

Food Security and Human Development: Difference between Potential and Reality in ASEAN Countries

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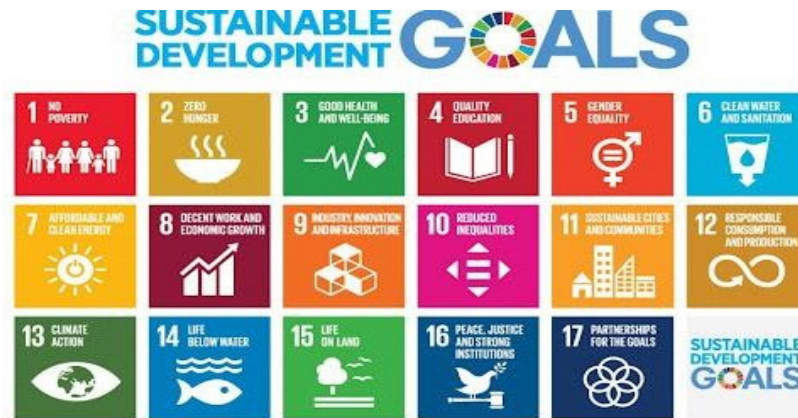
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Abstract. Most of the countries in ASEAN are agriculture based country such as Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Facts show that the food security condition of ASEAN countries based on agriculture has a low food security rating, while countries such as Singapore have the highest food security ranking in the world. The purpose of this paper is to mapping Asian food security in terms of affordability, availability, quality & safety and natural resources and to proof the impact of food security on human development. The research design used is a quantitative research with comparative performance index and panel regression. The sample used in this study was 9 countries in ASEAN with a time series period 2012-2020. The findings show that the condition of food security in ASEAN countries is a contribution from the aspect of affordability and quality and safety, while the aspect of availability and natural resources has a low contribution. The results of the regression panel show that the dimensions of food security that are proven to have a significant effect on human development are affordability, quality & safety and natural resources, while the dimensions of availability is not proven.

Keywords: Food Security; Affordability; Availability; Quality & Safety; Natural Resources

1 Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) place humans as the main goal of achieving goals. Of the 17 targets for achieving the SDGs, the first five goals are closely related to humans, namely (1) Without poverty, (2) Without hunger, (3) Having good and prosperous barriers, (4) Having quality education and (5) Gender Equality as shown in figure 1. This displays that development is a very important issue to be raised in research, both in the micro and macro scope.

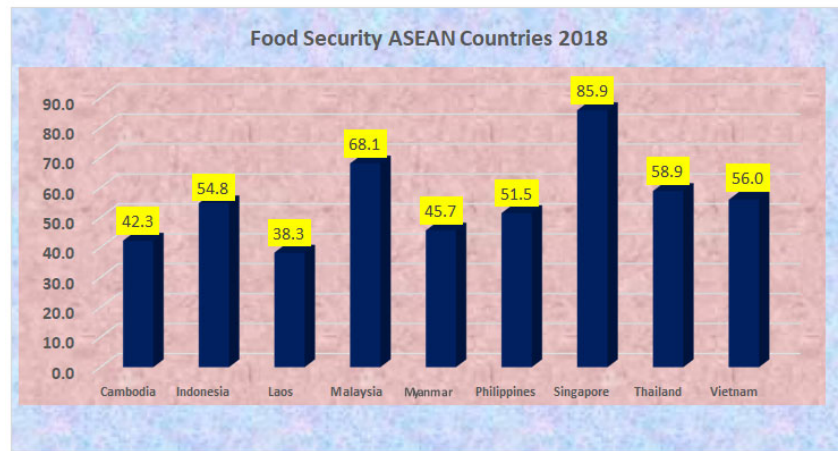


Source: UNDP

Fig. 1. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The success of human development based on measurements from UNDP includes the health dimension (average life expectancy), the education dimension (average length of schooling and average school expectation) and the economic dimension (average per capita expenditure). Most of the previous researchers raised the problem of human development by looking at the determinants that have an indirect effect on human development such as the level of poverty, labor force participation, the level of inequality. This study uses a direct influence approach from human development, namely using food security as a factor that is closely related to human development. With good food security will produce healthy humans so that it will improve the health dimension through increasing life expectancy. Good food security is believed to have a positive effect on the readiness of students in carrying out their education so that it will increase the average length of schooling.

Through good food security, it will also upgrade high employee productivity so that it will linearly escalate workers' income which will automatically improve the welfare of the community as measured by average per capita expenditure. Food security is multidimensional in nature, which is not only related to the problem of food availability but also includes other aspects such as affordability, quality & safety and natural resources. Indonesia as a rich country in food sources but in reality only places it in a relatively low position, namely ranked 65th in the world and this ranking is much lower than Singapore which is the first ranked in the world in 2018. Malaysia with a food security index value of 68.1% which is ranked 40, Thailand with a food security index value of 58.9% with a rank of 54 and Vietnam which is ranked 62 with a food security index value of 62. Indonesia is only higher than the Philippines with a food security index of 51.5% and is ranked 70, Myanmar with an index of 45.7% and is ranked 82, or Cambodia with a food security index value of 42.3% and is ranked 85 and Laos with a value of 38.3% and is ranked 90 [1]. For more details can be observed in Figure 2.



