

African's food availability, food security and economic growth: Lesson from China

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Abstract:

The recent remarkable growth in China's economy had its root in the economic reforms of 1979. The consistency of about 10 percent annual average growth rate of GDP is outstanding and commendable. The country economic survived the 2008 economic meltdown that crumble the likes European Union and America economics. The Africa continent in his current bid to wake from slumber need to solve its technical and primary problem of non-availability of food that had negated it efforts to rebrand its economic. China policy makers have concerns themselves with issue of food security an issue that have improved significantly since the economic reform of the 1979. The population of China should mount pressure on world food security rather net food import growth has not occurred. This remarkable achievement is what the Africa continent should be concern and mark up strategy to analysis and inculcate such solution to boost its economic in this 21st century. Africa import most of its stable food and intends to grow economically, the situation is worse in the sub-Sahara region of the continent. In China availability of food has increased significantly over time while food insecurity had characterized most countries within Africa. In China, although agricultural growth is less than the overall economic growth but the growth has been impressive. The reverse is what it's obtainable in most Africa countries. This work analyzed the important growth in China economic growth as compared to some selected countries in Africa. In addition the work investigate why food insecurity persist in Africa despite helps from developed countries. The 1979 economic reforms in China were re-studied in the context of the selected Africa countries. Suggestions and recommendation were provided in light of Chine reforms in food security and its availability. The studied used data from FAO for its investigation, the data were analyzed using STATA software. The analysis revealed that, if food issues are settled in Africa, the continent is positioned for the next economic revolution.

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