

Investing in Agricultural Leadership for Sustainable Food Security Planning in Kenya: Historical Insights from *Josephonomics*

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ABSTRACT

Food insecurity and its indignity is still a persistent challenge in Kenya more than 50 years after independence. This opinion paper opines that despite the country's status of water scarcity with only about 30% of land being arable; Kenya can be food secure by tapping into already proven technological innovations within and without. What is lacking or deficient is people-centred agricultural leadership that can tap into available and practical innovations without having to re-invent the wheel. Leadership in this context means ability to inspire people to deliver on their competences under their unique circumstances. This paper explores this dimension through lessons directly and indirectly derived from *Josephonomics* philosophy. This philosophy is based on how legendary Joseph saved ancient Egypt from starvation. It is hoped that the lessons discussed can be utilised at both National and County government levels to create agricultural food belts and food stocks that would eliminate food insecurity and its impacts on households at much less budgetary implications.

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