

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Wheat Flour Price Shocks and Household Food Security in Afghanistan

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: With a long history of political instability and conflict, as well as weak infrastructure and mountainous terrain, Afghanistan is particularly vulnerable to economic and natural shocks. During the 2007-2008 global food crisis, the country experienced rapid increases in the prices of staple foods and other commodities due to a confluence of international and domestic factors. For those who spend the majority of their budgets on food, the crisis led to a severe erosion of purchasing power, pushing households into poverty and crippling the already poor. This study investigates the impact of increases in wheat flour prices before and during the 2007/08 global food price crisis on measures of household wellbeing and food security.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: Panel Review Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 01/06/11 End: 03/18/11 Completed: 03/18/11

Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No