Source : GFSI, 2018

Fig. 2. ASEAN Food Security Index based on GFSI 2018

Empirical studies linking food security with human development are still relatively limited. Sow, Berete, & Uche in their study found a positive connection between food security and human development [2]. Verwimp in his research reinforces that conflicts that occur will affect food security and have an impact on human development [3]. Burchi & Muro reinforce the strong negative relationship between food insecurity in African countries and human development [4]. Gani & Prasad found that the dimensions of food security (food availability and supply of calories and protein) had a positive effect on human development [5]. The food accessibility dimension found that the higher the price of food and the more vulnerable to food, the lower human development. Based on the explanation above, this research was conducted by trying to relate food security with human development for the Southeast Asia region.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Human Development

The theory of human development was initiated by Amartya Sen in his book *Development of Freedom* which discusses human capabilities [6]. The human development approach explains the development process through improving the quality of human life and not just improving the economy of a country. Human development approach assumes that improving human life will be more meaningful if it has an effect on welfare and prosperity than only increasing economic capacity or economic growth. The conceptual framework of human development consists of 2 dimensions namely [6]:

1. Directly improve human abilities which include have :
 - a. A long and healthy life expectancy
 - b. Knowledge
 - c. A decent standard of living
2. Creating conditions for human development that include
 - a. Participate in political and community life

- b. Sustainable environmental development
- c. Protect the safety and rights of every human being
- d. Gender similarity

Measurement of human development was first introduced by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in 1990. Human development is related to the choices of society or human choices which are very numerous and change over time. Periodically UNDP makes refinement in the calculation of the HDI and the measurement of the Human Development Index which was most recently issued by UNDP in 2014 using 3 dimensions, namely:

- a. Length of life (longevity) as measured by Life Expectancy
- b. Knowledge (knowledge) is measured by using 2 indicators, namely
 1. Average length of schooling
 2. Expectations of long schooling
- c. Decent standard of living as measured by using GNI per capita

The HDI value is in the interval range from 0 to 100. The closer to 100 indicates the better human development and vice versa close to 0 indicates the worse human development.

2.2 Food Security

Food security has a very broad definition so that the definition of food security has developed according to needs. Although the notion of food security is relatively broad, one thing is certain that food security is very important for all people in the world [7]. Ballenger and Mabbs-Zeno classify food security into three groups, namely (1) Global Food Security provided that the amount of food available is sufficient to meet the needs of the world community (global), (2) National Food Security which requires food available for consumption in the country to be at least the same as food needs throughout the year, (3) Individual Food Security which means that the income of each individual (person) is sufficient to meet all their needs [8]. Barraclough and Utting stated that the food system has the following 5 characteristics: (1) The ability to produce adequate internal food supplies, (2) Has autonomy in determining its own destiny, (3) Reliable so that seasonal and cyclical variations to food can be minimized, (4) Have long-term sustainability and (5) There is a balance which means at least reliable access to food for all social classes, groups and strata [9].

The very broad concept of food security causes the various definition of food security. The following are some definitions of food security that are widely used as the basis for measuring the food security of an economy. The International Conference in Nutrition defines food security as the access of every household or individual to obtain food at any time for the purposes of healthy living [10]. The World Food Summit defines it as a condition in which all people have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life [11]. Law No: 12 of 2012 concerning Food defines food security as a condition for fulfilling food for the state to individuals, which is reflected in the availability of sufficient food, both in quantity and quality, safe, diverse, nutritious, equitable and affordable and does not conflict with religion, beliefs and culture of the community to be able to live a healthy, active and productive life in a sustainable manner. From these definitions of food security above, it can be concluded that aspects of food security include availability, access (affordability), quality, safety, stability and utilization.

2.3 Food Security Measurement

The various definitions of food security cause the measurement of food security also have indicators. As previously stated, the definition of food security varies and involves very broad aspects, so the indicators, methods and data used by researchers to measure food security are also very varied. Therefore the measurement for food security is also very diverse. This study uses the measurement of food security according to The Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) where the stages of food are divided into 4 dimensions as shown in the figure 3.



