

FSN FORUM DISCUSSION PAPERS AND DATA ON FOOD SECURITY IN MOUNTAINS

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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II. INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC

Dear FSN-Members,

I am Claudia Veith and am currently working for the Forestry Department at the FAO Headquarter in Rome. As part of my work I am supporting and facilitating the preparations of the **International Mountain Day 2008** a UN General Assembly initiative that will take place on December 11th (For further information please refer to:

http://www.fao.org/mnts/intl_mountain_day_en.asp.)

Of the world's 850 million chronically undernourished people, 245 million live in mountain areas and are at risk of, or actually experiencing, hunger and food insecurity. This year's International Mountain Day aims to raise awareness about this critical issue and **its theme will be "food security in mountains"**.

In order to collect material on which the background text for the International Mountain Day 2008

will be based, I wish to ask for your help. According to the topic **we are looking for papers, data, statistics, case studies and points to highlight related to food security in mountains** that deal with the following sub-themes:

- Disproportionate number of food insecure and vulnerable people in mountain areas
- Potential and opportunities in mountains
- Soaring food prices and their effects on mountain communities
- Markets, mountain products, economic valuation
- Nutrition in mountain areas
- Need for increased productivity in mountain areas

Any background material or documented cases dealing with these issues will be highly appreciated and contributing to the success of this international event taking place in different countries. At a later stage, the material provided will be further used to generate a, hopefully, lively discussion on this forum.

Thank you all in advance for your contributions and assistance.

Best regards

Claudia Veith

FAO, Rome

III. LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS;

Contribution by Utsav Maden from the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal

Hi all,

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) just published a position paper on **Food security in the Hindu Kush- Himalayas**.

Please refer to the following link for details

<http://www.icimod.org/home/pub/publications.content.php?puid=139>

It might be a good idea to send this request through the Mountain Forum discussion list as well.

Regards,

Utsav Maden

Contribution by Ilaria Proietti, Food Technologist, FAO Rome

Hi Claudia,

I've just come across some materials which can be of interest to you.

1. ICIMOD, 2008, Food Security in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region:

<http://www.icimod.org/home/pub/publications.content.php?puid=139>

2. FAO, 2002. Household food security and nutrition in mountain areas:

<http://www.mountainpartnership.org/files/pdf/factsheets/nutrition-en.pdf>

3. FAO, 2007. TK in Mountain Regions... Meeting review:

<http://tkbulletin.wordpress.com/2007/10/09/tk-in-mountain-regions-meeting-review/>

4. FAO, 2002. Sustainable rural development and food security: the role of mountain development in Africa:

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/004/y6056e.htm>

5. FAO, SOFI, 2002. The vulnerability of mountain environments and mountain people:

<http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/005/Y7352E/y7352e04.htm>

6. Social capital, economic development and food security in Peru's mountain region (but you have to subscribe to read the article):

<http://isw.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/45/4/481?ck=nck>

7. FORUM: "Enhancing food security and livelihood of marginal farmers in Uttarakhand mountain region of India through agri business promotion"

<http://www.socialedge.org/features/gsbi/gsbi-application/exercise-1-target-market-statement/599844672>

Hope these are helpful.

Ilaria

Contribution by Dalia Mattioni, FAO's Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information Mapping Systems (FIVIMS) Secretariat

Dear Claudia,

The resources listed below could be of interest:

1. "Food Insecurity and Vulnerability in Nepal: Profiles of Seven Vulnerable Groups", ESAF Working Paper, 2004: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/ae065e/ae065e00.htm>

2. "Food Insecurity and Vulnerability in Viet Nam: Profiles of Four Vulnerable Groups" ESAF Working Paper, 2004 : <http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/ae066e/ae066e00.htm> (One of the 4 groups is that of small farmers in the Northern (mountainous) Region.

3. "Understanding the Dynamics of Food Insecurity and Vulnerability in Himachal Pradesh, India" ESAF Working Paper, May 2007 : <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/010/ai207e/ai207e00.pdf>

4. Dinh Xuan Tung and Achilles Costales, "Market Participation of Smallholder Poultry Producers in Northern Viet Nam", Pro-Poor Livestock Policy Initiative, March 2007.
http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/pplpi/docarc/rep-hpai_marketparticipation.pdf

5. FAO, 2003, "Towards a GIS-Based analysis of mountain environments and populations", working paper n. 10 http://www.fao.org/sd/2003/en0502_en.htm

6. Mario E. Tapia, Ana María Fries "Guía de Cultivos Andinos", Asociación Nacional de Productores Ecológicos del Perú, 2007. <http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/ai185s/ai185s00.htm>

7. "The Atlas of the Ethiopian Rural Economy", 2006, which includes the Ethiopian Highlands" Hard copy available on request to FIVIMS-Secretariat@fao.

Best Regards,

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Contribution by Pia Pacheco, Secretariat for Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina

Dear All,

here you will find my paper "**Sin garantía territorial no hay seguridad alimentaria: Situación de los pueblos originarios en las montañas de Argentina**".

I hope you can find it useful.

http://km.fao.org/fsn/resources/fsn_viewresdet.html?no_cache=1&r=534&nocache=1

Regards,

Pia