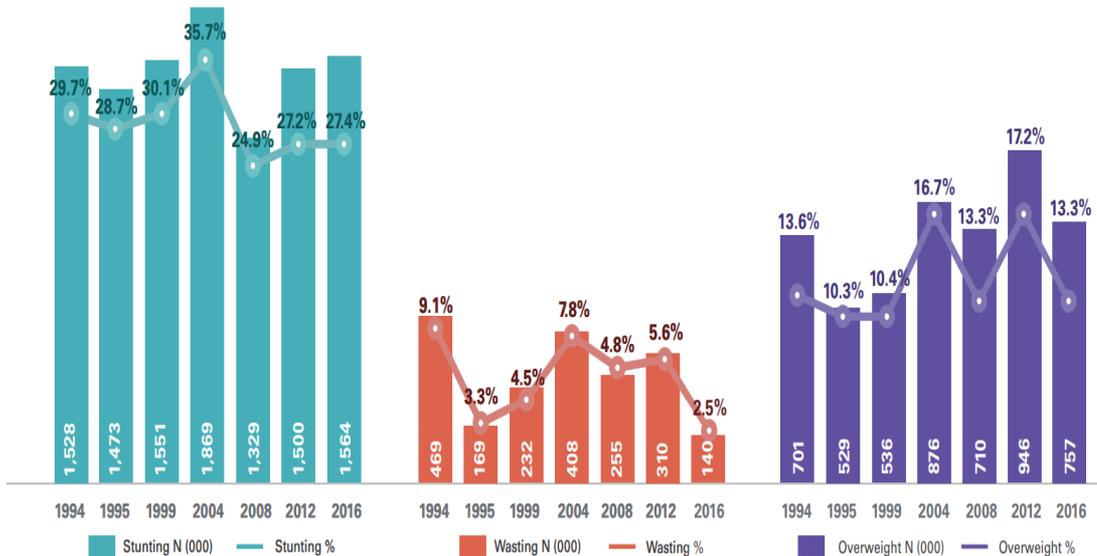
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CHILD MALNUTRITION AND OVERWEIGHT

