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The FAO Rural Income Generating Activities (RIGA) project is pleased to announce key updates to its website:

1. Release of RIGA-L database (Labour)
2. New Kenya and Vietnam Income Aggregates
3. New Related Publication
4. RIGA User Survey

[1] RELEASE OF RIGA-L (LABOUR) DATABASE

The new RIGA-L database of 16 different countries provides variables on **participation in wage employment, labour-time and income** disaggregated by industry. The database can be analyzed at either the individual or the job level and it also includes demographic and human capital individual characteristics variables such as sex, age and years of education, among others. RIGA-L can be easily linked to the RIGA income aggregates and to the original survey data.

At this moment the RIGA-L database is available for the following set of surveys:

- Albania 2005
- Bangladesh 2000
- Bulgaria 2001
- Ecuador 1995
- Ghana 1998
- Guatemala 2000
- Indonesia 2000
- Malawi 2004
- Nepal 2003
- Nicaragua 1998
- Nicaragua 2001
- Nigeria 2004
- Panama 2003
- Tajikistan 2003
- Vietnam 1998
- Vietnam 2002

Access to the RIGA-L database is obtained by the same procedure as for the RIGA income aggregates. Visit the RIGA data page for instructions on how to request these and other datasets: http://www.fao.org/es/ESA/riga/english/form_en.htm.

In the future more labour datasets will be released for the other surveys in the RIGA database.

[2] NEW INCOME AGGREGATES: KENYA 2005 AND VIETNAM 2002

The income aggregates based on the 2005 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey and the 2002 Vietnam Household Living Standards Survey have recently been incorporated into the RIGA project and are now available for public use. These datasets can be accessed through the RIGA data request page on the RIGA website: http://www.fao.org/es/ESA/riga/english/form_en.htm.

In the future, the RIGA project will also release new income aggregates based on surveys from Bolivia, Bangladesh, Guatemala, and Tajikistan.

[3] NEW RELATED PUBLICATION TO THE RIGA PROJECT

G. Anríquez and S. Daidone, 2010. "Linkages between the farm and non-farm sectors at the household level in rural Ghana: a consistent stochastic distance function approach." *Agricultural Economics*, vol. 41(1), pages 51-66.

Summary: This article explores the effects within households of an expanding rural non farm (RNF) sector in Ghana. We ask whether the growing RNF sector allows for economies of diversification within farms, how it affects household input demands, and whether it has measurable effects in overall household production efficiency. We explore the intra household linkages between agricultural and RNF activities, first assuming perfectly competitive input and output markets and then with market failures, in particular missing labor and credit markets. We then measure these linkages using a household level input distance function, finding high levels of inefficiency in Ghanaian farms. Also, there are cost-complementarities between the RNF sector and the agricultural sector, particularly with food crops in which the poorest tend to specialize. The expansion of the RNF sector increases demand for most inputs including agricultural land. Finally, we show that smaller farms tend to be more efficient, and that RNF output is helping the farm household to become more efficient, but the latter result is not robust.

[4] RIGA User Survey

The RIGA Team is excited to announce the launch of the RIGA User Survey. This short survey asks questions regarding the RIGA database, the RIGA website, and you, our RIGA user. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will only help us provide you with a better experience.

Please use the following link to connect to the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K7SFBD>

The **Rural Income Generating Activities** project is a collaborative effort of FAO, the World Bank and American University that aims to promote the understanding of the roles, relationships and synergies of on-farm and off-farm income-generating activities for rural households. To learn more about the RIGA project please visit <http://www.fao.org/es/ESA/riga/>.

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