Source: The Economics Intelligence Unit, 2021

Fig. 3. Dimensions of the Global Food Security Index (GFSI)

2.4 Previous Studies

Empirical Study of the Relationship Between Food Security and Human Development Index (HDI). Empirical studies linking food security with human development are still relatively limited. Sow et al., in their research which aims to examine the linkage between food security and security indices with human development in Africa resulted in the conclusion that there was a significant positive relationship between safety and security index with human development [2]. Verwimp in his research resulted in the conclusion that conflicts that occur have an impact on people's sources of income which in turn affect human development in the long term [3]. UNDP (2012) in a study that aims to analyze how strong food security can accelerate Human Development. The findings claim that a person is in a condition of eating and nutritionally adequate, obtaining food safely, the amount of food that is varied and of good quality will increase his human resources (human development). Gani and Prasad support the existence of evidence of a significant relationship between food security and human development [5].

2.5 Conceptual Framework

The results of a literature study related to food security according to the IEU resulted in a measurement of food security which was formed from 4 dimensions, namely affordability,

availability, quality & safety and natural resources. Several empirical studies, as described above, have found that food security is proven to have an effect on human development. Crystallization from the literature study and the results of empirical studies produce a conceptual framework as displayed in Figure 4.

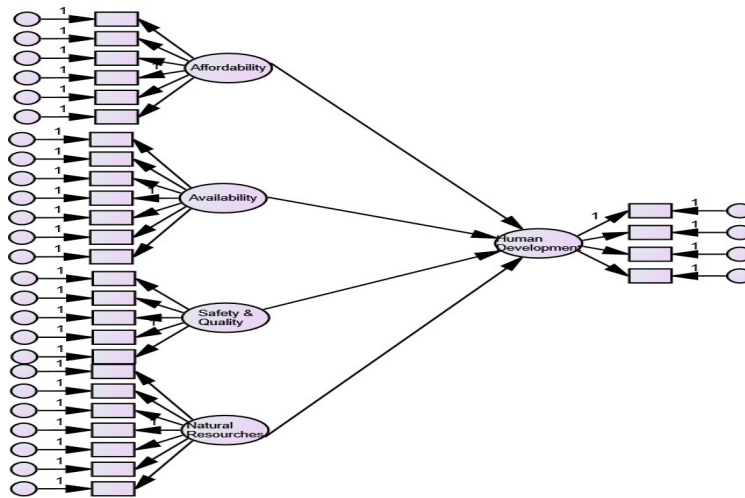


Fig. 4. Conceptual Framework

2.6 Research Hypothesis

Food Security version of the Global Food Security Index includes a new dimension in the measurement of food security, namely the dimension of natural resources. The results of empirical studies conducted by Sow et al.; Verwimp; UNDP (2012); and Gani and Prasad found that there was a positive influence of food security on human development. Based on this explanation, the hypothesis proposed in this study are as follows [2], [3], [5]:

- H1a: Affordability dimension of food security has a positive effect on human development
- H1b: Availability dimension of food security has a positive effect on human development
- H1c: Quality & safety dimension of food security has a positive effect on human development
- H1d: Natural resources dimension of food security has a positive effect on human development

3 Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study is correlational research which aims to investigate the influence of the independent variable, namely the food security variable which consists of 4 dimensions, namely affordability, availability and quality and safety as well as natural resources on the dependent variable, namely human development which is proxied through the Human Development Index. (HDI)

3.2 Variable and Measurement

This study uses two variables, namely food security with 4 dimensions and the HDI which consists of 3 dimensions where the measurement of each variable is more clearly exhibited in table 1.

Table 1. Operational Research Variables

Variable	Dimension	Indicator	Scale
Food Security	Affordability	1. Change in average food costs	Ratio
		2. Proportion of population under global poverty line	Ratio
		3. Inequality adjusted income index	Ratio
		4. Agricultural import tariffs	Ratio
		5. Food Safety net programs	Ratio
		6. Market access and agricultural financial services	Ratio
	Availability	1. Sufficiency of supply	Ratio
		2. Agricultural research and development	Ratio
		3. Agricultural infrastructure	Ratio
		4. Volatility of agricultural production	Ratio
		5. Political and social barriers to access	Ratio
		6. Food Loss	Ratio
		7. Food security and access policy commitments	Ratio
	Quality and Safety	1. Dietary diversity	Ratio
		2. Nutritional Standards	Ratio
		3. Micronutrient availability	Ratio
		4. Protein Quality	Ratio Ratio
		5. Food safety	Ratio
	Natural Resources and Resilience	1. Exposure	Ratio
		2. Water	Ratio
		3. Land	Ratio
4. Oceans, rivers and lakes		Ratio Ratio	
5. Sensitivity		Ratio Ratio	
6. Political commitment to adaptation		Ratio Ratio	
7. Demographic stress		Ratio Ratio	
Human Development Index (HDI)	Long life dimension	Life expectancy	Ratio
	Knowledge dimension decent standard of living	1. Average length of schooling 2. Old school hoport Gross National Product Per capita	Ratio Ratio

3.3 Data and Sample

All data used are secondary data with a structure in the form of panel data (pooled data). The cross section data used are ASEAN countries with complete data, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Time series data used for the period 2012-2020. The data sources used were obtained by conducting library research from various agencies, namely the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), United National Development Project (UNDP) and publications from the Global Food Security Index. For time series data used 2012-2020.

