

Annual Report 2010

ASEAN Food Security Information

System (AFSIS) Project

Preface

The ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Project is implemented under ASEAN+3 cooperation with financial support from Japan. The Project has the objective to strengthen food security in the region through the systematic collection, analysis and dissemination of food security information. The first phase of the Project was started in 2003 and ended in 2007. The Project was extended into the second phase, which has the implementation period from 2008 to 2012.

This annual report is the third report of the Project, which prepared to provide progress of the Project's activities and its achievement in 2010. The Project management hopes that the information in this report will increase mutual understanding and cooperation of member countries and all parties concerned with planning and implementing food security policies. In 2010, we have made a lot of progresses such as new activities were implemented and new information were included in the EWI and ACO reports. Moreover, the AFSIS Project was recognized and mentioned at the Tenth meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry plus Three (AMAF+3) held in October 2010 in Cambodia for its contribution toward the food security in the ASEAN region.

The Project management would like to express its sincere appreciation to all Member States, the Government of Japan, the ASEAN Secretariat and other concerned parties especially the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand for their kind support and participation in the implementation of the Project.

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1. Project Overview

1.1 Background

The ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Project commenced in 2003 after the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) plus Three (China, Japan and Republic of Korea) Meeting held in October 2002 in Lao PDR has approved the Project as a result of the growing concern about the food security problem in the region. The Project was financed by the Government of Japan and coordinated by Thailand.

The 1st Phase of the Project ended in 2007. Prior to the termination of the 1st Phase, the AMAF+3 Meeting in September 2005 in the Philippines has expressed their recognition of the contribution of the AFSIS Project with respect to the improvement of the food security information of the region. Consequently, the 2nd Phase was prepared and endorsed by the AMAF+3 Meeting held in November 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand. The 2nd Phase has the period of 5 years from 2008-2012 with, again, financial support from Japan.

1.2 Objectives

The 2nd Phase of the Project is aimed at improving the Project's main activities of the 1st Phase in providing food security information and increasing capacity of Member Countries in relation to information network development as well as human resource development.

The overall objective of the 2nd Phase of the Project is to strengthen food security in ASEAN+3 region through the systematic collection, analysis and dissemination of food security information.

The specific objectives of the Project are:

- 1) To improve AFSIS information network in providing necessary information and analysis required for the food security policy planning in ASEAN+3 region.
- 2) To improve the capacity of each member country in providing required information at the same standard.
- 3) To improve the capacity of each member country in food security analysis.

