FACTORS RELATED TO HOUSEHOLD DIETARY DIVERSITY SCORE (HDDS) AS NUTRITION OUTCOMES IN EASTERN INDONESIA

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ABSTRAK

Wilayah Indonesia bagian timur masih mempunyai permasalahan kesehatan, termasuk permasalahan gizi. Permasalahan gizi dapat berupa rendahnya keberagaman pangan rumah tangga. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menguji hubungan antara faktor pertanian dan faktor sosiodemografi terhadap skor keanekaragaman pangan rumah tangga (HDDS). Data mentah penelitian ini diambil dari Bank Dunia dengan menggunakan data yang telah dilakukan sejak tahun 2018 hingga 2019. Total sampel dalam penelitian ini adalah 2.874 rumah tangga. Variabel terikat dalam penelitian ini adalah HDDS berdasarkan standar Organisasi Pangan Dunia. Variabel bebas meliputi karakteristik rumah tangga yang meliputi, agama, jenis kelamin,dan umur. Variable lainnya adalah jumlah anak di rumah tangga, pendapatan rumah tangga dari aspek pertanian, pengalaman rumah tangga dan desa, dan pendapatan rumah tangga bruto. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa rata-rata HDDS adalah 8,75 dari interval 0 hingga 12. Analisis bivariat dan multivariat dalam penelitian ini menemukan bahwa faktor yang berhubungan dengan tingginya HDDS antara lain kepala rumah tangga yang beragama Kristen, usia 45 – 55 tahun, 55 – 65 tahun, >75 tahun, semakin tinggi jumlah anak dalam rumah tangga, desa mengalami hilangnya pekerjaan non-pertanian dan semakin tinggi pendapatan kotor rumah tangga. Kesimpulannya, HDDS sebagian besar dipengaruhi oleh karakteristik rumah tangga.

Kata kunci : gizi, Indonesia Timur, skor keanekaragaman makanan rumah tangga

ABSTRACT

The eastern part of Indonesia still has a health concern, including an issue of nutrition. A lower dietary diversity score is one of the nutrition issues at the household level. This study aimed to examine the correlation between agricultural factors and sociodemographic factors to household dietary diversity score (HDDS). The raw data of this study was retrieved from the World Bank using that have been done from 2018 to 2019. The total sample in this study was 2,874 households. The dependent variable of this study was HDDS which uses the FAO standard. The independent variables were household characteristics such as religion, sex, and age. Moreover, other variables were several children, household income from the crop, households experiencing loss of non-agricultural employment, the household income. The bivariate and multivariate analysis in this study found that factors associated with higher HDDS included head of household who were Christian, aged 45 – 55 years, 55 – 65 years, > 75 years, the higher number of children in the household, village experienced the loss of non-agricultural employment and higher gross household income.

Keywords : nutrition, household dietary diversity score, Eastern Indonesia

INTRODUCTION

Household dietary diversity score is an important indicator of the quality of diets consumed by households. In Indonesia, studies have shown that dietary diversity is associated with various factors such as nutritional status, socioeconomic status, and breastfeeding practices. For instance, a study in urban Indonesia found a positive association between minimum dietary diversity and socio-economic status (Sebayang et al., 2019). Additionally, the diversity of food consumption significantly influenced the nutritional status of children aged 6–23 months in Indonesia (Samosir et al., 2023). Furthermore, the Indonesia DHS 2017 survey reported that approximately 40% of boys and girls aged 6-23 months do not meet the criteria for minimum dietary diversity (Young & Kang, 2020). This pattern has also been observed in other areas of Indonesia, where low dietary diversity has been linked to nutritional status and stunting prevalence (Marchianti et al., 2022). Moreover, low diversity of the food might contribute to high risk of obesity (Maretalinia et al., 2020).

Moreover, it has been found that dietary diversity is influenced by factors such as food production diversity, food taboos, and knowledge, attitudes, and practices of eating behavior. A study in Indonesia reported that food taboos and low dietary diversity were prevalent among pregnant women, with almost half of the respondents having low dietary diversity (Angkasa & Iswarawanti, 2021). Additionally, data from Indonesia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Malawi found a positive association between production diversity and dietary diversity (Bellows et al., 2019). However, the relationship between food production diversity and household dietary diversity was found to be significant in Indonesia and Malawi but insignificant in Kenya and Ethiopia (Akerele & Shittu, 2017; Sibhatu et al., 2015).