3.4 Analysis Tool

a) Food Security Index

The calculation of the food security index is carried out in the following stages:

1. Identify the variables used to measure food security and determine the best value, whether it is maximum or minimum.
2. Using the distance to scale method to change the value of each variable to be in the form of an index where for the variable that has the best maximum value using the formulation:

$$\text{Indeks } X_{ij} = \frac{X_{ij}}{\max_j X_{ij}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

For variables whose indicators have a negative relationship to food security, the country with the lowest score will get an index value of 100 while for other countries with a higher value it will have an index value below 100. The formulation for changing the index value for each variable that has a negative relationship with food security for each country is expressed by the formula:

$$\text{Indeks } X_{ij} = \frac{X_{\min j}}{X_{ij}} \times 100 \quad (2)$$

Description:

Index X_{ij} = index value of certain variable for country i year j

X_{\max} = the maximum value for a certain variable in a certain country in year j

X_{\min} = the minimum value for a certain variable in a certain country in year j

3. Calculating the food security index for 4 dimensions, namely affordability, availability, safety & quality and natural resources, using the following data:

$$\text{Indeks } D_{ij} = \frac{X_{ij}}{N} \quad (3)$$

Description:

D_{ij} = The food security index of the th dimension

X_{ij} = Food security index indicator i- year j

N = Number of food security indicators of certain dimensions

b) Econometric Model

The model that will be used is the pooling regression equation model with the consideration that the characteristics of ASEAN countries are relatively homogeneous except for Singapore. The regression equation model used is stated in the equation:

$$IPM_{it} = \alpha_{it} + \beta_1 FSID1_{it} + \beta_2 FSID2_{it} + \beta_3 FSID3_{it} + \beta_4 FSID4_{it} + \epsilon_{it} \quad (4)$$

Description :

IPM_{it} = HDI for country i period t

$FSID1_{it}$ = HDI availability dimension for country i period t

$FSID2_{it}$ = HDI affordability dimension for country i period t

$FSID3_{it}$ = HDI quality and safety dimension for country i period t

$FSID4_{it}$ = HDI natural resources dimension for country i period t

Tests carried out to answer research problems are implemented in stages:

1. Classical assumption test

This test aims to make the estimated coefficients produced meet the BLUES (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator) criteria. The conditions for the resulting coefficient to be BLUES must meet 4 assumptions, namely the fulfillment of assumptions

a. Normality is carried out using the Jarque Berra test where decision making is implemented with criteria:

If the p-value of Jarque Berra > 0.05 then the normality of the model is met

If the p-value of Jarque Berra < 0.05 then the normality of the model is not met

b. Multicollinearity is carried out by using the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) test where decisionmaking is carried out with criteria

If $VIF < 10$ then the assumption of multicollinearity is met

If $VIF > 10$ then the assumption of multicollinearity is not met

c. Autocorrelation testing using the LM test where decision making is carried out with criteria If the p-value of the chi-square cross section > 0.05 , there is no autocorrelation

If the p-value of the chi-square cross section < 0.05 , there is an autocorrelation

d. Heteroscedasticity testing using the Gletjer Test with decision making criteria

If the p-value of the independent variable t statistic > 0.05 then there is no heteroscedasticity If the p-value of the independent variable t statistic < 0.05 , then there is heteroscedasticity

2. Theoretical Hypothesis This stage consist of

a. Coefficient of Determination (R^2)

Conducted to find out how much variation of the dependent variable can be explained by the variation of the independent variable R^2 value between 0 to 1 where the closer to 0 the model is more unfit, while the closer to 1 the model is more fit.

b. Global Test (F Test)

Used to test whether there is at least one independent variable that affects the dependent variable. The proposed hypothesis

$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \dots = \beta_n = 0$ which means that all independent variables do not affect the dependent variable

$H_1 : \text{At least one } \beta_k \neq 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$

Which means that there is at least one independent variable that has a significant effect on the dependent variable

Decision making is done with criteria

If the p-value of Fstatistics < 0.05 then Ho is rejected
If the p-value of Fstatistics > 0.05 then Ho is accepted

c. Partial Test (t test)

This test aims to test the effect of each independent variable on the dependent variable with the following stages:

Ho : $\beta_i = 0$

which means the i-th independent variable does not affect the dependent variable
H1: $\beta_i \neq 0$

which means the i-th independent variable affects the dependent variable
Decision-making

