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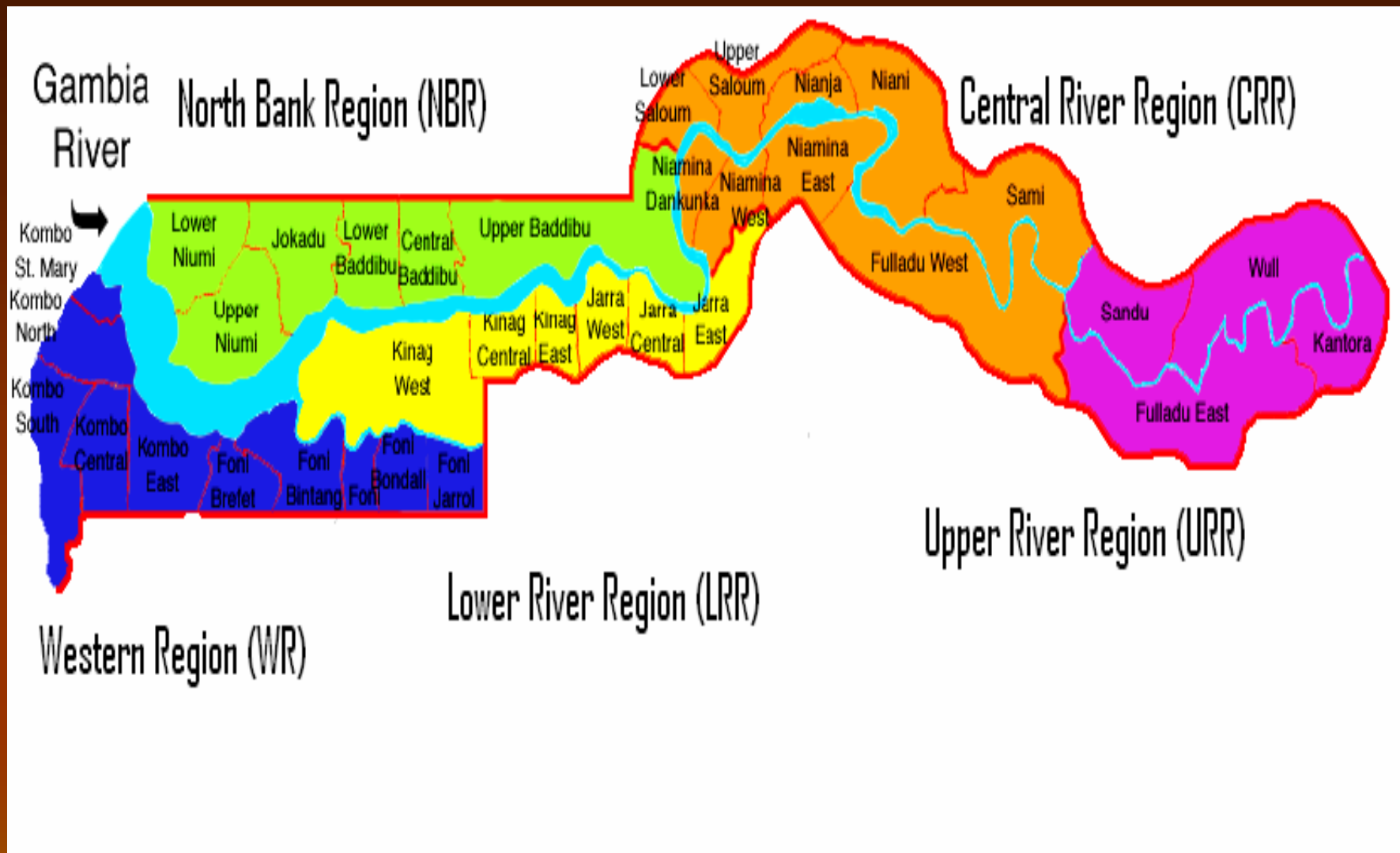


AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SITUATION IN THE GAMBIA




**AGRICULTURAL
CROPPING
SEASON
2008/2009**





NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SAMPLE SURVEY (NASS) 2008/09 CROPPING SEASON

National Agricultural Sample Survey (NASS) conducted each year since 1974. This annual survey is undertaken, every year by the Agricultural Statistics and Resource Economics Section (ASRE) of Department of Planning (DOP), Department of State for Agriculture (DOSA).