1.3 Project Components

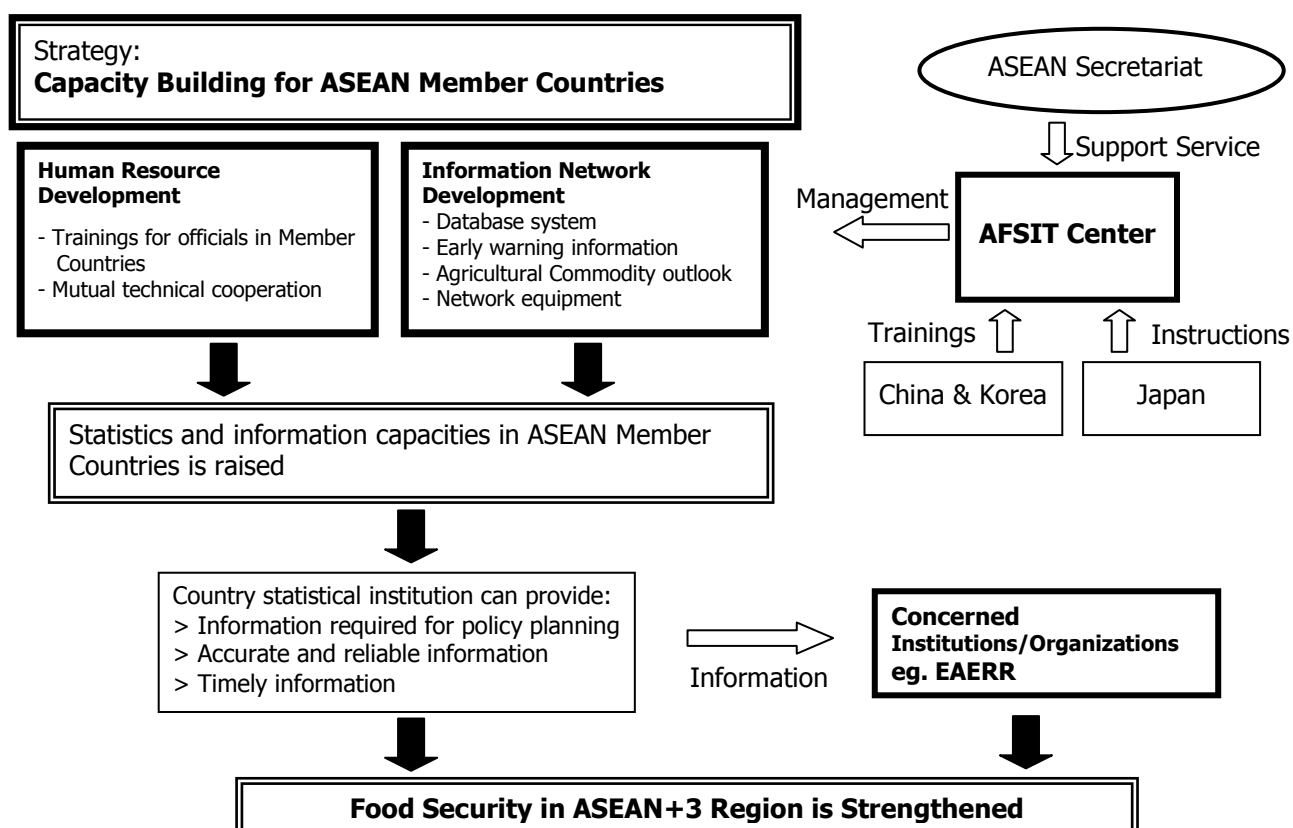
The Project consists of two major components similar to the 1st Phase as follows:

a. Human Resource Development

b. Information Network Development

Regarding the Human Resource Development component, besides organizing the training courses, the Mutual Technical Cooperation between member countries is added from the 1st Phase. In addition, for the Information Network Development, the Early Warning Information and Agricultural Commodity Outlook Reports are included in this component.

Overall Concept of AFSIS Phase II Project



1.4 Institutional Administration

The same Focal Points of the 1st Phase of the Project is continued to be responsible for managing and assisting the Project in carrying out the activities of the 2nd Phase Project. The Focal Points Meeting (FPM) is designated to be the decision-making mechanism of the Project which plan to be held at least once a year to discuss, review and decide on the following matters:

- 1) Work plans of the Project
- 2) Implementation of project activities at the regional and national levels
- 3) Other important matters relevant to the implementation of the Project

In the first, third and fifth year, the Project has planned to organize the Meeting of Director – Generals of Agricultural Statistics and Information in ASEAN+3 Countries back to back with the FPM to exchange views and explore current problems regarding regional food security and find appropriate solutions.

The existing ASEAN Food Security Information and Training (AFSIT) Center of the 1st Phase at the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), Thailand, is continued its function as a secretariat of AFSIS FPM, as a center for regional training and as a hub of information on food security for participating Member Countries. It also provides services necessary for project activities of Member Countries.

1.5 Project Financing

The Project is implemented with the financial support from a Trust Fund, which the MAFF Japan has agreed to provide through the ASEAN Secretariat over the Project period. Member States are entitled to make contribution to the Project by designating the Focal Points and staff to work on the Project. They also provide facilities such as computers and telecommunication equipments and other necessary arrangements to ensure the efficient implementation of the Project.

2. Implemented Activities

2.1 Administrative Activities

The major administrative activities of the Project have been implemented in 2010 can be summarized as follows:

2.1.1 Organization of the Fifth Meeting of Director-Generals of Agricultural Statistics and Information (5th DG-ASI) in ASEAN+3 Countries

The Meeting was attended by the Director – Generals and Senior Officials from statistical organizations for food and agricultural statistics and Focal Points of the AFSIS Project of the ASEAN + 3 countries. The main objective of the Meeting was to provide guidance on the implementation of AFSIS Project, particularly for the development of agricultural statistics and information of the respective ASEAN + 3 countries. The opinions and suggestions by Director-Generals for consideration in current as well as future AFSIS projects are summarized as follows:

