

## FAO TRANSFERS COMPUTER AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO NATIONAL PARTNERS IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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**FAO in the Kyrgyz Republic transferred computer and office equipment to the National Statistics Committee and Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic with the aim of improving agricultural statistics and speeding up the information process.**

**18 February 2013, Bishkek** - Within the framework of the Project “Strengthening of Food Security Information System in the Kyrgyz Republic,” financed by the European Union and implemented by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), fifty eight computers were transferred today to the KR National Statistic Committee and the KR Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration.

The total cost of the equipment transferred is USD 34 thousands.



In accordance with the Project objectives this computer equipment enables the KR National Statistic Committee and the KR Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration to get more accurate, reliable and well-timed information to improve forecasting of agriculture yield and productivity of cattle in Kyrgyzstan.

“We are happy about the high level of cooperation established with FAO and hope this partnership will only be strengthened in the future,” said Akylbek

Osmonaliev, chairman of the National Statistics Committee, at the ceremony for the computer equipment transfer.

During 2013 new software for agricultural statistics will be developed to enable the National Statistic Committee to improve the accuracy of agricultural statistics and speed up the efficiency of the information processed. In addition, the National Statistic Committee, within the framework of the FAO project, will be provided with server equipment and 21 mini-computers with internal modems so that the specialists could transfer data on a regular basis through Internet to a central office.

“We hope the equipment we transferred today to our partners will help in attaining and analyzing more accurate agricultural data, which would assist the Government in the decision making process with regards to food security, - said Dinara Rakhmanova, Assistant FAO Representative in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Project is aimed at improving the information system for food security monitoring in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Project priority targets include raising the State structures’ readiness to respond to a food crisis so that extreme volatility in world food prices would have minimal impact on the citizens.

**Note:** The Project budget of Euro 1.4 million is provided by the European Union and implemented by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).