Crop production, 2008/09

- The high price of rice the staple food and the extensive promotional campaign by the Department of Agricultural Services (DAS) for the production of shorter duration crop,
- The quest for food security household levels
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Crop production, 2008/09 Cont.

- The provision of tractors by the Government of the Gambia and the introduction of NERICA (Rice)
- Crop diversification program initiated by the government,
- Back to the Land campaign by the Gambia government,
- Above all the President taken the lead in farming (leading by example) Motivate Gambians to take up farming seriously

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Crops	2,007	2,008	% Change
Total Coarse Grains			
Area Planted (Ha)	169,594	204,381	20.5
Total Production (MT)	138,545	196,142	41.6

Crop production for the 2008 cropping season

Crops	2,007	2,008	% Change
Total Groundnuts			
Area Planted (Ha)	117,591	133,703	13.7
Total Production (MT)	72,557	109,641	51.1

Crops	2,007	2,008	% Change
Total Paddy			
Area Planted (Ha)	16,608	34,000	104.7
Total Production (MT)	11,394	38,300	236.1

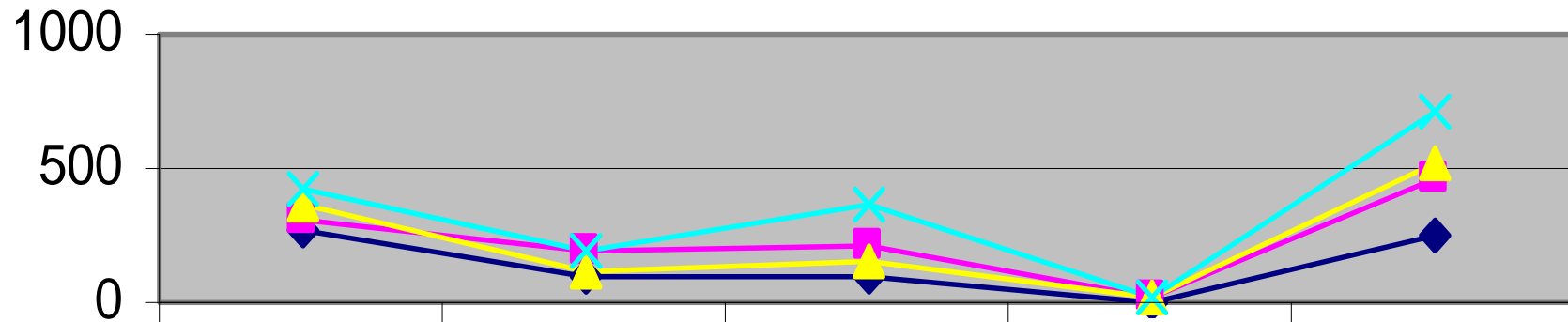
Crops	2,007	2,008	% Change
Upland Rice			
Area Planted (Ha)	10,722	24,000	123.8
Average Yield (Kg/Ha)	713	950	33.2
Total Production (MT)	7,645	22,800	198.2
Swamp Rice			
Area Planted (Ha)	5,886	10,000	69.9
Average Yield (Kg/Ha)	639	1,050	64.3
Total Production (MT)	3,749	10,500	180.1
Irrigated Rice			
Area Planted (ha)	-	2,000	-
Average Yield (kg/ha)	-	2,500	-
Total Production (mt)	-	5,000	-

THE GAMBIA AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY MARKETS



MARKETS	LINK IN SENEGAL (The nearest market in Senegal)
Banjul	
Serekunda	
Bakau	
Brikama	Seliti Binjona (Cassamance)
Soma	Poste Senoba Karefour Jarumeh (Cassamance)
Farafenni	Ndibba Njien Kaolack (Sine Saloum)
Kaur	Nganda , Kungel Bamba Challen Kaferine (Sine Saloum)
Basse	Jawbeh(Cassamance)
Ndungu Kebbeh	Sokone Kaolack Passi (Sine Saloum)
Kerr Pateh	Sokone Kaolack Passi (Sine Saloum) (ss)
Farafenni	Poste kerr Ayib, Ndibba Njien ,Kaolack (sne Saloum)
Bureng	Hamdalai Bayounga (Cassamance)
Kaur	Nganda , Kungel , Kaferine (Sine Saloum)
Wassu	Nganda , Kungel ,Bamba Challen, Kaferine (Sine Saloum)
Brikamaba	Patta (Cassamance)
Sare Bojo	
Sare Ngai	Bamba Challen (Senegal oriental)
Fass Njaga Choi	Sokone Kaolack Passi (ss)