If $t_{count} > t_{table}$ then Ho is rejected

If the p-value of tstatistic < 0.05 then Ho is rejected

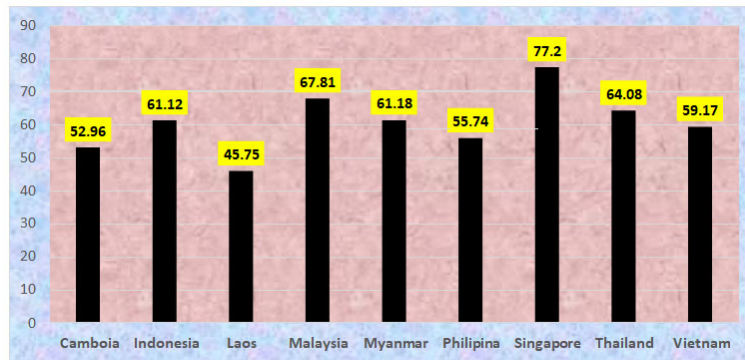
If the p-value of tstatistics > 0.05 then Ho is accepted

4 Results and Discussion

4.1 Descriptive Statistics

a) Food Security of ASEAN Countries

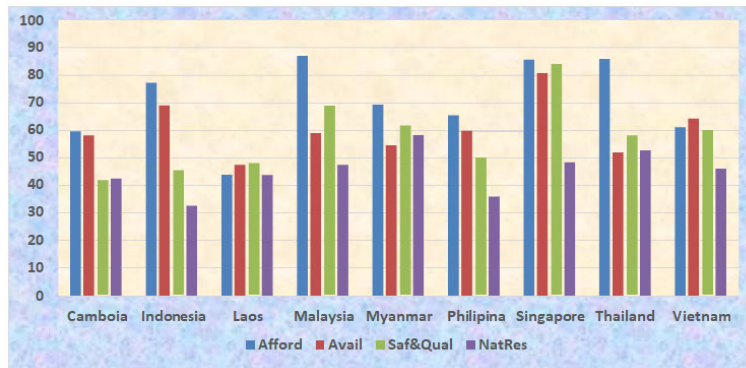
Descriptive statistics for food security in ASEAN countries for the period 2012-2020 put Singapore as the country with the highest food security index at an average of 77.2%, followed by Malaysia with an average food security index value of 67.81%. Thailand is the third rank country for food security during the period 2012-220 with an average score of 64.08%, followed by Myanmar which is in fourth position with an average score of 61.18% and Indonesia in fifth place with an average value of the food security index of 61.12%. Laos is a country with the lowest food security index, which has an average value of 45.75 during the 2012-2020 period. These findings indicate that Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand are ASEAN countries that have a good food security score compared to other ASEAN countries. For more details refer Figure 5.



Source : GFSI data processed

Fig. 5. ASEAN Country Food Security Index 2012-2020

Affordability is one of the dimensions used to determine the food security index. The results of processing the food security index for the affordability dimension show that there are 4 countries that have an index with a value of more than 75%, namely Malaysia in first place with a value of 89.96%, followed by Thailand with a value of 85.87%, then by Singapore with a score of 89.96%. 85.65% and Indonesia with a value of 77.25%. There are 3 countries with an index between 60% to 75%, namely Myanmar with a score of 69.38%, followed by the Philippines with a score of 65.41% and Vietnam with a score of 61.13% each. Two other countries, namely Cambodia, have an index. by 59.7% and the lowest is Laos with an index of 43.87%. For more detailed information can be seen in Figure 6.



Source : GFSI data processed
Fig. 6. ASEAN Country Dimension Food Security Index (Affordability, Availability, Quality & Safety and Natural Resources) 2012-2020

The second dimension that forms food security is availability. The results of processing the ASEA country availability index for 2012-2020 Singapore is the only ASEAN country that has an availability index value higher than 75%, which is 80.55%. There are two countries that have availability index values between 60% and 75%, namely Indonesia with an index of 69% and Vietnam with an index of 64.21%. A total of 5 countries have an availability index between 50% and 60%, namely the Philippines with an index of 59.77%, followed by Malaysia with an index of 58.93%, then Cambodia with an index of 58.15%, Myanmar with an index of 54.55. % and Thailand with an index of 51.91%. One country with an availability index below 50% is Laos with an index of 47.44%.

