

## **Concept Note**

### **Regional training workshop on Food Security and Nutrition Analysis of Food Consumption Data of National Household Surveys (NHS) 25 to 29 November 2013, Bangkok, Thailand**

#### **Background**

International and national institutions are committed for actions to reduce hunger by 2015 and there is a strong need for consistent and timely information for identifying and locating the food deprived populations groups for better design of more focused food policies and interventions.

National institutions are collecting a wide range of data including agricultural and food data as a response to the increasing demand of food security and nutrition information for the monitoring and evaluation process of projects and progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and World Food Summit (WFS) hunger targets by 2015. However, due to scarcity of skills, resources and tools, many countries are not able to fully exploit their available agricultural and food data to derive consistent and timely food security indications for monitoring to the food security and nutrition status.

FAO is the lead agency for monitoring progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) indicator 1.9 on hunger. “Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption” and the World Food Summit (WFS) target of “reducing by half number of undernourished population in the world by 2015. FAO Statistics provides statistical training to support countries to take ownership of methods and tools for the sustainability of producing food security and nutrition information on a regular basis within the monitoring and evaluation framework and for inputs in the preparation of national food security programmes. FAO Statistics provides the appropriate skills, software and materials for a more comprehensive analysis of already existing National Household Survey (NHS) food consumption data.

#### **Objective**

The regional training workshop (RTW) will contribute to strengthen the statistical capacity of member countries and other stakeholders to generate, manage, analyse and access data and statistics for improved food security and better nutrition. The RTW aims to provide technical support to national experts in the processing and analysis of available NHS food consumption data to derive food security and nutrition indicators at national and sub national levels for the assessment and monitoring of the country’s food security situation.

#### **Outputs**

Outputs of the workshop are:

1. Food nutrients conversion factors for country’s NHS food items useful for food security and nutrition analysis;

2. Food security and nutrition indicators for each participating country;
3. Knowledge of methodologies for the estimation of MDG and WFS indicators and skills to use the FAO Statistics harmonized and standardized analytical tool (ADePT) for deriving food security and nutrition indicators at national and subnational levels;

## **Participants**

Participants from seven Asian countries: Afghanistan, China, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan and Timor Leste which did not participate in a similar RTW in 2012 will be invited to attend the RTW. Nominee from the national Statistical office and the Food Security Unit of Ministry of Agriculture will be required to attend. A total of 14 participants are expected to participate in the RTW.

## **Data/Duration**

The training workshop on food security analysis will last five days from 25 to 29 November 2013. Preparatory work by countries' nationals for the finalization of their NHS food consumption data files and food nutrients values have been prior the training workshop.

## **Venue**

The workshop will be held in Bangkok, either at

1. Thailand at the National Statistical Office.

Address:

National Statistical Office  
The Government Complex, Rattaprasasanabhakti Building  
Chaeng Wattana Road, Laksi  
Bangkok 10210, Thailand

Or

2. FAORAP

Address:

FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
Phra Athit,  
Bangkok 10200, Thailand

## **Sustainability of the activity**

One of the main outputs of the training workshop is the suite of food security and nutrition indicators for each participating country. As a follow up of this training and for the sustainability of the activity, there is a need to provide additional technical support to each participating country in the dissemination of their derived indicators in order to raise awareness among all national and international for policies. The activities at country related to this dissemination process are:

1. Conduct a write up shop for drafting the country technical food insecurity assessment (FIA) report;

2. Technical support in the release of the report to national and international food security stakeholders at a one-day National Seminar;
3. Financial support for the printing of the country's FIA report; and
4. Backstopping technical support for the use of ADePT analytical tool to derive food security and nutrition indicators for future NHS.