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION in 000 (1978-2008)



	Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Pigs	Chicken
◆ 1978	275	90	90	9	250
■ 1988	312	185	207	13	460
▲ 1998	359	117	154	16	513

YEAR AND DATA

Cattle Prices at the Weekly Markets (Lumos)

- 3 years = D4000 to D5000
- 4 years = D6000 to D7000
- 5 years = D8000 to D10000
- 6 years (above)=D10000 to D12000

1 US\$ = D25.00



Small ruminant Prices at the Weekly Markets (Lumos)

Sheep

- Male = D1500 to D3000
- Female = D1300 to D2000

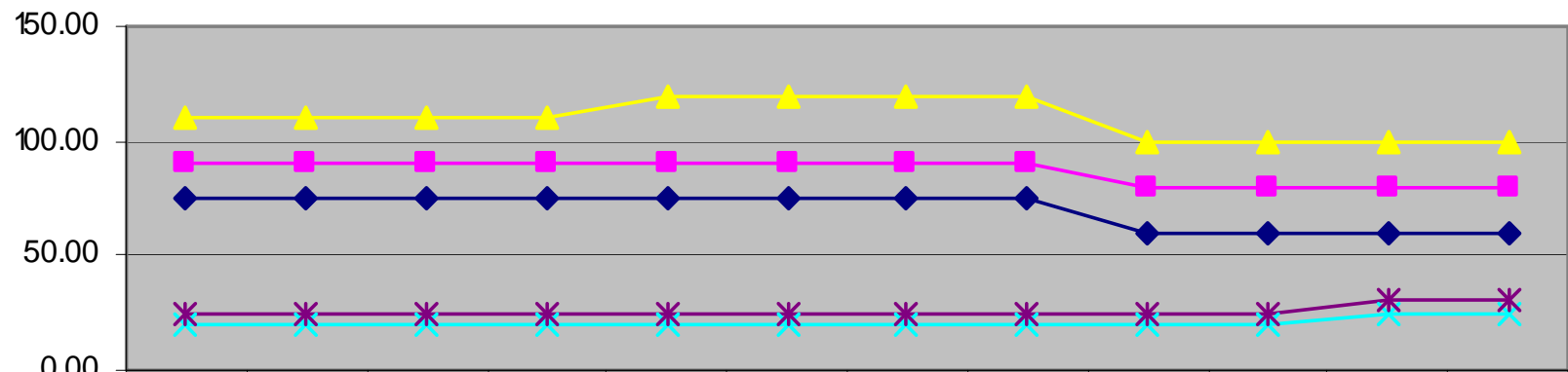
Goats

- Male = D1200 to D1600
- Female = D1400 to D2000



Livestock product Prices

The Price of Livestock product (Dalasi/Kg)