Furthermore, interventions such as a web-based application for promoting a balanced diet among pregnant women in Indonesia have been shown to have a positive impact on increasing dietary diversity scores (Koeryaman et al., 2023). Additionally, mass media and communitybased interventions have been found to increase dietary diversity scores among children aged 6-24 months in Indonesia (White et al., 2016).

The factors associated with household dietary diversity in Indonesia are multifaceted and influenced by various determinants. Studies have shown that dietary diversity is influenced by socioeconomic status, educational status, market integration, agricultural biodiversity, and household income/expenditure levels. For instance, socioeconomic drivers such as educational status and market integration were found to be more influential drivers of household dietary diversity than agricultural biodiversity in Indonesia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Malawi (Singh et al., 2020). Additionally, household income, gender, level of education, access to a home garden, and ownership of livestock were found to have a positive influence on rural households in attaining high dietary diversity (Nengovhela et al., 2022).

Furthermore, the nutritional transition in Indonesia, indicated by the increasing prevalence of overweight and obesity, has also impacted dietary diversity (Vaezghasemi et al., 2020). The growth of supermarkets, increasing household incomes, and urbanization have been associated with Indonesia's economic growth, which has influenced food consumption patterns and dietary diversity (Arifin et al., 2019). Additionally, the dietary diversity of people in a geographical area is determined by a variety of factors, including production diversity, household income/expenditure levels, and demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of households (Nithyavathi et al., 2022).

Moreover, household dietary diversity is also influenced by food consumption patterns away from home, as well as perceptions of food security status (Anindita et al., 2022; Diansari & Nanseki, 2015). The variation of agriculture household poverty due to differences in characteristics between districts in Indonesia has also been found to impact dietary diversity (Romadhon et al., 2022). Additionally, the prevalence of stunting among children in Indonesia

has been associated with dietary diversity, with approximately 40% of children not meeting minimum dietary diversity (Halim et al., 2020). This study aimed to examine the correlation between agricultural factors and sociodemographic factors to household dietary diversity score (HDDS).

METHOD

This study used secondary data from the Coastal Community Development Project (CCDP), IFAD Impact Assessment Survey 2018. The data collection was done from May 2018 to April 2019. (World Bank). The unit of analysis of this survey is the household level. The geographic coverage of this survey included 181 villages within 12 districts throughout eastern Indonesia. The primary investigators of the survey are the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and, the United Nations. The producers were from the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Government of Indonesia as project executing agencies. The sampling procedure consisted of households that directly participated in the CCDP as a treatment group and a spillover group that indirectly benefited from the CCDP. The final number of the sample was 2,874 households.

This current study focused on household dietary diversity score (HDDS) as a proxy of nutrition outcomes. This score reflects a quality diet from 12 food groups at the household level. The food groups consist of cereals; root and tubers; vegetables; fruits; meat, poultry, and offal; eggs; fish and seafood; pulses/legumes/nuts; milk and milk products; oil/fats; sugar/honey; and miscellaneous FOA. The HDDS score is calculated by cumulative scores which is 1 for HH consumed each food group in the last 7 days of survey time and 0 for not. This study used the univariate analysis to see the characteristics of HDDS based on some variables including, province, district, religion, and head of household age. The analysis was done using STATA version 17. The ethical clearance of raw data was obtained by IFAD. The raw data is open access after registration and can be accessed through the website: https://microdata.worldbank.org/index.php/catalog/5738#metadata-metadata_production.

RESULT

Table 1 below describes the characteristics of respondents. It was revealed that the mean HDDS was 8.75. From 2,874 households, the majority of heads of households were Muslim (67.36%), male (96%), in aged 35 - 44 years old (33.61%). Moreover, according to the number of children in the household, there was 1.33 mean of children in the household, with a minimum of 0 and maximum of 7. The household's income source from crop sales or crop subproduct sales was 60.54%, and 98.99% of Households experienced loss of non-agricultural employment, 59.99% of Households had access to any Agri cultivation, 92.35% of Villages experienced loss of non-agricultural employment, and the gross household income with mean 2.87e_08.

