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.
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- 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.
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.
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
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- 98 reviewers.
- 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.
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- 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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