



**BC Centre for Disease Control**  
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# Conceptual framework for development of food security indicators

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# Overview

1. Background
2. Rationale for FS indicator framework
3. FS indicator framework
4. Process to date and next steps
5. Final Thoughts



# Purpose of Framework

- Foundation for indicator set;
- Rationale for indicator selection;
- Illustrate causal relationships & interconnectedness;
- Identify how and where food security can be assessed and influenced.



# Food Security Indicator Framework

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# Framework development

## Phase 1

Development of model

## Phase 2

Consultation with PHSA/ BCCDC staff  
Modifications & summary report

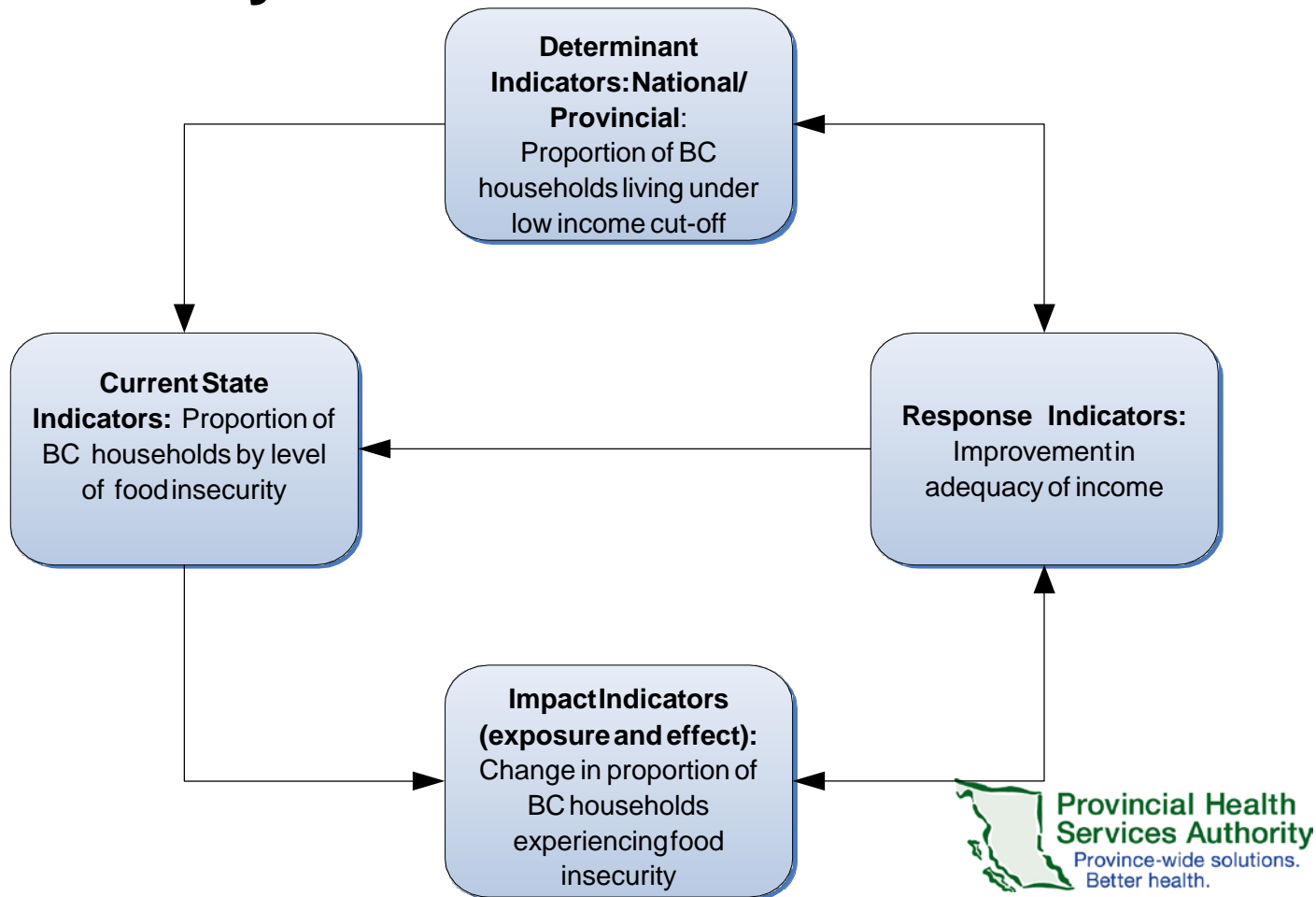
## Phase 3

A. Solicited internal and external feedback

- i) Health Authority Food Security Committee members (8)
- ii) External consultations (6)