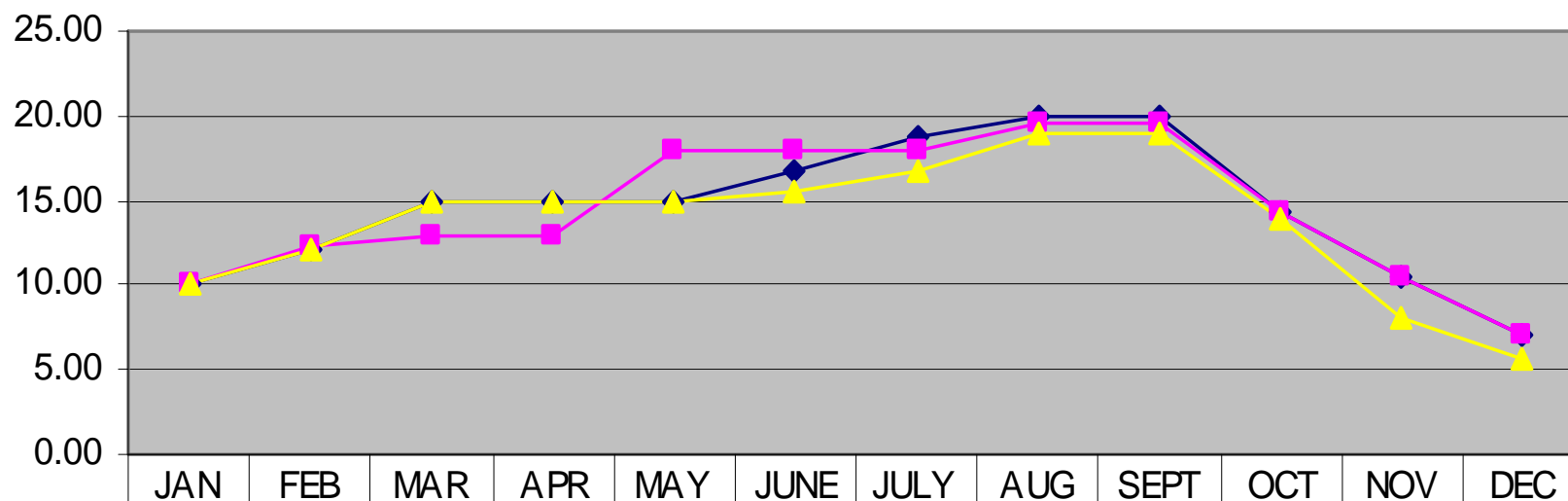


	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
◆ Meat & Born	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
■ Beef steak	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
▲ Mutton	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
✧ Milk	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	25.00

Month and Price Data

Cereal Prices

The Price of Cereals (Maize,Millet and Sorghum from Jan.- Dec 2008)
Dalasi/kg

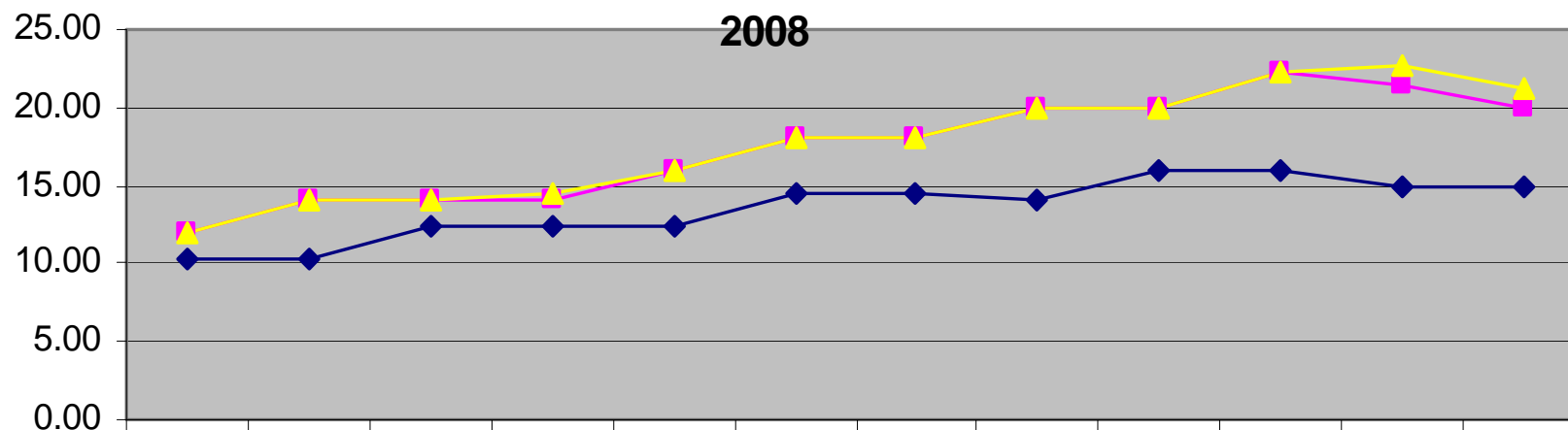


	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
◆ maize	10.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.66	18.66	20.05	20.05	14.26	10.50	7.14
■ millet	10.00	12.25	13.00	13.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.50	19.50	14.30	10.50	7.14
▲ sorghum	10.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	16.66	18.88	18.88	14.00	8.00	5.71

