

Training for Building National Capacity for Analyzing Food Consumption Data Related to Food Insecurity and Poverty

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A training workshop will be organized from 2 to 6 October at the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It is part of the support provided under the EC-FAO Programme to enhance the analytical capacity of the national institutions to produce quality, consistent and relevant food security indicators for assessing and monitoring food insecurity and poverty at the national and sub national levels.

The objectives of the assistance are to: (i) improve the analytical capacity of the national institutions responsible for assessing and monitoring food insecurity and poverty, in particular the National Institute of Statistics (NIS); and (ii) produce reliable statistics on food insecurity and poverty at the national and sub-national levels, including for measuring progress towards the achievement of the targets established under the country policy reference frameworks and international initiatives - in particular the World Food Summit (WFS) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Target participants are staff from NIS, involved in the 2003/04 Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey (CSES), and other key institutions concerned with food security planning. They will be trained in processing and analysing food consumption data collected in the CSES, using a software developed by the FAO Statistics Division.

The results will include a suite of reliable indicators useful for assessing and monitoring food insecurity and poverty, including the prevalence of undernourishment (Millennium Development Goal Indicator number 5).

FAO support includes technical assistance for identifying country specific needs, organizing data files, conducting the training, writing the report and disseminating the results during a national workshop planned for November 2006. All national policy makers and all main stakeholders will be invited to discuss, validate and disseminate the results of the analysis.