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### THE EUROPEAN UNION CONTINUES SUPPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THE KR FOOD SECURITY MONITORING

**Bishkek, 12 June 2013** – Today the Steering Committee regular meeting of the Project “Strengthening of the National Food Security Information System in the Kyrgyz Republic” funded by the European Union and implemented by UN FAO and UN WFP is held. The Committee participants will hear the report on the progress of the Project components from February 2012 to June 2013 and discuss the work plan to June 2014.

In particular, it is planned that in the forthcoming period the Project will continue optimizing the information system on food security monitoring under the KR Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration (MoAM), KR National Statistic Committee (NSC) and Agency for Hydro Meteorology of the KR Ministry of Emergency Situation (KyrgyzHydromet). The activity on improving a system of agricultural product statistic record will be continued. Based on the analysis and assessment of the main components of public management (legislation, institutes, functions, accessibility to information) the Project facilitates food security Strategy development in Kyrgyzstan.

For improving agro meteorological forecast and applying advanced methodology for crop biological yield the Project conducted international Bid for agrometeo station procurement, installation of which is planned for the second half of 2013.

Additional analysis of food security is recommended under Integrated household survey of budget and labor force in the KR provided by the NSC KR. Inclusion of additional analysis enables to study completely the trends of food security situation and take efficient and informative decisions for adjustment of a situation.

A system of mobile interviewing is being applied in the National Statistic Committee providing computerized collection and input of data directly to database avoiding paper questionnaire completion and further data transfer. The use of the present system will raise accuracy, continuity and timeliness of field data needed for early warning of food security threats, such as food and fuel price growth, economic shocks and natural disasters.

Under the project on strengthening of information system for food security monitoring a food security and nutrition bulletin has been developed, which will become a part of regular publications of NSC for informing on the food security situation development trends.

By the end of the year the Project will design a food security data management system based on the food security public Portal.

The heads of the KR National Statistic Committee, KR Agency for Hydrometeorology, KR Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration, representatives from the FAO, UN World Food Program and European Union in the Kyrgyz Republic will take part in the SC Meeting.

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