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## The Philippine FCT Needs/Problems

- A. With data generation
  - 1. Advocacy for the government and management support and commitment
  - 2. Organization of a Technical Working Group
  - 3. Creation of a national committee
  - 4. Design of Sampling
    - a. based on the food consumption survey
    - b. or based on certain objectives or purpose
    - c. but reasonable and doable
  - 5. Increase in budget
    - a. purchase of new equipment and storage facilities, e.g. - 80 degree Celsius freezer
    - b. additional staff, about three (3) analysis per staff
    - c. allotment of time and other resources for a focused attention to FCT activities
  
- B. With data compilation
  - 1. Preparation of a guideline or a harmonized protocol for data Compilation
    - a. Quality coding based on INFOODS but suited to the local needs/conditions
    - b. Minimum number (n) of food data to be evaluated and included
    - c. Is there a need for recalculating the values if the moisture content difference is greater than 10%
  - 2. Training Needs
    - a. Hands-on training on food composition generation and Compilation
    - b. Training on methods of analysis (Vit D, E, K) and the other water soluble vitamins B, and complex, and Vit. C)
  
- C. Training Capability
  - 1. Can offer training as PT provider
  - 2. Can offer training on ISO 17025 accreditation