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marketing. The AgriMarket software from the FAO introduced by Ms Chan Sipana (MAFF) is another tool that makes the presentation of price data more user-friendly.

Participants also had a night market visit in Hanoi to discuss with contact traders involved in SUSPER MICS and practised the control of price information in working groups and compared data with that collected by RIFAV via telephone on the same day.

The workshop enabled us to establish some clues to avoid the various pitfalls involved in the setting up and running of market information and consultation systems. These pitfalls explain the present limited use by farmers of these systems. The positive feedback from farmers using the Hanoi vegetable MICS set up by SUSPER shows the efficiency of having an adequate protocol for data collection, particularly in terms of frequency of collection (daily prices) and a grading system that takes account of quality variations. Also highlighted was the preferential method for data dissemination adapted to the capacities of stakeholders (television for Vietnam, radio in Cambodia and Laos).

2.12 Basic Information on Project Sites in Hanoi Peri-urban areas

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In order for the SUSPER studies to be more efficient and effective, the evaluation sites have been concentrated. Four communes have been chosen according to different criteria: (1) importance and regularity in vegetable production and Hanoi market supply; (2) willingness of authorities to develop vegetable production; (3) location in the peri-urban area, less than 30 km from city centre; and (4) possible off-season production owing to a location in non-flooded areas.

According to these criteria, four communes were selected in four districts, two in Hanoi province and two in surrounding provinces: Dong Du (Gia Lam district, Hanoi Province), Dong Anh (Tien Duong district, Hanoi Province), Tien Phong (Me Linh district, Vinh Phuc Province), Vo Cuong (Bac Ninh Province).

This report generated detailed data that will be useful for researchers in the immediate environment. The criteria for the project sites are explained with particular reference to the supply chain in Hanoi. The data is statistical in nature and provides a useful toolset for further study.