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Regional Workshop on Sampling for Agricultural Censuses and Surveys

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Evaluation Questionnaire

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM 12 (OUT OF 12) PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Figures in Percentages show share in frequency of response along with non response rate (n/a). Individual country responses in text have been summarized.

Please tick the correct response.

1	Timing of the Workshop	Appropriate	Inappropriate	n/a
		84%	8%	8%

2	Duration of the Workshop	Too long	Adequate	Too short	n/a
			75%	17%	8%

3	Workshop Organization (Please rate the following aspects)	Excellent	Very Good	Adequate	Poor	Very Poor	n/a
3a	Availability of information about the Workshop						
3a2	Availability of information	50%	33%	17%			
3b	Logistics						
3b1	Confirmation/Selection of participants, if applicable	75%	8%	17%			
3b2	Facilitation of Visa	75%	8%	8%			8%

3b3	Accommodation/Hotel	25%	50%	25%			
3b5	Translation and interpretation facilities	58%	25%	8%			8%
3b6	Cooperation from Workshop secretariat	67%	25%	8%			8%
3b7	Hospitality	67%	17%	8%			8%
3b8	Usefulness of field trip	33%	42%	8%			17%
3c	Technical content						
3c1	Choice of agenda topics	25%	50%	17%			8%
3c2	Timetable of the Workshop	Too tight	Somewhat tight	Just right	Somewhat relaxed	Relaxed	
		16%	42%	42%			
3c3	Time available for presentation	50%	8%	33%			8%
3c4	Quality of presentations and interventions by FAO experts	Very high quality	Good quality	Average	Satisfactory	Poor	
		58%	33%	8%			
3c5	Technical contributions of country participants	25%	67%	8%			
3c6	Coverage of subject and technical issues	Extensive	Good	Adequate	Somewhat adequate	Poor	
		25%	75%				
3c7	Depth/ details in coverage of technical issues	33%	58%	8%			
3d	Conduct of the Workshop	Excellent	Very good	Satisfactory	Acceptable	Less than desired	
3d1	General atmosphere of the Workshop	58%	42%				
3d2	Opportunity for participants to raise technical issues	42%	42%	16%			

4	Please rate the Workshop in terms of:	Very useful	Useful	Satisfactory	Somewhat useful	Inadequate
4a	Introduction of new information	50%	50%			
4b	Clarification on technical issues	58%	25%	8%	8%	
4c	Introduction of new approaches and techniques	33%	67%			
4d	Long-term usefulness in your professional work	25%	67%	8%		
4e	Exchange of ideas, experiences and views	42%	50%	8%		

5	Please indicate your views on the following indicators:	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
5a	Level of relevance of the Workshop to your country's current agenda on statistics	33%	42%	25%		
5b	Level of relevance of the Workshop to your professional work	50%	17%	33%		
5c	Appropriateness of the learning format of this Workshop based on an interactive and knowledge sharing approach	17%	33%	50%		
6	Please indicate your level of understanding of Sampling methods for agricultural census and surveys	Advanced	Middle	Basic	Somewhat	Low
	Level of impact this Workshop will have in development of agricultural statistics in your country	50%	50%			

7.	Knowledge	Yes	No
7a	Do you think the workshop has increased your knowledge on the subject and that of your organization?	100%	
7b	Do you think you will be able to apply and share the information from this workshop with your colleagues back in your country? If yes, in what way? Please explain: 75 % YES, 25% No answer Some participants indicated that they would hold workshops at national level and training with their respective divisional/ departmental staff, sharing the information and the documents obtained from the FAO. A number of participants also indicated that they would apply the information for different surveys such as agricultural surveys, crop cutting surveys and also for sampling methods. Individual responses are listed below. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, by National Workshops 2. Yes, by the document that I get from the organization 3. Yes, especially for sampling methods 4. Yes, by sharing the information with the colleagues. 5. Yes, in agricultural survey field and census design. 6. Yes, in crop cutting surveys 7. Yes, by training my colleagues 		