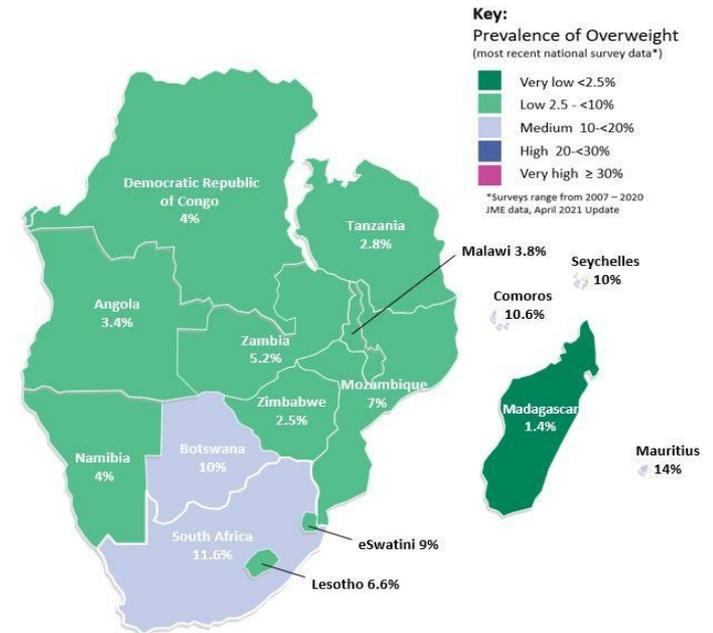
1 in 3 children are stunted

1 in 8 children are overweight

Prevalence of overweight - SADC



Source: UNICEF, WHO, World Bank (2018)¹



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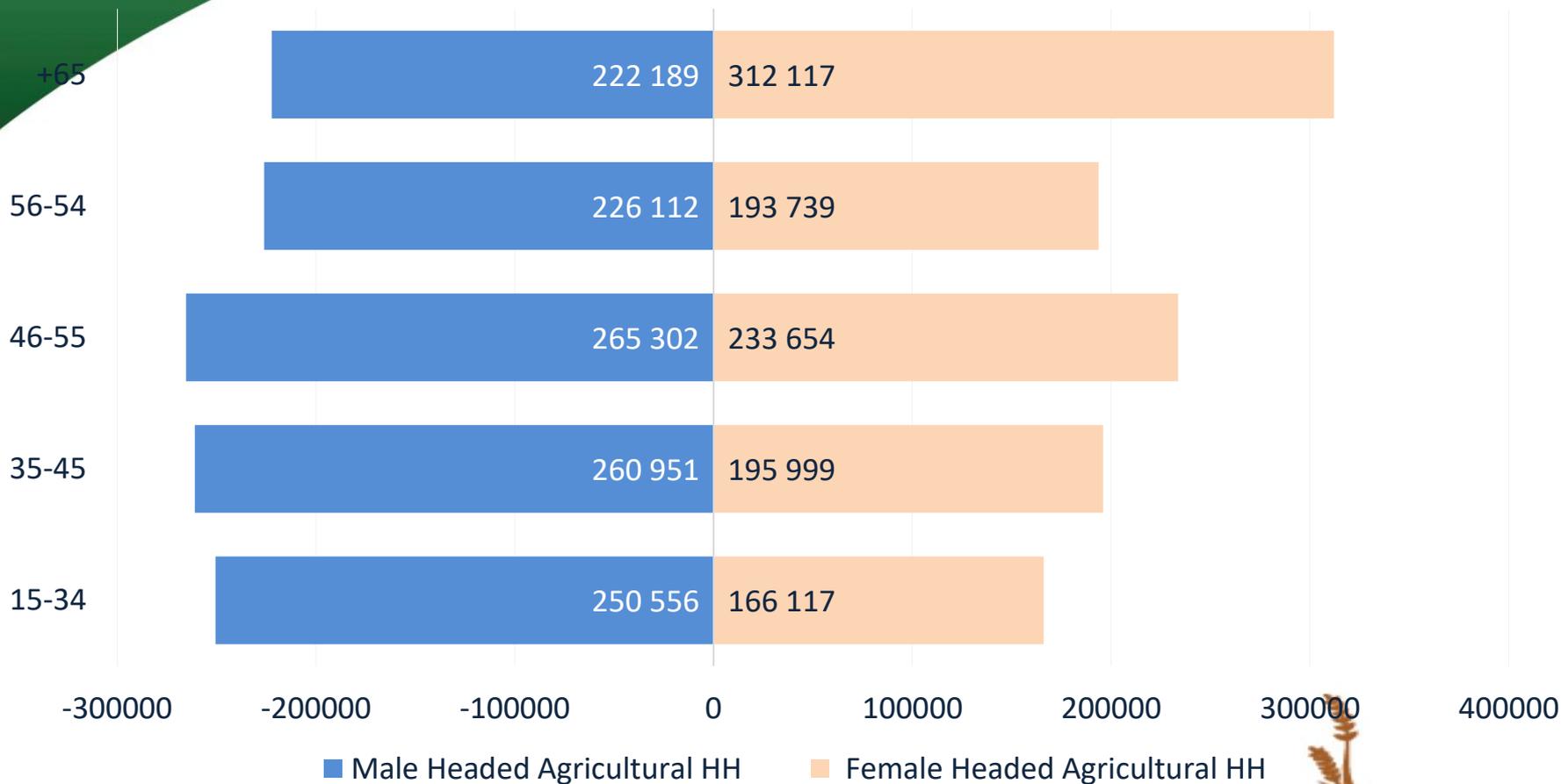


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AGRICULTURAL HOUSEHOLDS BY AGE GROUP AND HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD GENDER (ABSOLUTE FIGURES) 2016



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MANDATE TOWARDS ENSURING FOOD SECURITY

Globally

UN SDGs – SA Food systems Committee on World Food Security (CFS): body tracks world food security

Continent – AU (54): Malabo 2003 & Malabo 2014 triple intra Africa trade; Agenda 2063- inclusive growth and development; CAADP implementation

- Regionally
- RAP: legally binding instrument to stimulate agricultural development and food security in the SADC
- RVAA

Nationally
NDP 2030 – linkage with SDGs; Constitution S 27 (1) (b); Commercialisation intent; NFNSP 2018 - 2023;



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NFNSP 2018 – 2023: VISION AND MISSION

Vision

Optimal food security and enhanced nutritional status for all South Africans.

Mission

To significantly improve food security and reduce malnutrition in all its forms to afford South Africa's people opportunities to lead productive and healthy lives.

