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The aims this study: 1. Knowing the characteristics of women. 2. Assess the obstacles facing women in achieving food security and poverty alleviation. 3. Reviewing the efforts of women to achieve food security and survival strategies. Quantitative descriptive analysis technique utilizing a frequency table. The choice of location is done by utilizing the information from the study of thematic maps DIY to look at the characteristics, household food security and survival strategies of women in rural households. The study population was women as wives of nuclear families in two villages namely Jetis Suruh, Donohardjo, Ngaglik and Bulus Lor, Candibinangun, Pakem as two villages located in Sleman, Yogyakarta. The population is taken entirely as respondents.

The different characteristics of the two villages namely the accessibility of different makes two villages have different dynamics of economic activity. Characteristics of women aged between 40 years to over 59 years of dominating the respondent's age. Ease of reaching education centers to encourage every resident in the study area could obtain proper education. Relatively narrow land tenure for rural areas that rely on farming as a pedestal revenue. Agricultural activities and trade become dominant activity by women in two villages of the study. Housekeeping is dominated by households core consisting of a husband, wife, and children. Livelihood diversification more visible Jetis Suruh than Bulus Lor. Tell Fulfillment food needs of each individual are economic, social, and cultural. Food needs throughout the year in both hamlets research shows food needs throughout the year. Food needs throughout the year in Bulus Lor relatively better than Jetis Suruh. Overall food security in Bulus Lor better than Jetis Suruh. Food security include the quantity and quality of the food is able to meet reasonable living standards of all members of the household. The availability of food in every household experienced the dynamics at a certain time. Food needs when faced with the challenges of limited food availability precedence for priority on the father dominant in both hamlets research. Survival strategies carried out by various means of expansion of business diversification, mobilizing forces to increase income or household income by mobilizing all members of the household to go to work, go into debt to make ends meet, save in order to save money, cut back on meals, reduce the quality of consumption food, migration for employment, and ask for help from family through friendship.

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