B. Second round internal consultation re FS Elements  
Modifications

# Example: Individual and Household Food Insecurity Causal Network





# FS Indicator Framework: Sample Indicators

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1. Individual and household food insecurity	Sample Indicator: Proportion of BC households living under low income cut-off	Sample Indicator: Proportion of BC households by level of food insecurity	Change in proportion of BC households experiencing food insecurity	Improvement in adequacy of income
2. Food systems i. Resilient (people & structure) ii. Health promoting iii. Environmentally sustainable (ecosystem health) iv. Safe				
3. Food Security Capacity i. Social cohesion & participation ii. Skills & knowledge iii. Resources	Sample Indicator iii: # provincial/ regional/ local organizations funding FS initiatives	Sample Indicator iii: # provincial/ regional/ local FS grants	Sample Indicator iii: # provincial/ regional/ local initiatives receiving grants	Sample Indicator iii: Initiatives directed at funders to promote FS issues

# Next steps

- **Iterative refinement**
- **Development of indicators**
- **Possibility of broader use in BC & beyond**

# Final Thoughts

Conceptual framework can help to:

- Highlight the causal relationship between the different categories of indicators and between human and environmental health;
- Provide clarity about where and how attempting to assess, influence and monitor food security.

# Literature Scan

Databases: Web of Science; Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management; PubMed; Cinahl; CAB Direct; Science.gov; AGRIS.

Terms searched related to: conceptual frameworks AND indicators AND food security

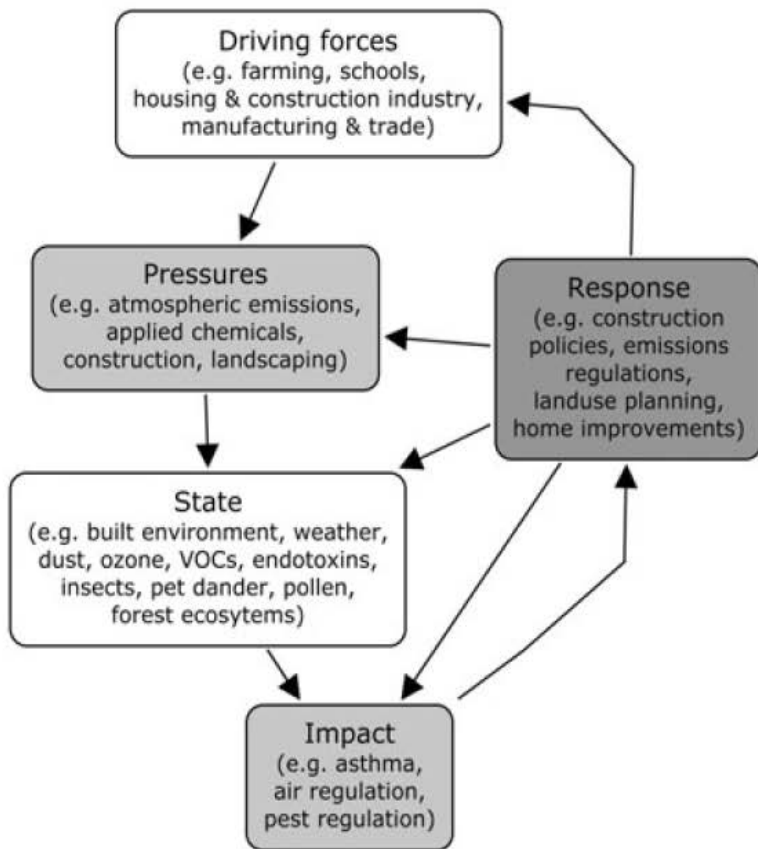
Filtered: 1995-2016; Global North + Manual screening

11 relevant articles initially found; increased to 20 with articles from reference lists + “google scholar”

30+ reports and articles reviewed through key informant discussion

# Environmental Health Indicator Frameworks

(a) DPSIR



(b) DPSEEA

