

**Training for Building a National Capacity for Analyzing Food Consumption data
Related to Food Insecurity and Poverty**

Vientiane, Lao PDR
25-29 September 2006

A training workshop will be organized on 25-29 September at the National Statistics Center (NSC) in Vientiane, Lao PDR. It is part of the support provided under the EC-FAO Programme to enhance the analytical capacity of 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.

Target participants are NSC staff who were involved in the 2002 - 03 Lao Expenditure and Consumption Survey (LECS III), and staff from other key institutions concerned with food security planning. They will be trained in processing and analysing food consumption data, collected during the LECS III, using 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 results during a national workshop planned for November 2006. National policy makers and other key stakeholders will be invited to discuss, validate and disseminate the results of the analysis.