Food security is when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.

- World Health Organization

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