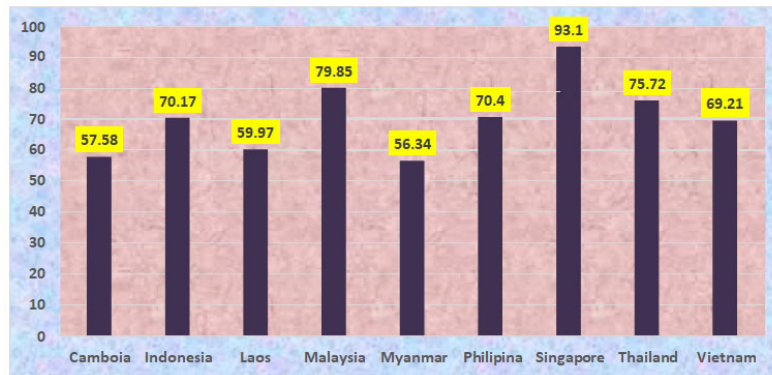
In general, the food security index for the safety & quality aspects of ASEAN countries is still low. Of the 9 countries that were used as research samples, there were 4 countries that had an index of less than 50%, namely Cambodia with an index of 41.74%, followed by Indonesia with an index of 45.37%, then Laos with an index of 47.95% and the Philippines. with an index of 49.97%. There are 2 countries that have an index between 50 and 60%, namely Thailand with an index of 57.95% and Vietnam with an index of 59.98%. Two countries have an index between 60 and 75%, namely Myanmar with an index of 61.67% and Malaysia with an index of 68.85%. Singapore is the only country in ASEAN that has a food security index of more than 75%, which is 83.93%.

Overall, the natural resources dimension is the weakest aspect of ASEAN countries in achieving food security. This can be appeared from the average achievement of the food security index for the natural resources aspect where none of the ASEAN countries achieves

the index score for this dimension above 60%. There are only 2 countries that achieve index scores between 50% and 60%, namely Myanmar and Thailand with index scores of 58.13% and 52.64%, respectively. The remaining 7 other countries have an index below 50% and Indonesia ranks as the country with the lowest index achievement, which is 32.61%.

b) Human Development of ASEAN Countries

The results of descriptive statistical processing for human development variables which are proxied using the Human Development Index (HDI) can be seen in table 6. Information from the table shows that Singapore is an ASEAN country with the highest human development achievement even when compared to other countries in the world, namely by achieving an average HDI value during the 2021-2020 period of 93.1%. Malaysia ranks second in terms of achieving HDI with an average score of 79.85%, followed by Thailand in third place with an average HDI score of 75.32%. The Philippines is in fourth place with an average HDI index of 70.4% during the period 2012-2010, followed by Indonesia which is in fifth place with an average HDI value of 70.17%. Vietnam is ranked sixth with an average HDI value of 69.21% while the remaining three countries have an average HDI score of less than 60%, namely Laos with an average score of 59.97%, followed by Cambodia with a high score of 59.97%. The average HDI is 57.58% and the lowest is Myanmar with the average HDI achievement during the 2012-2020 period of 56.34.



Source: GFSI data processed

Fig. 7. ASEAN Country Human Development Index 2012-2020

4.2 Analysis of Research Results

The regression model used in this study is multiple regression with pooled method, which combines time series and cross section data with the assumption that there is no difference in behavior between cross sections so that the regression model used is multiple regression. Before testing the theoretical hypothesis, the classical assumption test is first carried out where the test results are stated as follows:

a) Classic Assumption Test

The results of processing for classical assumption testing after heteroscedasticity

improvements show that for normality testing using the Jarque Berra test, a p-value of 0.155 > 0.05 is obtained, which means H_0 is accepted so that it can be concluded that the error distribution is normal (normality assumption is met). Multicollinearity testing with using the VIF criteria produces a value of less than 10 for all independent variables used so that H_0 is accepted, which means that there is no multicollinearity. The results of the autocorrelation test using the LM test produce a p-value of the LM test of 0.000 < 0.05, which means H_0 is rejected so that it can be concluded that the resulting model has autocorrelation. For heteroscedasticity testing using the glacier test, it was concluded that all variables did not occur heteroscedasticity at 5% alpha except for the Quality & Safety variable which passed the heteroscedasticity problem at an error rate of 1%. The problem of autocorrelation is an important problem specifically for time series data, while this study uses panel data so that the existence of autocorrelation in this model is not a problem that must be overcome. For more clear information can be seen in table 2.

Table 2. Classical assumption test Heteroscedasticity improvement

Variable	Dependent Variable : Absolute Residual				
	p-value	t	Conclusion	VIF	Conclusion
Affordability	0.848		No heteroscedasticity	2.667	No multicollinearity
Availability	0.681		No heteroscedasticity	7.840	No multicollinearity
Safety & Quality	0.019		No heteroscedasticity	2.376	No multicollinearity
Natural Resources	0.062		No heteroscedasticity	4.854	No multicollinearity
Prob Jarque Berra	0,155		Normal Distribution		
Prob LM Test	0,000		Autocorrelation		

Source : data processed

b) Hypothesis Testing

The processing results for testing the research hypothesis are shown in table 3. Testing the fit model using adjusted R^2 produces a value of 0.920, which means that the variation of the independent variable, namely the dimensions of food security (affordability, availability, service & quality and natural resources) is able to explain the variation of the dependent variable, namely HDI of 92% while the remaining 8% is a variation of other independent variables that affect HDI but are not included in the model. These results indicate that the resulting model has a good fit model. The global test (F test) produces a p-value of F of 0.000 < 0.05, which means H_0 is rejected and H_a is accepted so that it can be concluded that there is at least one independent variable that is proven to have a significant effect on human development.