- The release of EWI and ACO reports should be continued as has been scheduled currently but the time of release may be adjusted to the time the countries could submit based on their crop seasons. A possibility of expanding AFSIS database to other crops such as groundnut and pulses as well as into other sectors such as livestock and fishery was also recommended.
- The project should be continued after the end of 2nd phase and recommended the next 3rd phase to be considered as a consolidation phase which includes streamlining AFSIS into respective ASEAN Plus Three Member Countries' relevant institutional system in order to ensure sustainability. It was proposed that the 3rd phase of AFSIS considers the modalities, mechanism and legally binding arrangements in order to achieve sustainability, including self-financing arrangements. It was noted that

AFSIS could be transformed into a permanent scheme similar to the current transformation process of EAERR into APTERR. In this process, the assistance from the development partners such as ADB and FAO should be invited to cooperate since there are many common and shared interests in this information sharing system.

- In the past years, AFSIS database has focused on data on crops productivity and the data collection should be expanded into marketing and trade aspects, such as price trend of agricultural inputs, to accommodate the need of users from a wider background.

- There is a need to increase the analytical capacity of information in AFSIS database. In order to get more accurate information, it was suggested that field surveys should also be organized at the national level with the support of AFSIS project.

- There are many users from outside ASEAN rather than inside ASEAN region. It was suggested that the origin of users and the information type required by people/users of AFSIS database could be surveyed.

- AFSIS should take the impact of climate change and damage to crop production into account as part of the updates in the database. Since there is an ongoing ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security (AFCC) endorsed by the AMAF, it was suggested that AFSIS project personnel should be invited to get involved in AFCC consultation process and related events.

- Regarding the human resources development, all Member States are requested to consider sending different participants to the training courses.

- Since there is a gap in terms of development and human capacity, a special attention and effort should be made to accommodate the needs of CLMV countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam) in

designing training courses. In particular, training courses such as information technology development could be scheduled for these countries.

- Since recent food crisis was caused mainly by manipulation of export market and inaccurate market information, study on the impact of market information particularly on the agricultural commodities should be considered.

- There is a data traffic problem in retrieving AFSIS data and therefore, the data traffic capacity of AFSIS website should be increased.

- In the latter half of the 2nd phase project, improvement of data accuracy at the national level is needed to maximize the value of statistics and information published by the project. Japan intends to support the issue financially and technically.

2.1.2 Organization of the Eighth Focal Point Meeting (8th FPM) of the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Project

The FPM is the decision-making mechanism of the Project was organized every year. In 2010, it was conducted back to back with the 5th DG-ASI on 1 April 2010 in Busan, Republic of Korea. The objectives of the Meeting were to present and discuss the reports on the outcome of under Mutual Technical Cooperation and the revision of Project Implementation Plan (PIP) as well as the Work Plan of AFSIS Project for the Year 2010.

The meeting considered on the report on the outcome under mutual technical cooperation, revision of project implementation plan as well as financial report of year 2009 and work plan for year 2010.

Regarding the mutual technical cooperation, the Meeting noted that due to limited time allocated for the training courses, some courses were

forced to cover briefly or scale down to suit in a timeframe of one week. The future activities could be designed to be more specific and based on the mutual agreement between recipient and resource countries. The Meeting agreed that this mutual technical cooperation is very important and mutually beneficial and therefore recommended that such activities should be further promoted in future plan. It was also suggested that detailed outcome of such activities should be uploaded in AFSIS website to expand its sharing with wider audience.

For the revision of PIP, the Meeting was informed of the new proposed activities that were aimed to accelerate the project, such as improvement of accuracy and reliability of statistics in national level, the placement of a Japanese expert to assist AFSIS Secretariat from 2011, and the appointment of national consultants in some countries to support the activities of the expert. The national seminar will be organized in some countries as needs arise along with the activities of expert and national consultants. The Meeting also discussed the idea of considering climate change impact in food security matters.

Regarding financial matter, the Meeting was informed that Japan intended to increase budgetary contribution for the year 2010 and 2011 about USD 682,645 in anticipation of new activities being identified under the revised PIP for the activities of 2011 and 2012. Japan requested the AFSIS Secretariat to make use of budget in an effectively and timely manner.

