

Summary Conclusions and Recommendations

Regional Training Workshop Supply Utilization Accounts (SUAs) / Food Balance Sheet (FBS)

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1. Conclusions

Each participating country (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal, Philippines and Thailand) was requested to make an analytical exercise of the 2009 FBS as compiled by FAO and the data available at the country. In addition, the participants were requested to prepare the SUA for compiling the 2009 FBS using the country's data. All countries successfully used the SUA/FBS tool to compile the 2009 FBS.

However, all of them have inserted data coming from their national reports, but primary data from the different national institutions is needed to prepare the SUA. All the participants attempted to prepare the FBS of 2010, 2011 and 2012 and at the same time performed a critical analysis of the FAO inputs with those available at the country level particularly the food items, technical and nutrition conversion factors. It should be noted that all four countries have national food composition table (FCT) and have to update the nutrient conversion factors in respect to the country's food items.

All four countries reported a few missing food items, mainly in the commodity groups of vegetables and fruits, in the FAO FBS which are commonly available and consumed by the population. The methodology for incorporating of these new food items in the SUA/FBS Excel template was explained with demonstration. The countries' fish items are more detailed than that used by FAO. It was recommended to work out an external sheet with the proper linkages of the country's fish item to that of the FAO, ensuring the appropriate statistical weighting while computing the nutrient factors. The participants of each country gave a presentation on their preliminary 2009 to 2012 FBS results, together with the assessment of the FAO country's 2009 FBS and a plan of the follow up activities for the finalization of

those preliminary FBS. All the countries' presentations are available on the FAORAP website

http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/rap/home/meetings/list/detail/en/?meetings_id=1006&year=2014

2. Recommendations

All the countries' participants valued greatly this SUA/FBS training which has helped them to better understand the annual FBS compiled by FAO. They all agreed that they are now better equipped in terms of knowledge, skills and tool for preparing the SUA for compiling annual their countries' FBS.

The countries participants agreed to perform the follow up activities at country level:

- Update the list of food items in their SUA;
- Revise the nutrient conversion factors using the country's FCT;
- Check the technical conversion factors with available information in the country;
- Finalize with primary agricultural and food data available in the different national institutions the FBS from 2009 to 2012.
- Prepare a plan of the follow up activities as to finalize and release country's FBS.