Hypothesis 1 was carried out with the purpose of testing the positive effect of affordability on human development. The processed results obtained an estimated coefficient of 0.230 which means that increasing affordability will increase human development and conversely decreasing affordability will reduce human development. With a t-statistical value of 5.030, a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05 was obtained, then H_0 was rejected and H_a was accepted, so it can be concluded that the positive effect of affordability on human development is proven.

Table 3. Human Development Model Regression

Variable	Coefficient	tstatistik	p-value	Conclusion
Affordability	0.230	5.030	0.000	Supported
Availability	-0.062	-0.733	0.232	Not supported
Safety & Quality	0.7340	10.086	0.000	Supported

Variable	Coefficient	tstatistik	p-value	Conclusion
Natural Resources	47.125	7.803	0.000	Supported
Adjusted R2	0,920			
F statistic	233,82			
p-value	0,000			

Source : data processed

Hypothesis 2 verifies the positive effect of availability on human development. From the processed results, the estimated coefficient is -0.062, which means that increasing availability will decrease human development and conversely decreasing availability will increase human development. These findings indicate that the research hypothesis which states that availability has an effect on human development is not supported.

Hypothesis 3 was carried out with the aim of testing the positive effect of safety & quality on human development. From the processed results obtained an estimated coefficient of 0.734, which means that increasing safety & quality will increase human development and conversely decreasing safety & quality will reduce human development. With a t-statistical value of 10,086, a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05 was obtained so that H_0 was rejected and H_a was accepted, so that it can be concluded that the positive influence of quality & safety on human development is significant.

Hypothesis 4 aims to examine the positive effect of natural resources on human development. It is obtained an estimated coefficient of 47.125, which means that increasing natural resources will increase human development and conversely decreasing natural resources will decrease human development. With a t- statistic value of 7.803, a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05 was obtained, so that H_0 was rejected and H_a was accepted. Thus, it can be concluded that the positive influence of natural resources on human development is significant.

4.3 Discussion

The affordability dimension has a positive effect on human development, indicating that the affordability of the community to access to food is easily obtained, such as stable food prices, a small number of poor people, low food inequality, government policies to secure national food and market access and financial services for Cheap food commodities are proven to be effective in enhancing human development. This is what located Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand with a high index of food security, which is above 85% because the achievement of indicators from the affordability dimension of the country concerned has a high index. The opposite condition occurs with countries in ASEAN such as Laos, Cambodia which have high affordability will produce a high HDI and vice versa. Scatter plot diagram of empirical data between affordability and human development dimensions of food security proves that there is a positive relationship between the two variables as shown in Figure 8.

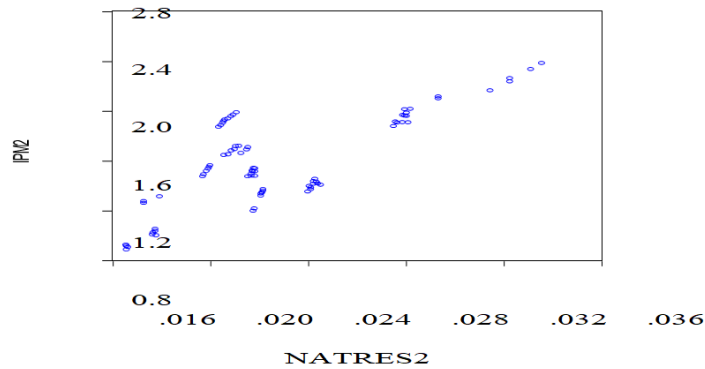


Fig. 8. Scatter Plot Affordability with Human Development

The dimensions of quality and safety has a significant positive effect indicating that food diversity, fulfillment of national nutritional standards, adequacy of the need for vitamins contained in food consumption, protein quality and availability of clean water that supports food consumption and the availability of places for safe food storage are factors of food security. Dimensions of quality & safety has a positive impact on food security. This is what put Singapore and Malaysia at the highest rank in terms of quality & safety dimensions. These findings indicate that food security is not only related to the availability of goods and services needed by the community but also related to the safety and quality of the goods consumed through the provision of clean water and sanitation that meets standards. The results of the scatterplot between the dimensions of safety & quality and human development in ASEAN countries establish that there is a positive relationship between food security in the dimensions of safety & quality and humandevelopment as shown in Figure 9.

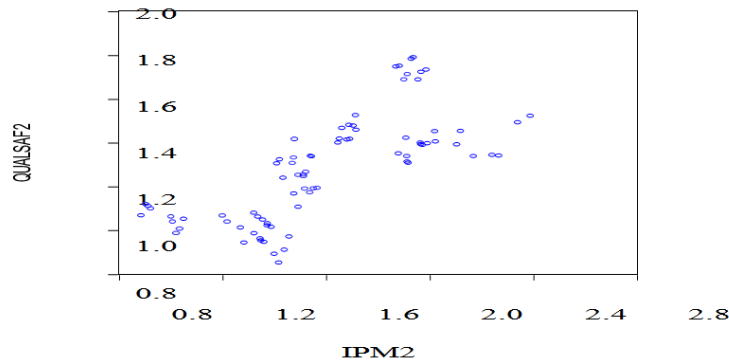


Fig. 9. Scatter Plot *Safety & Quality* with Human Development

The dimension of natural resources has been proven to have a positive effect on human development. These findings indicate that the dimension of natural resources must receive special attention in human development because the scatter plot results of empirical evidence between natural resources and human development also show a positive relationship pattern as shown in Figure 10. This condition shows that food security does not only include aspects affordability of goods to be consumed, but also includes natural balance such as natural

conditions that continue to occur from environmental damage, existing water conditions both quantity and quality, soil conditions. The state of rivers, lakes and oceans as well as matters relating to the political climate.

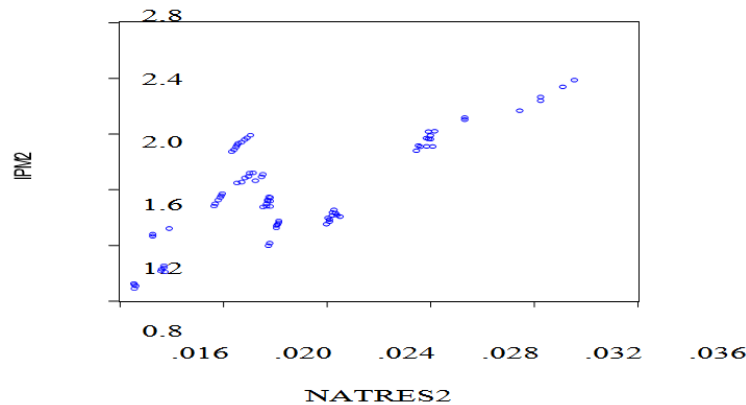


Fig. 10. Scatter Plot Natural Resources with Human Development

The availability dimension yielded findings that it was not proven to have a positive effect on human development. The availability dimension which includes the availability of food supply, food volatility, infrastructure in agriculture and government policies in the food sector is not a factor that has a significant impact on food security.

These findings indicate that in terms of food security, food security and supply through food production is an aspect that contributes very little in shaping a country's food security. The ability of a country to maintain stability in food prices, the ease of obtaining goods, the fulfillment of the need for nutrition and supported by the availability of clean water and sanitation are the determinants of the achievement of the food security index. The above findings can be proven by factual conditions where Singapore as a country that is not a producer of food commodities but has a resilience index for the dimensions of affordability, availability, quality and safety and high natural resources so that it ranks very high in the world in terms of food security, which is ranked 19th out of 10. a total of 113 countries included in the calculation of the food security index. The opposite condition occurs in countries such as Indonesia, which is the largest producer of food commodities but ranks relatively low in food security because the agility aspect itself is not only an indicator of food availability, but many other indicators have low values. The low achievement of the food security index in the dimensions of affordability, quality and safety as well as natural resources has increasingly contributed significantly to the achievement of the Indonesian food security index.

The role of humans in achieving the level of economic activity is very important because the test results attest that human development has a positive effect on the level of economic activity. Qualified human beings must fulfill the human aspect of being healthy, having a quality level of education and being able to optimally meet their needs to support the achievement of optimal levels of economic activity. This is what causes Singapore with good quality human resources to produce a very high per capita income of \$ 58,830 per year, followed by Malaysia which has a per capita income of \$ 12,478 per year.

5 Conclusion

The conclusions obtained from the results of this study are:

- a. Food security rankings of countries in ASEAN occupy Singapore as the highest ranking country in the world in terms of food security in the world. Malaysia ranks second, followed by Thailand in the third. Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar and the Philippines are in the moderate ranking for the ASEAN region while the lowest ranking is occupied by Cambodia
- b. The affordability dimension of food security has a positive effect on human development.
- c. The availability dimension of food security does not have a positive effect on human development.
- d. Food security in the dimensions of safety & quality has been proven to have a positive effect on human development.
- e. Food security in the natural resources dimension has been shown to have a positive effect on human development.

Suggestion

The results of this study indicate that achieving the optimal level of activity must be supported by the role of human quality. To increase quality of human beings, strong food security is needed where aspects that must be considered are how a country can guarantee the stability of food prices, the percentage of poor people can be minimized, the income gap is decreasing, the ease of public access to market, adequate food supply, low volatility of food production, fulfillment of the need for nutrition for the community, availability of good sanitation and clean water facilities and conducive natural conditions in encouraging the process economic activity.

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