Meeting the needs of the hungry

Cape Town is noted for its gastronomic finesse, fine dining and gourmet markets, yet more than three quarters of sampled low-income households are malnourished, writes Michael Morris

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“Food security, one has to learn,” says one of our interlocutors, referring to the need for households to identify and understand what the necessities are in order to sustain a healthy body and mind, and, by extension, a food system that cannot sustain a healthy body and mind. “They cannot carry on.”

While the city’s food security agenda is not as clear-cut as the multiple interlocking factors that encompass the city’s socio-economic and physical environment, it is within this framework that the city must and can act. The city’s food insecurity agenda can no longer be ad hoc and short-term, but must be longer-term and informed by a comprehensive food security study. Inland Agri Landmark – the City’s Food Security and Food Resilience study provides the first step in this process. 

The ‘city of infinite possibilities’ is noted for its food insecurity, in urban areas, faces a city where “food insecurity manifests not just as hunger, but as long-term malnutrition,” says UCT researcher Dr Jane Battersby. The report notes that the consolidation of food production (agriculture) is more than a matter of ensuring healthy, affordable food. 

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