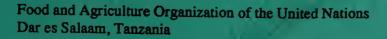
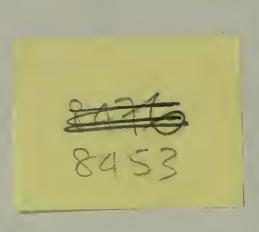
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The results of the project have been presented with two primary goals in mind: to provide the reader with an overview of the study and its results (Part 1); and to provide a catalogue which enables a relatively simple search to be made for dataset information (Part 2).

Given the large number of dataset entries for this project, careful consideration was given to the presentation of information in a user-friendly manner. For that reason, questionnaire entries have been catalogued under the name of the country to which each dataset applies. This is reflected in the index. For example, T23 indicates a dataset entry for Tanzania, whereas Ea15 indicates a dataset entry which covers the East Africa region. Dataset entries are arranged alphabetically by institution under each country/region heading.

Accompanying this report is an electronic copy of the catalogue using the *Folio Views* software package and supplementary User's Guide. This software package has been designed to give further assistance for a relatively straightforward search and text retrieval of catalogue information which may be of interest.

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