



Participants Profile

The training is designed for **professionals from national and partner institutions** that are:

- ⇒ Working at central and decentralized levels in various fields of expertise related to food security; and
- ⇒ Currently or expected to be involved in the preparation of FSIPs.



Country Experience

The training was **successfully delivered in five countries**: Cambodia (9-12 October 2006), Mozambique (27 November – 1 December), Cape Verde (23-27 April 2007), Burkina Faso (11-15 June 2007) and Haiti (26-30 November 2007).



End-of-training evaluations show that **the majority of participants highly valued the training**. They found it stimulating and useful to their work, as well as well organized and delivered. Their suggestions for improvements have systematically been incorporated into new training courses.

About the EC-FAO Programme

The EC-FAO Food Security Information Programme aims at enhancing national capacity to generate, manage, and use food security information from different sectors for more effective policies and programmes.

It operates in 20 countries subject to chronic food insecurity, protracted crises or undergoing rapid economic transformation.

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Training: “Producing Food Security Information Products that Result in Action”

“I especially liked the course because it helps improve my day-to-day work and produce reports that are more credible and useful to decision makers”

(participant from Mozambique)

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The training was developed by the EC-FAO Programme in collaboration with the EC-FAO Food Security Distance Learning Programme and with support from the FAO-FIVIMS Programme.

The training aims at increasing the use and impact of information on decision-making for greater food security. It does this by assisting national and partner institutions in improving their Food Security Information Products (FSIPs).

FSIPs are tangible materials that provide information on food security with the objective of supporting policies and programmes (reports, bulletins, newsletters, websites, press and web releases, PowerPoint presentations and maps).

Training Objectives

- ⇒ **Strengthen national capacity** in producing more relevant, credible and accessible food security information products (FSIPs) that support decision-making;
- ⇒ **Produce a Plan of Action** for producing FSIPs that effectively and efficiently support food security policies and programmes.



Key features of the training

- ⇒ **Concrete and practical:** focuses on existing FSIPs
- ⇒ **Tailored to country needs:** content, methods and process are adapted to food security situation and information needs
- ⇒ **Participation of decision-makers** who present their information needs and recommendations
- ⇒ **Forward looking:** guides participants in the preparation of an Action Plan
- ⇒ **Jointly organised** with key national food security institutions

Learning Objectives

The training provides the participants with the skills and knowledge to:

- ⇒ **Identify the target audience** of the FSIPs and understand their information needs;
- ⇒ **Assess the performance of the FSIPs** according to the factors that influence their use and impact:
 - Design, content, structure and writing of the products;
 - Production processes: communication, coordination, dissemination;
- ⇒ **Identify country-specific priorities** to better support decision-making.

Approach

The training is designed to obtain sustainable results by:

- ⇒ **Raising participants' awareness** about the importance of linking FSIPs to decision-making processes
- ⇒ **Promoting dialogue** between food security analysts and decision-makers



- ⇒ **Fostering collaboration and networking** between institutions at central and decentralized levels
- ⇒ **Building consensus and ownership** on priorities to be addressed for improving FSIPs

Main problems affecting the use and impact of information on decision-making:

- > Poor relevance of information
- > Low credibility commonly due to insufficient communication and coordination
- > Inadequate access to information by target groups