8.	Select the three best Technical Sessions and please give them ranking (1, 2, 3)	Rank
	<i>Technical Session 1: Agricultural Census in the National Survey Programme</i>	
	<i>Technical Session 2: Strategies for Modular Approaches to Collection of Structural Data on Agriculture</i>	
	<i>Technical Session 3: Sampling Frames for Agricultural Surveys</i>	I.
	<i>Technical Session 4: Area Sampling Frame for Agricultural Surveys</i>	II.
	<i>Technical Session 5: Linkage between Population and Agriculture Census</i>	
	<i>Technical Session 6: Practical Issues relating to Sampling Frame</i>	
	<i>Technical Session 7: Application on Sampling</i>	II.

	<i>Technical Session 8: Quality Considerations in Survey</i>		
	<i>Technical Session 9: Evaluation and Treatment of Non –sampling Errors</i>		
	<i>Technical Session 10: Use of Agricultural Census as basis for Annual Crop Forecast and Production Surveys</i>		
9.	Select the three best Practical Activities Sessions and give them ranking (1,2,3)	Rank	
	<i>Practical Activity Session 2A &B : Exercises on Modular Approaches to Census and Survey Planning</i>	II	
	<i>Practical Activity Session 7A: Exercises on Sampling and Estimation</i>	I.	
	<i>Practical Activity Session 8A: Practical Exercises on Estimation of Sampling Errors.</i>		
10.	Has the Workshop achieved its objectives?	Yes	No
	This question was not asked.		
	Please comment, if you feel necessary:.....		
11.	In your opinion, what will be the impact of this Workshop at regional, sub regional and national level?		
	This question was not asked.		
12.	Please indicate any further actions that FAO or other international agencies might take as a follow-up to this Workshop.		
	Some participants indicated that they would very much be in favor of " follow-up" workshops also in other Arab countries. They also suggested to focus on special subjects and share more practical cases from countries and exchange visits and study tour should be promoted. Specific comments made by the participants are listed below:		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greater Technical support to Agricultural Surveys (&Census) by TCP projects. 2. Assume continuity for the information given to the participants so keep them updated for all news and activities concerning this subject. 3. Choose other subjects for much deeper knowledge of the participants; Share more practical cases of other countries. 4. FAO did the best workshop we remember. 5. Additional training on calculation of indicators (estimation), with specialized software. 6. To make more workshops like this to have a good experience and it is very beneficial. 7. Treatment of non-response in sample survey should be covered in the agenda 8. To hold similar workshops in other Arab Countries due to its importance to the statistical works. 9. Holding Regular workshop on new findings in Agricultural Statistics and training member countries on statistics to improve Agricultural Statistics and facilitating international comparison. 		
13.	Additional comments:		
	(a) What went well?		
	There was a consensus that the technical session were well presented especially on area sampling. The meeting organization and logistic also worked well.		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defining TCP project and train National staff of member countries. 2. Organization, the choice of topics, selection of participants, everything went well. 3. Sampling area was well presented; collection of all references from all members. 		

	<p>(b) What can be done better?</p> <p>The major issues here are : the importance of having a focal point at Regional level and harmonizing regional activities; to extend of duration of the workshop because the agenda was too charged; the exercises will be better if use SPSS; Their remarks are reproduced below as points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Defining a focal point at Regional level & harmonizing Regional activities2. Take into consideration the level of knowledge of participants for specific subject and provide more detailed presentation.3. Extend the duration of the Workshop. It was too charged.4. The exercises will be better if use SPSS. Practical in sampling field for many users.5. More technical information in this workshop on statistical approach.
14.	<p>Any other comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This workshop is very good to have knowledge and more experiences which help in building capacity.2. To consider cheaper hotels.

FAO Statistics Division and the Regional Office thank you for your feedback.