Characteristics (n = 2,874) Frequency Percentage Household dietary diversity (Mean = 8.75, Min = 0, Max = 12) Household's head religion Islam 1.936 67.36 Christian 928 32.29 Confucianism/Konghucu 0.21 6 Household's head gender 2,759 96.00 Male Female 115 4.00

The General Characteristics of the Samples Table 1.

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Household's head age					
15-24 years old	52	1.81			
25-34 years old	515	17.92			
35-44 years old	966	33.61			
45-54 years old	746	25.96			
55-64 years old	470	16.35			
65 – 75 years old	115	4.00			
>75 years old	10	0.35			
Number of children $0 - 14$ years in the household, Mean = 1.33, Min = 0, Max = 7					
The household has income sources from crop sales or cr	op subproduct sales				
Yes	1,740	60.54			
No	1,134	39.46			
Households experienced loss of non-agricultural employment					
Yes	2,845	98.99			
No	29	1.01			
The household has access to any Agri cultivation					
Yes	1,724	59.99			
No	1,150	40.01			
The village experienced the loss of non-agricultural employment					
No	2,654	92.35			
Yes	220	7.65			
Gross household income, Mean 2.87e_08, Min = 0, max = 2.16e+10					

The bivariate and multivariate analysis was reported in Table 2 below to see the impact of each independent variable and adjusted with other independent variables to HDDS score. It was found that heads of households who were Christian (compared to Islam) had a lower tendency to have higher HDDS with crude coefficient and adjusted coefficient -0.36 and -0.43, respectively. Moreover, heads of household age who are 45 to 54, 55 to 64, and >75 years old have a higher likelihood to have higher HDDS by crude and adjusted analysis, 0.012; 0.006; and 0.029 respectively for crude and 0.015; 0.006; and 0.020 respectively for adjusted. According to the number of children in the household, it was found that a higher number of children will increase the probability of having higher HDDS by 0.08 and 0.14 for crude and adjusted. Moreover, villages that experienced loss of non-agricultural employment will be less likely to have higher HDDS with crude and adjusted -0.41 and -0.57. Additionally, increasing gross household income will also increase the HDDS with crude and adjusted coefficients of 1.62 and 8.19, respectively. However, the factors including household head sex, the household having income source from crop sales or crop subproduct sales, households experiencing loss of non-agricultural employment, and households having access to any agri cultivation found an insignificant correlation with HDDS.

Table 2.	The Crude and Adjusted Coefficient of Correlation Between Agricultural and				
Sociodemographic Factors Related to HDDS					

Characteristics	Crude Coefficient (lower – upper)	p- value	Adjusted Coefficient (lower – upper)	p- value			
Household's head religion							
Islam (ref)							
Christian	-0.36 ((-0.52) – (- 0.21))	0.000	-0.43 ((-0.59) – (-0.27))	0.000			
Buddhism	-0.20 ((-1.83) – (1.43))	0.810	0.02 ((-1.59) – (1.64))	0.978			
Confucianism/Konghucu	-0.37 ((-2.36) – (1.63))	0.719	-0.52 ((-2.49) – (1.45))	0.603			
Household's head sex							
Male (ref)							
Female	0.09((-0.29) - (0.47))	0.639	0.11 ((-0.27) – (0.49))	0.562			
Household's head age							
15-24 years old (ref)							
25 - 34 years old	0.38 ((-0.20) – (0.96))	0.203	0.24 ((-0.34) – (0.81))	0.417			
35-44 years old	0.49 ((-0.08) – (1.06))	0.090	0.35 ((-0.21) – (0.92))	0.221			

