

## FSN FORUM - DISCUSSION TOPIC NO. 7 IN 2008

### **IMPACT OF SOARING FOOD PRICES (SFP) AND POLICY MEASURES**

In response to the world's dramatic increase in food prices, the FSN Forum has opened a new space for related discussions called Soaring Food Prices Forum (SFP forum). This space offers also a participatory resource centre of relevant information and resources.

Discussions in this forum would generate a valuable source of information and insights, available online for use by any individual and organization endeavoured to solve this global food crisis.

The first discussion topic **"Impact of Soaring Food Prices and Policy Responses"** was raised by Materne Maetz, Senior Officer, from the FAO's Initiative on Soaring Food Prices. FAO through this Initiative is offering technical and policy assistance to the developing countries to advance efforts to increase food supplies in the upcoming agricultural seasons.

This discussion is open until **30th May 2008**. **Discussion questions include:**

- What is happening at country level at the moment and which actions are being taken to control the situation? Please share specific examples of the food price situation and adopted Policy Measures?
- What is the impact of the rise in food prices on the populations (in your country or region)?
- What is or could be the impact of the different policies and programmatic measures being adopted (or considered) by national governments at country, regional and global level? Please share your insights/analysis in country-specific situation.
- What could be the recommended policy measures (in country or regional-specific situations) to address the negative impacts on food security according to you? Why?

Contributions by forum members to this topic will be very valuable to help improve the work under the Initiative on Soaring Food Prices, such as guidance and best practices for interested stakeholders.

FSN Forum members are invited to suggest other topics to be discussed in this sub-forum.