The Meeting took note of the presentation and suggestion with appreciation and agreed to the Work Plan presented by AFSIS Project Manager.

The Meeting agreed that the next Ninth Focal Point Meeting of AFSIS Project would be held in Viet Nam tentatively in January 2011. Vietnam will inform the exact venue and dates in due course.

2.1.3 Organization of AFSIS Special Workshop on “Acceleration of Project Activities and Future Development”

The Workshop was conducted during 17-18 May 2010 in Tokyo, Japan in collaboration with the Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan. The Workshop was attended by the Focal Points and related staff from all ASEAN Member Countries and Japan. The ASEAN Secretariats were also present. The objectives of the Workshop were to discuss on the acceleration of the Project Activities and the future development of the Project.

The Workshop strongly suggested that priority should be first given to improving data quality in the current databases and the preparation of EWI and ACO of the existing commodities. Inclusion of livestock and fisheries data could be considered in future AFSIS activities once the clear objectives and data requirements are clarified. The Workshop suggested that China, Republic of Korea and Japan should be actively involved in data sharing for the five main commodities. As for the EWI and ACO reports, the Workshop suggested that the Plus Three countries may wish to consider taking part in the initiatives in the future.

With regards to the food security information, experts and national consultants, the Workshop noted that the expert and national consultants will be engaged beginning 2011 and further supported in principle the proposed TORs. The Workshop requested the AFSIS Secretariat to improve the TORs taking into consideration that criteria for country selection needs further

elaboration in order to ensure long-term improvement of data accuracy, qualification of national consultants who should be either in services or experienced in the country data and information collection.

The Workshop recalled the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' directive in "strengthening ASEAN Plus Three partnership in developing the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) to ensure long-term adequacy of staple food supply through the regional mechanism of the ASEAN Plus Three agricultural cooperation framework", as adopted at the 12th ASEAN Plus Three Summit held in November 2009. Noting the need to continue to develop and promote AFSIS, the Workshop took note of the initial proposal of the AFSIS Secretariat and agreed to explore and elaborate the AFSIS initiative after the 2nd Phase based on the points for discussion which included form and status of AFSIS organization, budget support and project activities. The Workshop also agreed on the following process and timeline:

- a) To report the outcome and recommendations of this Workshop to the forthcoming meeting of Special SOM-AMAF Plus Three, tentatively scheduled in early August 2010.

- b) To organize a technical meeting by the end of August 2010 to develop a concept note for AFSIS initiative after the 2nd Phase for submission to SOM-AMAF Plus Three, tentatively scheduled at the end of September 2010.

- c) To develop a full draft project proposal for submission through technical meetings for submission to relevant agencies for budgetary request before the end of 2010.

The Workshop also noted the possibility for seeking budget support from the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Fund (APTCF) and therefore

suggested that APTCF and other possible funding sources should also be considered.

However, due to the busy schedule of AFSIS Manager and related staff, the technical meeting has to be postponed to early September 2010.



*5th DG-ASI and 8th FP meeting
during 30 March – 1 April 2010, Busan, Korea*



*The Regional Workshop
during 17 – 18 May 2010, Tokyo, Japan*

2.1.4 Midterm Evaluation

The project employed the independent third party evaluator to carried out the Midterm Evaluation of AFSIS Project – 2nd Phase in February 2010. The objectives of this midterm evaluation were to assess the achievements of the Project towards the attainment of its outputs and objectives and to make recommendations for further improvement and post-project planning/strategy. The evaluation were carried out through survey questionnaires, which had been previously circulated to all participants, focal points and DGs of Member Countries, with a view to enhance the benefits from project activities. The respondents were asked to provide their views with respect to the following issues: a) Human Resource Development; b) Information Network Development; c) Overall Achievements and Other Aspects. The results from the evaluation showed that the Project succeeded its objectives in developing regional food security

information network and improving the capacity of Member States in providing and analyzing the information.

