

# Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: Food Security Status and Well-Being of Nutrition Assistance Program Participants in Puerto Rico

**Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: FNS  **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: Food Security Status and Well-Being of Nutrition Assistance Program Participants in Puerto Rico

Purpose of Review: Subject the information to formal, independent, external peer review to ensure its objectivity.

Type of Review:  Panel Review  Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):  
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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 3/2021 End: 9/2025 Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:

The technical working group members have recognized subject matter and research methodology expertise on selected issues related to study design, system mapping, and Puerto Rican food and nutrition system

Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name: Insight Policy Research

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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



The technical working group (TWG) will be charged with two tasks as follows:

1. Reviewers will be requested to determine if (i) the data collection as implemented was appropriate, (ii) whether the analyses as carried out reflect the original plans and (iii) whether the analyses are appropriate given the actual implementation of sampling and data collection.
2. Reviewers will be charged with evaluating the clarity of hypotheses, the robustness of the methods employed to address the hypotheses, the appropriateness of the methods for the hypotheses being tested, the extent to which the conclusions follow from the analysis, and the strengths and limitations of the overall conclusions. The peer reviewers will be requested, as appropriate, to suggest ways to clarify assumptions, findings, and conclusions; identify oversights, omissions, and inconsistencies; and, if needed, encourage authors to more fully acknowledge limitations and uncertainties.

There will be three meetings of the TWG. A written summary of each meeting will be produced. Because this study is considered influential scientific information, reviewers will be informed that the Agency will make available to the public the summaries of technical working group.