



Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia
M S Swaminathan Research Foundation

LANSA India Newsletter

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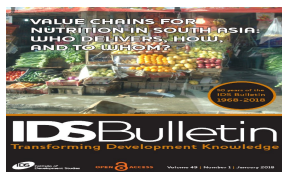
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NITI Aayog India & LANSAs seek better agri-nutrition linkages

Minutes of the high-level multi-sectoral one-day round-table on 'