

PUBLISHING A NUTRITION JOURNAL IN AFRICA:

THE CASE OF AJFAND IN KENYA.

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The African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND)

- **AJFAND is a highly cited and prestigious journal with a global reputation published in Kenya by the Rural Outreach Programme (ROP) in Nairobi.**
- **It is among the very few internationally renowned peer reviewed journal published in Africa.**

The African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND)

- **Launched in August 2001, as AJFNS**
- **To provide a platform, through which Food and Nutrition issues concerning Africa could be effectively addressed and disseminated.**
- **With time these issues were also very closely linked with Agriculture and Human Development in Africa.**

The African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND)

- **As a result the name of our journal was changed to AJFAND.**
- **VISION- ensure information on Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development is contributed, shared honestly, respectfully, equally and impartially, a world in which WE supports all those who would like to contribute to knowledge building.**

PROGRESS OF THE JOURNAL

- Since its inception in 2001, we have released 16 issues.
- Each year we release 4 issues
- The first issues of the journal were the conventional print version.
- The journal is now available entirely online through our webpage www.ajfand.net

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Benefits of going online

- **Shorter production cycles**
- **More efficient quality control through electronic peer review,**
- **Production and distribution costs have reduced.**
- **Viewers increasing at the website-Hits to the web by Oct 2007 were 5793**
- **Attracted technical support from orgn.such as INASP,ALPSP,IFPRI**

CHALLENGES FACED BY THE JOURNAL

- **A large number of papers do not conform to the format of the journal.**
- **Another challenge is the availability of committed reviewers- 98reviewers**
- **Lack of electronic archiving space for past issues of the journal. Such space involve additional costs.**
- **Funding is another challenge the journal faces. Indeed the journal has mainly depended on the dedicated efforts of its Editor- In-Chief and support of some donors.**

CONCLUSION

- **Our journal is open to both African and non-African contributors.**
- **Besides academic research, the journal provides an avenue for sharing information on national-level food, nutrition and agricultural programs.**
- **It also taps social science and biochemical nutrition related research and information.**

CONCLUSION

- **AJFAND is proud to be one of the African journal's that addresses and shares issues concerning the African continent with the global world.**
- **We encourage you to visit our website, send in articles that will contribute to the body of knowledge.**
- **We are encouraging students through the students section to develop the culture of publishing.**



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