Goals

Immediate goals are to establish a governance and leadership system; review current policies and strategies; reform the current duplicated and uncoordinated delivery of FSN interventions, to ensure the implementation of strategic and comprehensive FSN initiatives in a coordinated manner.

Anchored on six strategic objectives.



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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Six Strategic Objectives	Lead Department	Other Key Departments and Social Partners
1 Establish a multisectoral Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) Council to: oversee alignment of policies, legislation and programmes; coordination and implementation of programmes and services which address FNS and; draft new policies and legislation where appropriate	Presidency DPME	DALRRD; DSD; DBE; COGTA; DOH; DTI; Provinces; Local government; Development Partners
2 Establish inclusive local food value chains to support access to nutritious, affordable foods	DALRRD	Water & Sanitation; DTI; National Treasury; Correctional Services; Civil Society, Development Partners; Development Partners; Civil Society; UN Agencies
3 Expand targeted social protection measures and sustainable livelihood programmes	DSD	DOH; Home Affairs; DBE; Provinces and local government; Civil Society; Development Partners; UN Agencies
4 Scale up of high impact nutrition interventions targeting women, infants and children	DOH	DBE; DSD; DHA; Civil Society; Development Partners; UN Agencies
5 Influence people across the life-cycle to make informed food and nutrition decisions through an integrated communications strategy	DOH/GCIS	DBE; DSD; DALRRD; COGTA; DHA; Development Partners; UN Agencies
6 Develop a monitoring and evaluation system for FNS in South Africa and establish an integrated risk management system for monitoring FNS related risks.	DALRRD DPME StatsSA	DOH; DBE; Statistics SA; COGTA, Development Partners; UN Agencies



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EMPLOYMENT AND GENDER

- According to the unemployment figures from the QLFS Q1: 2021 released by Stats SA, unemployment rates for males and females were 31,4% and 34,0% respectively.
- Of these, black African women were the most vulnerable with an unemployment rate of 38,3%. Disparities by sex and occupation show that females accounted for 31,2% of those occupying managerial occupations. In addition, more women (56,2%) than men tended to be discouraged from participating in the labour market.
- In both Q1: 2020 and Q1: 2021, more than four in every ten young females were not in employment, education or training.
- Females were more likely to offer “family commitment” as a reason for not attending school than males (17,1% compared to 0,3%)



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NEXT STEPS

- Whole of government and whole of society approach is required for strengthening food security and good nutrition, as well as the provision of clean water and decent sanitation.
- National Food and Nutrition Security Plan 2018-2023 embraces this paradigm;
- Continuous improvements are required in state-led interventions are essential to improve food production and food access including through:
 - Support to small-scale farmers
 - Support for Household Food Production;
 - Support for emerging entrepreneurs
 - Social Assistance;
- Socio-behavioral interventions should be strengthened including:
 - Breastfeeding support
 - Complementary feeding
 - Nutrition education and counselling
 - Improving hygiene practices



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WOMEN AND FOOD SECURITY – RESOURCE ALLOCATION

- UN Women report: Female headed households: Sub-Saharan Africa – 31%; Latin America and the Caribbean: 17% and Asia: 14%
- FAO studies confirm that women are the mainstay of small-scale agriculture, farm labour force and day-to-day family subsistence, they have more difficulties than men in gaining access to resources such as land and credit and productivity enhancing inputs and services.
- Food security in fact, has been defined by the FAO not only in terms of access to, and availability of food, but also in terms of resource distribution to produce food and purchasing power to buy food where it is not produced.
- Given women's crucial role in food production and provision, any set of strategies for sustainable food security must address their limited access to productive resources security must address their limited access to productive resources.



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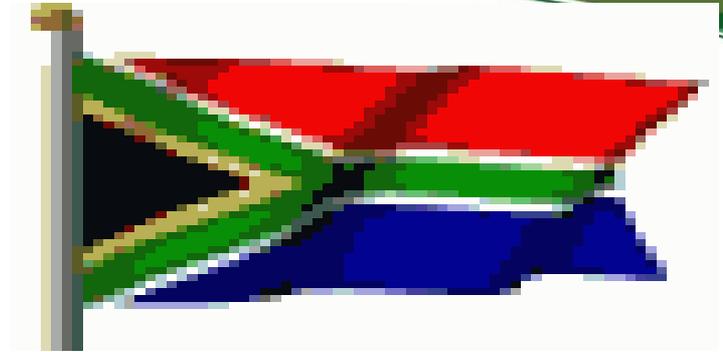
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