



## Food Insecurity, Social Determinants of Health and Quality of Life in Rural and Remote Areas

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### Message from the Guest Editor

According to the most recent reports from the United Nations (The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019), an estimated more than 800 million people globally are facing food insecurity and challenges with hunger. Much evidence has documented the negative health effects across the lifespan of experiencing hunger and food insecurity and it is vital for drastic improvements to occur.

Food security status and food access serve as critical social determinants of health and can have profound impacts on one's quality of life. Often times, rural and remote areas of the world are the most impacted by food security, which can also be linked with numerous other social determinants of health. It is imperative that public health leaders and policymakers develop sustainable strategies for addressing food insecurity within the broader social determinants of health research and practice fields focused on rural settings. By doing so, overall quality of life can be improved and a more just and equitable world can be achieved.

This Topical Collection is open to the subject areas of food insecurity, social determinants of health, and quality of life in rural and remote areas.





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