



Why this Training is important?

The training assists national institutions in addressing the main problems affecting the impact of their FSIPs on decision-making by:

- ⇒ Raising awareness of the importance of producing FSIPs that support decision-making;
- ⇒ Promoting dialogue and networking among and between decision-makers and food security analysts;
- ⇒ Providing a framework for assessing FSIPs in an "Information for Action" perspective;
- ⇒ Targeting main decision makers and responding to their information needs with tailored products;



- ⇒ Developing a Plan of Action with priorities identified in a consensual way, ensuring national ownership.

Main problems affecting the impact of FSIPs on decision-making

- ⇒ *Poor relevance to decision-making processes*
- ⇒ *Low credibility commonly due to insufficient communication and coordination between decision-makers and food security analysts*
- ⇒ *Inadequate access of target groups*

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 Distance Learning Programme and support from the FAO-FIVIMS Initiative. It is highly relevant to the Programme's theme: "Information for Action".

The training aims at increasing the use and impact of information on decision-making. It focuses on improving selected food security information products (FSIPs) and the way they are produced.

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

Training Objectives

The objectives of the training are to:

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



Key feature 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 to better respond to them;
- ⇒ **Forward looking:** guides participants in the preparation of an Action Plan;
- ⇒ **Jointly organised** with key national food security institutions.

Learning Objectives

The training provides participants with the skills and knowledge to:

- ⇒ Identify the main target groups of the FSIPs and understand their information needs;
- ⇒ Assess the performance of the FSIPs according to the factors that influence the use of the products;

Factors influencing the use of FSIPs:

- Design, content, structure, writing
- Production processes: dialogue between food security analyst and decision-makers, coordination, dissemination activities

- ⇒ Identify country-specific priorities and action to be taken for improving FSIPs to better support decision-making.

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;
- ⇒ Currently involved in the preparation of FSIPs or expected to be involved soon after the training.



Country Experience

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



End-of-training evaluations show that the majority of participants highly valued the training. They found it relevant and useful to their work, stimulating and motivating and well organized and delivered. Their suggestions for improvements are systematically being incorporated into new training.