Month and price Data

Cereal Prices

Rice price (locally grown, Broken and long Grain rice)from Jan to Dec

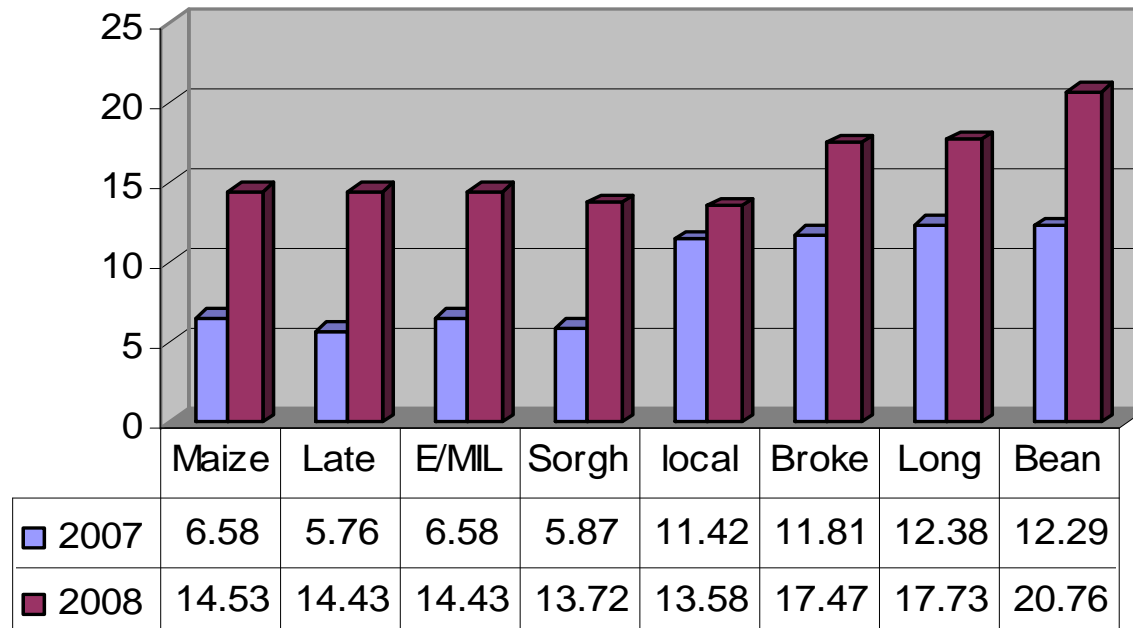


	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
—◆— local rice	10.25	10.25	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.50	14.50	14.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00
—■— Broken Rice	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	22.22	21.42	20.00
—▲— Long Grain	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	16.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	22.22	22.74	21.25

Month and price data

Cereal Prices

The price Cereal 2007 and 2008



Cereal , year and price data

Nutritional Situation of Vulnerable Groups

- Vulnerable groups and zones exist in both urban and rural Gambia
- The lean period (July to September) is particularly difficult for rural producer households as stocks are lowest and prices higher
- The risk zones for the 2008-2009 cropping season as in the last year are the areas affected by either flood or refugees

Cont.

- As of October the worst affected areas are in the production sites of Darsilameh Singajorr, Pirang, Jalanbang, Demban and Brikama, however, this is expected to have minimal effect on production
- Refugees continue to be the main preoccupation of the Red Cross and GAFNA (the implementing partners of UNHCR).



Nutrition Situation Cont. (Wasting)

Source: NaNA Aug/Sept 2008

FOOD RISK ZONES	NUTRITIONAL SITUATION (WASTING)	POPULATION	IDENTIFIED VULNERABLE POPULATION	CURRENT AND/OR PROGRAMMED MITIGATION ACTIONS	DONORS
Central River Region	2.7%	9337	Children under 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Implementation of the BFHI, BFCI, Vitamin A supplementation and Salt Iodisation Programmes •Increase and diversify food production •Improve health services and sanitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •UN system •World Bank •ADB •EU
North Bank East Region	2.0%	7306			
Lower River Region	1.6%	5037			
Upper River Region	1.6%	12779			
Western Region	1.2%	16855			
North Bank West Region	0.9%	9263			

Nutrition Situation Cont.

Food inSecurity Levels in the urban area:

- Food Secure - 46.3%
- Mildly food insecure – 14.6%
- Moderately food insecure – 26%
- Severely food insecure – 13%

Food Diversity:

- The urban areas (Banjul and Kanifing Municipalities) are mildly food diverse i.e. the mean number of food groups consumed by households is 8.

(Source: VAMU 2009)



National Initiatives for Increasing Production

- The provision of tractors and heavy machines
- The National NERICA Programme
- Taiwanese Agricultural Mission Support on rice and horticultural production
- Rice Development Projects (IRIDEP, Jahaly Pacharr, PIWAMP etc)
- Back To the Land Initiative by the President



Finally

In The Gambia, NaNA and DOP are working on incorporating nutrition indicators into NASS. The nutrition indicators have already been agreed on

Both technical and financial support will be required



THANK YOU

