

## **The Role of Education, Income in Determining Standard of Living and Food Security amongst the Residents of Mhlontlo Local Municipality Eastern Cape, South Africa**

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**ABSTRACT** The paper investigated the role of education and income in determining household standard of living and food security amongst the individuals living in Mhlontlo Local Municipality in Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. The population comprised approximately N=7794 people and a sample of 101 participants were drawn from the population. The sample was drawn using the probability sampling method known as cluster sampling and data was collected using self-administered questionnaire. The results revealed that education and income are significantly and positively related to standard of living and food security. The findings of this study are helpful to the government in order to reduce the prevalence of food insecurity by providing appropriate policies and infrastructure as these can improve rural education, raise household incomes and improve rural economies.