

PHYSICAL/GEOGRAPHICAL AND SOCIAL ACCESS THE NEGLECTED DIMENSIONS OF FOOD SECURITY?

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1. Food (in)security: definition and history

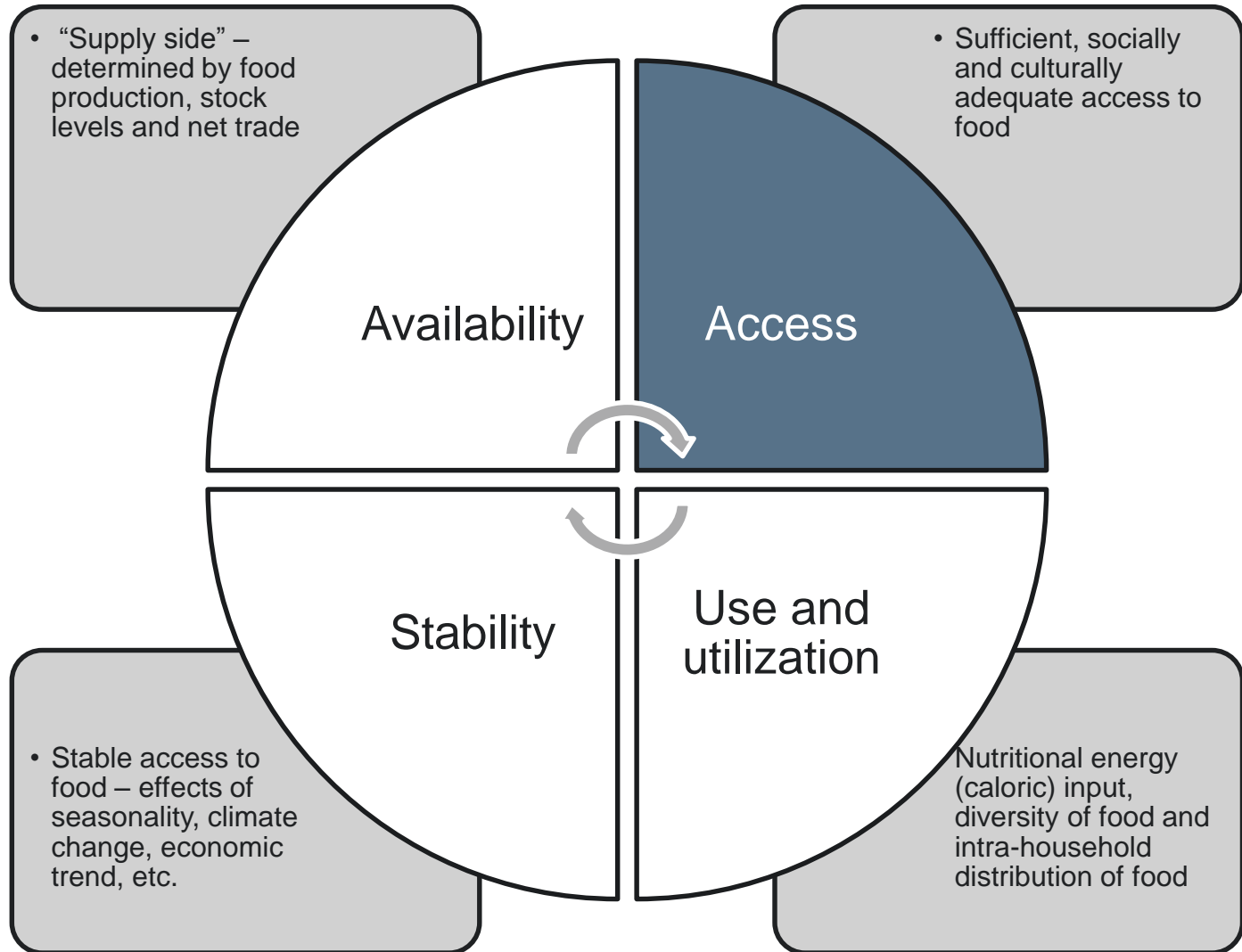
Food Insecurity

- *Exists when people lack secure access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and an active, healthy life.*
- *Caused by the unavailability of food, insufficient purchasing power or the inappropriate distribution or inadequate use of food at the household level.*
- *May be chronic, seasonal or transitory.*

Food Security

- *Exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.*

2. Food (in)security: main dimensions



3. Access: an overlooked dimension of food insecurity?

Physical
access?

Human
geography

Food
provisioning
socio-technical
infra-structure

Food deserts
and
foodscapes

Social
access?

Social
inequalities

Social
exclusion and
social bonds

Rights based
approaches

5. Final remarks

- Empirical clarification, conceptual cross-fertilization and refinement
 - Food (in)security / food deserts / social exclusion
- Interfaces between literatures/research programmes are challenging but important
 - Different analytical foci
- Going beyond “economic” access
 - Consumption and social participation

Thank you!

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