

The risk of food insecurity in Brazil is highest ever

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Difficult people queue to receive food relief from an NGO in the context of the COVID-19 epidemic raging in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on April 7, 2020. Photo (documentary): AFP/VNA

According to FGV poll data, this is the first time that the risk of food insecurity in Brazil - the largest food producer in Latin America and the world's leading - is higher than the world average, since the FGV started collecting data in 2006.

The director of the FGVs Center for Social Policy, economist Marcelo Neri, said food prices have skyrocketed after the conflict in Ukraine.

The FGV report states that food insecurity for the poorest 20% of people in Brazil during the COVID-19 pandemic has increased from 53% in 2019 to 75% in 2021, roughly the same rate in Brazil. Zimbabwe, the country that records the highest level of food insecurity in the world at 80%. In addition, the report says that the gender gap in food insecurity in Brazil in 2021 is six times higher than the global average.