Armenia Farmer Training

Country:	Armenia
Project:	Irrigated Agriculture Project
Activity:	Water-to-Market Activity
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The Water-to-Market Activity is intended to build the management capacities of local and national water supply entities and support farmers' transition to higher-value agricultural systems by providing training, technical assistance, and access to credit. This will ensure the sustainable management of the improved irrigation infrastructure developed under the Infrastructure Activity and enable the emergence of profitable farming operations.

To evaluate the impact of the farmer training on on-farm water management and high-value agriculture, MCC and its evaluation partners, Mathematica Policy Research, developed the Farming Practices Survey. The baseline survey was completed by Jen Consult/AREG NGO in January 2008 with a sample of approximately 5,000 farming households in 350 communities across Armenia. The first follow-up survey was completed in 2009, and third round will be conducted near the completion of the program in 2011. Mathematica Policy Research will conduct an impact evaluation of the training using the survey data.

These files contain the raw data from the baseline survey completed in 2008, along with the accompanying documentation. (For more information about MCC's compact with Armenia, visit www.mcc.gov.)

Data Files

FPS_Public_Use_File.dta – This file contains the data from the first round of the Farming Practices Survey conducted in 2007-08. It is formatted for analysis using Stata.

Data Documentation

FPS_Public_User_Guide.pdf – This file serves as the public user's guide and codebook for the data. It gives an overview of the survey, lists each variable in the dataset and its codes, and includes a replica of the survey instrument in English.

FPS Baseline Report by MPR.pdf – This document, produced by Mathematica Policy Research describes the impact evaluation design and analyzes the baseline data.

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