

What Causes Hunger in the Philippines?

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Even though agricultural production continues to grow in the Philippines, hunger still remains a rampant problem in the society. The framework of hunger is nested within the larger framework of food insecurity. Food insecurity refers to the “condition characterized by the lack or absence of available, adequate, accessible, affordable, safe and nutritious foods that satisfy the dietary needs and food preferences of all people at all times for an active and healthy life.” The paper primarily aims to examine the occurrence and predictors of hunger, particularly for those who are 15 years old and below using the Survey of Hunger Incidence in the Philippines (SHIP) conducted by the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics. Specifically, it aims to determine factors affecting hunger, to determine the extent of prevalence of hunger; and determine the knowledge of the citizens on government programs in alleviating hunger incidence in the country.

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