



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 Food Security Statistics

21-25 September 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 Multi-sectoral Technical 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 compile Food Security Indicators.

The target countries which joined this project are currently at different stages of implementation of project Work Plan :

- 1) Advanced countries: Lao PDR, Nepal, and the Philippines
- 2) Progressing and Newly added countries: Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Timor-Leste

The workshop will be co-organized with the Government of Thailand to share their experience on improving Food Security Statistics with other countries of the region as 5 day duration, including one day for sharing experience form NSO and OAE on different aspects of the Food Security Statistics.

This workshop follows previous national and regional workshops:

- 1) national workshops held in 2014 and 2015 to provide the Basic Training on the structure of Supply and Utilization Accounts to country officials, and
- 2) two regional workshops: “Regional Training Workshop Supply Utilization Accounts (SUAs) / Food Balance Sheet (FBS), March 2014, Pattaya, Thailand”, and “Regional Training Workshop on Validation of Supply-Utilization Accounts, April 2015, Bangkok, Thailand”.

The main objectives of this workshop are 1) to be presented the final result of SUA-FBS for the data submission to the FAO and the latest situation of the data to input the ADePT software from the Household Expenditure Survey in the advanced three countries, 2) to introduce the standard format of the Food Security and Nutritional Status report, 3) to share the experience of the NSO and MoAC, Thai Government, and 4) to enable participants from newly added target countries to identify discrepancies and errors in the prepared country SUA data and statistically validate the results as well as to be shared the good examples from the advanced countries.

Specific Objectives:

1. To present the final result of SUA-FBS for the data submission to the FAO and to review the latest situation of the data to input the ADePT software from the Household Expenditure Survey in the advanced three countries (day 1 and 2),
2. To introduce the standard format of the Food Security and Nutritional Status report (day 2),
3. To disseminate the experience of the NSO and MoAC, Thai Government to target countries of the project (day 3), and
4. To enable participants from newly added target countries to identify discrepancies and errors in the prepared country SUA data and statistically validate the results
5. To share the good examples from the advanced countries and further technical assistance to countries in progress (day 4 and 5).

Participants from advanced countries may be required to support the work of countries in progress.

Targeted staffs:

Two from each target county: the members of steering group/committee or multi-sectorial technical working groups for 1) FBS and 2) National Household Survey in the countries (one will be a National Project Coordinators (NPC))

Total expected participants:

12 from six project countries and additional invitees from other countries especially Sri Lanka's and Pakistan, depending upon availability of funding. About 10 participants from NSO and MoAC, Thailand and 3 resource persons from FAO (Consultants, RAP staff and staff from FAO Rome) will also join. The workshop shall be open to FAO officers interested in the subject.

Expected Outcomes:

- All participants will be provided training in the techniques of validating SUA.
- Final validated SUA and updated ADePT data for Nepal, Lao PDR and the Philippines.
- Standard outline of Food Security and Nutritional Status report for all countries
- Draft documentation of all the working process in preparing and compiling SUA in the newly added three countries.

Dates: 21-25 September, 2015

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand