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FOOD SECURITY SURVEY RESEARCH

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ABSTRACT:

Despite the fact that agriculture is the Major means of livelihood for most people in Mombo Division the food security situation at the household level is still unsatisfactory. To find out the courses of food insecurity, the survey was carried out to 300 households, focus group discussion, documentary review and field visit using both qualitative and quantitative research methodology. The approach that was applied was participatory action research involving host organization leaders' village leaders, District community development officers and agricultural extension officers. Quantitative data were collected using semi-structured questionnaire and focus group discussion, documentary review, direct observation and secondary data studies were used to compliment the information collected by quantitative method. The information from questionnaire was analyzed by using Epin-for statistical package. The results revealed that during acute food shortage which takes place from January to June 126(50%) according to respondents interviewed consume only 1 meal that means they forego two of the 3 meals (lunch, dinner or breakfast) while at normal situation 210 respondent equivalent to 85% consume 3 meals. About 112 respond equivalent to 47% during the survey had no enough food. The main reason according to 231 (92%) was drought, poor harvest, and storage and poor crop production skills. The survey team suggests development of food security proposal that may check food insecurity in the area.