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45 – 54 years old	0.73 ((0.16) – (1.30))	0.012	0.70 ((0.14) – (1.27))	0.015	
55 – 64 years old	0.81 ((0.23) – (1.39))	0.006	0.81 ((0.24) – (1.39))	0.006	
65 – 75 years old	0.37 ((-0.29) – (1.04))	0.269	0.39 ((-0.27) – (1.05))	0.241	
>75 years old	1.53 ((0.15) – (2.90))	0.029	1.62 ((0.25) – (2.98))	0.020	
Number of children 0 – 14					
years in the household	0.08 ((0.02) – (015))	0.013	0.14 ((0.08) – (0.21))	0.000	
The household has income sources from crop sales or crop subproduct sales					
No (ref)					
Yes	-0.01 ((-0.16) – (0.14))	0.873	-0.22 ((-0.49) – (0.05))	0.114	
Households experienced loss of non-agricultural employment					
No (ref)					
Yes	0.50 ((-0.25) – (1.124))	0.189	0.38 ((-0.36) – (1.12))	0.310	
The household has access to any Agri cultivation					
No (ref)					
Yes	0.07 ((-0.08) – (0.22))	0.355	0.21 ((-0.06) - (0.48))	0.128	
The village experienced the loss of non-agricultural employment					
No (ref)					
Yes	-0.41 ((-0.69) - (-0.13))	0.004	-0.57 ((-0.85) - (-0.29))	0.000	
Gross household income	1.62((8.52e-11) - (2.39e-10))	0.000	8.19 ((7.63) – (8.75))	0.000	

DISCUSSION

The household dietary diversity score (HDDS) is associated with various factors influencing nutritional outcomes. Studies in Indonesia and other countries have shown that factors such as farm production diversity, nutrition education, food insecurity, and socioeconomic status play significant roles in determining dietary diversity and nutritional status. For instance, in Indonesia, it was found that approximately 40% of children aged 6-35 months did not meet the minimum dietary diversity, indicating the importance of dietary diversity in addressing nutritional challenges (Halim et al., 2020). Additionally, in Zimbabwe, nutrition education, farm production diversity, and commercialization were positively associated with household and individual dietary diversity (Murendo et al., 2018). In Ethiopia, the household food insecurity access scale and dietary diversity score were used as proxy indicators of nutritional status among people living with HIV/AIDS, demonstrating the relevance of dietary diversity in assessing nutritional status (Hussein et al., 2018). Furthermore, in Malawi, farm and non-farm enterprise diversity, as well as expenditure on food items, played major roles in influencing household dietary diversity (Edriss & Mehare, 2021). Similarly, in Eastern India, agricultural diversity, dietary diversity, and nutritional intake were found to be interlinked, emphasizing the importance of agricultural diversity in influencing dietary diversity and nutritional outcomes (Kumar et al., 2016).

Based on the provided references, agricultural factors play a crucial role in influencing household dietary diversity. For instance, studies have shown that farm production diversity is positively associated with household dietary diversity (Kattel et al., 2021; Murendo et al., 2018; Sekabira & Nalunga, 2020). Additionally, the adoption of agroforestry has been linked to increased farm production and dietary diversity (Kattel et al., 2021). Furthermore, interventions that increase household crop diversity and livestock ownership have been found to improve household-level diet diversity and child dietary diversity (Fiorella et al., 2016; Sly et al., 2022). Livestock diversification and market participation have also been positively associated with household, women, and children's dietary diversity (Murendo et al., 2018). Moreover, increased farm production diversity has been associated with seasonal food consumption diversity (Kissoly et al., 2018). It is important to note that the relationship between farm production diversity and dietary diversity is influenced by various factors such as income, market access, and non-farm income (ALIM et al., 2022; Rahman & Mishra, 2019). Additionally, the mean for farming experience and annual farm income of the respondents were

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found to be associated with food security status among rural farming families ((ALIM et al., 2022). These findings underscore the significance of agricultural diversification and production practices in enhancing household dietary diversity and food security.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the mean of HDDS in Eastern Indonesia was 8.75. The factors found significantly associated with HDDS were household head religion and age, number of children, the village experienced loss of non-agricultural employment, and gross household income. HDDS in Indonesia is influenced by various factors including socioeconomic status, food production diversity, knowledge and attitudes towards eating behavior, and the effectiveness of interventions. Understanding these determinants is crucial for designing targeted interventions to improve dietary diversity and ultimately the nutritional status of households in Indonesia. The household dietary diversity in Indonesia is complex and interconnected, involving socioeconomic, agricultural, nutritional, and demographic determinants. Understanding these factors is crucial for developing targeted interventions to improve dietary diversity in Indonesia.

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