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Ramphal Centre agreement with FAO to investigate migration and food security

The Ramphal Centre, with the assistance of the Commonwealth Foundation, has launched an important \$500,000 programme in conjunction with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. It will examine the impact of international migration on food security in eight Commonwealth developing states, and the potential for diasporas to support farming and agricultural improvement.

By a contract made with FAO in December 2010 there will be rapid case studies conducted in 2011 in: Samoa and Tonga; India and Bangladesh; Kenya and Zambia; and Jamaica and Guyana. Consultants will meet stakeholders in each country, sometimes in the presence of officials of the Commonwealth Foundation. The International Migration Institute, Oxford (IMI), will evaluate consultants' reports in time for a technical meeting at Marlborough House, home of the Commonwealth's official bodies, in late June.

Recommendations will then be passed to a final meeting of the Ramphal Commission on Migration and Development, chaired by the Hon P J Patterson, in Oxford, England, in July. The Commission will incorporate them in a submission to Commonwealth Heads of Government who will gather in Perth Australia from 28-30 October 2011.

The Ramphal Centre is delighted by this extension to the work of the Ramphal Commission on Migration and Development, and is grateful to the Commonwealth Foundation for providing the formal application to FAO, and to IMI for its technical expertise. Much of this project will be managed by the technical cooperation service at FAO under its inter-regional programme.