The results from the evaluation showed that the Project succeeded in developing regional food security information network and improving the capacity of Member States in providing and analyzing the information. Information network development was rated at satisfactory level especially in the usefulness to the current work or function of related agencies and the usefulness of ACO and EWI Reports. The achievements in human resource development were rated at satisfactory level in terms of both personal and institutional benefit gained from the implemented activities. The implementation of mutual technical cooperation was considered effective by both recipient and resource countries as it could focus on the need of recipient countries and the results could help them to solve their problems as expected. In overall, the Project achieved the stated objective as it had significant impact on the efforts to strengthen food security in the region as it could provide information required for policy planning and improve the capacity of staff and agencies in Member States in the development of information system. The Project imposed direct impact on the efforts to strengthen food security while the indirect impact was on the promotion of cooperation, mutual understanding and awareness of food security problems in the region.

2.1.5 Organization of Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting was conducted during 6 -7 September 2010 in Ayutthaya, Thailand. The objectives of the Meeting are to discuss in details on the organization form and status, source of fund and financial modality of the Project after the 2nd phase. The Meeting agreed that the AFSIS Project should be transformed into a permanent mechanism that is sustainable and self reliant. The concept note for the Post – 2012 AFSIS Project was

prepared based on discussion at the meeting. The detailed concept note of the Technical Meeting is in attachment. The vision of the Post 2nd Phase is to provide accurate, reliable and timely food security related information that is conducive for policy decision-making and intervention by respective ASEAN+3 Countries and other relevant international organizations, and cooperation in the region. And the goal is to establish a regional self-sustained food security information system with active participation among the ASEAN + 3 countries.



*The Technical Meeting
during 6 -7 September 2010 in Ayutthaya, Thailand.*

2.2 Human Resource Development

The Project aims to raise the capacity of Member States through a combination of activities. These activities were planned to provide related personnel in Member States with knowledge and skills in statistics and the development of food security information system. In 2010, this component has been implemented as planned and can be summarized as shown below:

2.2.1 Organization of Training Courses and Workshops

- Training course on “Social Network Implementation for AFSIS ”

The course will be organized At AFSIT Centre, Office of Agricultural Economics, Bangkok, Thailand during 11-22 October 2010.

- Training course on “Basic Knowledge and Technique for Agricultural Statistics Planning”: The course will be organized in Fuji Management Development Center, Japan during 17-26 November 2010.

The name of the participants attended in each training course or workshop are appeared in the Annex 1.



Training course on “Social Network Implementation for AFSIS ”



Training course on “Basic Knowledge and Technique for Agricultural Statistics Planning”

2.2.2 Mutual Technical Cooperation

The mutual technical cooperation has the objective to share knowledge and views among ASEAN Member States. Under the scheme, the countries were matched up into pairs of recipient and resource countries according to the need and expertise of each country. The countries in each pair are to implement two types of capacity building activities, which are:

a) Training Courses: The experts from resource countries will go to recipient countries to be the instructors in the training courses on the subjects that required by recipient countries.

b) Technical Visits: The recipient countries send staff to visit their respective resource countries after the training courses. The visits will allow the staff from recipient countries to follow up on what they have learned from the training courses.

In 2010, there was only one pair of the countries implemented this activity namely Malaysia and Vietnam.

The training course on “Sampling Techniques and Forecasting for Selected Agricultural Commodities” will be conducted in Vietnam on 24 – 26 November 2010 by 3 experts from Planning, Strategic and International Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry of Malaysia. After the training course, staff from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam made a technical visit to the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry of Malaysia during 13-15 December 2010 to follow up the lesson learnt in training course and exchange views in agricultural statistics system.

2.3 Information Network Development

2.3.1 Development of Information System

Since 2004 the Project has developed a database which includes information on the production of five major food crops namely rice, maize, soybean, sugarcane and cassava and other food security related information. The information stored in the database included wholesale price, imports and exports, food balance sheet and cost of production. Other economic information such as population, total labor force, agricultural labor force, GDP, GDP in agriculture, per capita income and land use were also included. The data collected started from the year 1985.

The website is <http://afsis.oae.go.th>. The information was gathered from every Member State. The users can have an option to search for the information at national or regional levels.

2.3.2 Development of EWI Reports

Since September 2008 until presently, the Project has already published four EWI Reports. The contents of the reports include information of commodity such as estimated planted/harvested areas, production and yields and crop growing conditions including damages and outbreaks of pests and diseases. The first and second reports covered only rice. The third Report was published in September 2009 and maize was included. The forth report was published in March 2010 which rice, maize and sugarcane were included. The fifth report was published in mid of October 2010 which rice, maize, sugarcane and soybean were included.

