

ICstat supporting FAO for Social Protection and Food Security International Conference

On 17-18 January 2008 ICstat “International Cooperation Center for Statistics” supported FAO “Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations” in the organization of the International Conference “Linking Social Protection and Support to Small Farmer Development in the Context of Food Security”, held in Rome, at FAO headquarters.

The first objective of the Conference was to facilitate debate among bilateral donors, multilateral agencies, policy-makers, farmers’ organizations and NGOs on synergies and conflict in the design and implementation of social protection and smallholder policies in Africa.

The second objective has been to provide inputs to FAO in terms of the types of policies that can be promoted through national food security strategies and programmes.

The case study countries selected to encourage the debate were Ethiopia, Malawi and Ghana whose experience in the field of food security programmes can give an idea of the linkages between social protection and smallholder policies and of the impact of these programmes on the economic and social field.

The Conference was attended by participants coming from all over the world and from different institutes engaged in the international cooperation and in the social and economic research for development (such as World Bank, UNICEF, Oxfam, Save the Children, Institute of Development Studies-University of Sussex, School of Oriental and African Studies-University of London).