



Concept Note

Building statistical capacity for quality food security and nutrition information in support of better informed policies
(TCP-RAS-3409)

Regional Training Workshop on Validation of SUA 20-24 April 2015, FAO RAP, Bangkok

The main objective of project “Building statistical capacity for quality food security and nutrition information in support of better informed policies’ (TCP-RAS 3409) is to improve technical capacity of members of the Technical Multi-sectoral working group in the countries covered by the project. This improved capacity in the area of food and nutrition statistics is intended to enable countries to compile, verify and validate country Supply and Utilization Accounts (SUA) and generate Food Balance Sheets (FBS), as well as process Household Expenditure Survey data to Food Security Indicators. The workshop focused on the first component viz. compilation of SUA-FBS.

This workshop on Validation of SUA data forms the final component of training on Supply and Utilization Accounts. The main objective of this workshop is to enable participants to identify discrepancies and errors in the updated and revised country SUA data and statistically validate the results. This workshop follows Basic Training on the structure of Supply and Utilization Accounts provided to country officials in the three countries during two national workshops in 2014 and 2015.

The main aim of this workshop is to train participants to test the integrity and reliability of food and nutrition data that have been updated, revised and compiled into the SUA for 2009-13. This will enable generation of updated Food Balance Sheets for 2009-13 that are more accurate and reliable than currently available.

Specific Objectives:

1. To train participants the techniques to verify the accuracy of data updated in the country SUA for Nepal, Lao PDR and the Philippines for the years 2009-13.
2. To correct the errors and discrepancies in the updated and revised SUA 2009-13 following established norms.
3. To finalize the validated SUA 2009-13 for Nepal, Lao PDR and the Philippines.

Key Activities:

The five-day regional workshop among the members of the multi-sectoral working groups in Lao PDR, Nepal and the Philippines is to finalize all the data updated and revised in the respective country SUA. The participants will be trained in the techniques of validating SUA which includes identifying errors, gaps and discrepancies and correcting them for the same by following established norms and statistical principles. Food Balance Sheets generated from Validated SUA will be used to identify the availability of Dietary Energy Supplies during 2009-13 and their main sources. This workshop will be followed up with detailed documentation of all the SUA revision work undertaken in the two national Workshops as well as this workshop

Targeted staffs:

As per attached list; National staffs who participated in either of the two National Training Workshops held in the three countries.

Total expected participants: 12 from project countries and additional invitees from other countries. (Participant list attached). In addition participants from Bangladesh, Timor Leste and Sri Lanka are expected to participate. The workshop is open to RAP officers interested in the subject.

Expected Outcomes:

- All participants will be provided training in the techniques of validating SUA.
- Validated SUA for Nepal, Lao PDR and the Philippines for 2009-13.
- Revised FBS for 2009 and updated up to 2013.
- Draft documentation of all the working process in preparing and compiling SUA in the three countries.

Dates: 20-24 April, 2015 (Agenda Attached)

Venue: FAORAP, Bangkok