2.3.3 Development of ACO Reports

The contents of ACO Report include the current and projected situation in various aspects of commodity in ASEAN region such as areas, yields, production, utilization, stocks, prices, imports, exports. Since 2008, there were four ACO Reports published. The ACO Reports were prepared by the working group set up at OAE. Before publication, the reports were scrutinized by the ACO Committee, which comprises experts nominated from Member States. The first and second ACO reports were issued in December 2008 and June 2009 respectively. These 2 reports covered only rice. The third report was issued in December 2009, maize was added. The forth Report provided the information of 3 commodities which were rice, maize and sugarcane and was issued in June 2010. The fifth report was published in February 2011 which were rice, maize, sugarcane and soybeans.

The ACO Committee Meeting was organized every time before releasing of the ACO Report. The 4th meeting was carried out during 17 – 18 June 2010 in Phuket Province, Thailand. The Meeting was attended by the ACO Committee Members, appointed by the respective ASEAN Member

States. Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan and APTERR were also presented. The main objective of the Meeting was to scrutinize the draft ASEAN Agricultural Commodity Outlook Report on Rice and Maize and Sugarcane, submitted by the AFSIS Project before its publication in June 2010. The 5th ACO Committee Meeting was organized during 20 – 21 December 2010 in Pattaya, Thailand.

The name of the ACO Committee is shown in Annex 2 – 3.



The 4th ACO Committee meetings during 17 – 18 June 2010 in Phuket, Thailand.



The 5th ACO Committee meeting during 20 – 21 December 2010 in Pattaya, Thailand.

3. Work Plan in Year 2011

The major activities in 2011 are as follows:

3.1 Organization of the 9th FPM

In 2011, the Project organized the ninth Focal Point Meeting (9th FPM) of AFSIS Project back to back with the Training Needs Assessment Workshop of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) during 19-20 January 2011 in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The FPM is the decision- making mechanism of the Project was organized every year. In 2011, the objectives of the Meeting were to present and discuss the Work Plan of AFSIS Project for the Year 2011 and

the proposal of post 2nd phase as well as the presentation of the outcome of the Project in year 2010.

The Meeting took note with appreciation and agreed, in principle, with his proposal on the establishment of Network of ASEAN Plus Three Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Centers. The Meeting agreed with the Secretariat that the draft proposal needs to be further developed and discussed at the Workshop of Focal Points Meeting in May 2011 through in-country consideration before submission to Special SOM+3 Meeting in August 2011 for endorsement.

The goal of the Training Needs Assessment Workshop of FAO was to support the initial design of a learning program to deliver over two years to support food security professionals in ASEAN Member States.

Mr. Bruce Isaacson, representative of FAO has identified possible areas for collaboration between ASEAN and the EC-FAO Food Security Programme in support of the AIFS Framework and the SPA-FS for each component. Major opportunities include support to: identifying what information/analysis could be used to trigger the APTERR; make AFSIS information and analysis more useful to decision-makers and planners; enhance the analytical content of AFSIS reports; efforts to improve information on cross-border trade; more “integrated” food security information and analysis.

Mr. Andrew Nadeau, representative of The German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), presented an update on the AFSIS-FAO-GIZ learning programme for food security professionals which is to commence in 2011 through 2013, based on a training needs assessment being conducted back-to-back with the Ninth Focal Point Meeting. The training needs assessment will support the design of the learning programme by allowing the national focal points to prioritize topics from FAO and GIZ training materials to support the AIFS Framework,

AIFS Action Programmes and Activities. This activity will be followed by operations planning session with AFSIS for the delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the learning programme in 2011 through 2013.

Mr. Roehlano M. Briones, representative of ADB proposed to have the Technical Assistance (TA) to support AIFS, and the role of information in the integrated food security framework. The vision is for a permanent AFSIS network to play a strategic role in providing the information and data requirements for regional food security, building on the experience of the project phase. This would require information needs assessment from the perspective of information users (both in the private and public sector), identifying (with expert inputs) specific measures to address those needs, where appropriate, and devise a work plan for implementing these measures. ADB informed the Meeting that resources are now available within the duration of the TA (up to February 2012) for workshops, consultations, expert inputs, and other activities, to help institutionalize an effective regional body for food security information and early warning.

3.2 Information Network Development

The Project will still maintain and continue to improve the database and website to provide information required for food security planning for the region. The information in database will be annually updated and verified time by time for their validity. The EWI and ACO reports will be carried out similar to 2010 in terms of frequency but will be expanded in terms of contents and commodity coverage.

3.3 Improvement of accuracy on statistics in country level

The CLM countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar) should be given the high priority in terms of data quality improvement and assistance from the expert of food security information. The Japanese expert will be started the activities in April 2011.

The expert will conduct consultation with responsible officers of agricultural statistics and field investigation, and make recommendations for improvement of statistical data accuracy in country level.

His activities include assistance to increasing new data items for AFSIS database corresponding to the request by AIFS and so on, and set the definition/forms to be reported by member countries to increase the target crops of Early Warning Information and Agricultural Commodity Outlook Report.

3.4 Human Resource Development

3.4.1 Organization of the Regional Training Courses. The Project will organize 2 training courses, one in Japan and the other one in Thailand. The Project will also request support from China and Korea to organize additional training programs during the year. The content of training courses will emphasize on the topics directly related to the project implementation.

3.4.2 Mutual Technical Cooperation. In 2011, there are 2 pairs of countries that will carry out activities on mutual technical cooperation. The detailed work plan including the topics and contents of training courses and technical visits will be jointly prepared by the 2 countries. Malaysia and Philippines are resource countries. Cambodia and Laos PDR are recipient countries. The pairs of recipient and resource country and topics of training course and technical visit will be discussed in the Focal point Meeting and regional workshop.

3.4.3 Organization of the Regional Workshop. The Project will organize regional workshop for the revision of the proposal and draft of implementation plan of Post 2nd Phase of AFSIS project in May 2011. The final proposal will be submitted to the Special Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry plus Three in August 2011.

3.4.4 Training of Food Security Professionals AIFS Framework.

AFSIS-FAO-GIZ is considering to organize the learning programme for food security professionals in 2011 through 2013, based on a training needs assessment being conducted back-to-back with the Ninth Focal Point Meeting. The training need assessment would support the design of the learning programme by allowing the national focal points to prioritize topics from FAO and GIZ training materials to support the AIFS Framework, AIFS Action Programmes and Activities. These activities will follow by operations planning session with AFSIS for the delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the learning programme in 2011 through 2013. The proposed topics for Training of Food Security Professionals AIFS Framework supported by FAO are as follows:

1st year Base Curriculum Topics:	2nd year Advanced Curriculum Topics:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Security Information Systems and Networks• Food Security Concepts and Frameworks• Food Security Assessment and Analysis<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Baseline Food Security Assessments- Food Availability- Market Assessment and Analysis- Livelihoods Assessment and Analysis- Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis• Impact Assessment• Reporting Food Security Information<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Report Formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Security Assessment and Analysis *<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Baseline Food Security Assessments- Food Availability- Market Assessment and Analysis- Livelihoods Assessment and Analysis- Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis• Food Security Policies: Formulation and Implementation• Impact Assessment*• Reporting Food Security Information*<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communicating with Policy Makers- Working with the Media• Climate Change and Food Security

*Topics to be included from 1st year Base Curriculum

The schedule of each activity in year 2011 is shown in ANNEX 6.

ANNEX 1

List of Participants Attended the AFSIS Programs

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Schedule of Activities in Year 2011

Activities / Quarter	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q
1. Focal Point Meeting in ASEAN+3 Countries	×			
2. Information Network Development				
2.1 Information System Development				
a) Database & website maintenance	×	×	×	×
b) Issuance of EWI Reports	×		×	
c) Agricultural Commodity Outlook				
- ACO Committee meetings		×		×
- Issuance of ACO Reports		×		×
2.2 Physical Network System Development				
- Consideration on requests from Member States in FPM	×			
- Provision of equipment and operating expenses		×		
3. Human Resource Development				
3.1 Training Courses				
- in Japan			×	
- at AFSIT Center				×
3.2 Mutual Technical Cooperation				
- Dispatch of experts and organization of training course			×	
- Technical visit			×	
3.3 Workshop on the proposal of Post 2 nd Phase of AFSIS		×		
4. Activities to support the AIFS Framework	×	×	×	×
5. Workshop on Data Assessment			×	