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**Implementation of the FIES module in the 2018 VHLSS**

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## Process that led to the decision of including the FIES in the survey

- In 2017, the Government of Vietnam issued a national action plan to implement the 2030 agenda for sustainable development (Decision 622);
- GSO is assigned to develop indicators and roadmap for the implementation of 320 sustainable development indicators and submit them to the Government for approval in 2018. According to the draft target 2.1.2. FIES will be done by GSO;
- The VHLSS is a sample survey of household members, representative sample size at provincial level (income questionnaire, with 35600 households) or regional (income and expenditure questionnaire, with 9400 households). VHLSS have done for nearly 15 rounds, from 1998.

## Process that led to the decision of including the FIES in the survey (cont.)

- FIES is also recommended to integrate surveys in VHLSS survey, labor surveys, etc .;
- In VHLSS survey, samples were designed scientific method, which is highly appreciated by international experts; Interviewers are statisticians and have a lot of experience in fields; should be appropriate for applying FIES;
- The FIES questionnaire should be combined in the VHLSS of Vietnam with the version for household.

## Technical consideration related to the inclusion of the FIES in the survey

- The FIES module will be executed after section 1. Household member of income and expenditure questionnaire.
- The English questionnaire version for the household and documents were translated into Vietnamese and sent to trainees.
- At central level, the trainees spent half a day for training. The training budget were supported by FAO.
- Investigation costs will be estimated and paid by National budget.

# Training

- Conduct two levels of training:
  - (1) At Central level:** Trainer is FAO expert through interpreters; Trainees are supervisors at the central level and provincial statistician who will directly train enumerators; Trainees discussed much about nutritious food, good for health with food and food safety but it has been agreed on the experience of household consumption; After the central training, phone numbers for provincial trainers will be provided so that if new ones are discussed, they will be answered by the Central.
  - (2) At Provincial level:** Conducted on March 2018 in all provinces. The trainers did not ask much questions.

## Field work and preliminary challenges

- The VHLSS is implemented in four times in 2018: on March, June, September and December. The number of samples per round is not repeated.
- As the FIES module was conducted for the first time, training was held at two levels (central and provincial levels) so some enumerators did not fully understand the questionnaire;
- The instructions for filling in Questionnaire are unclear:
  - + Unspecified respondents.
  - + Difficult for generate the members' answer.

## Way forward

- FAO continues providing assistance to enumerators collected information in FIES questionnaire at 9400 sample households.
- FAO assist with analysis and make report.
- Support for choosing sample households and completed questionnaire for next year.

**Thank you**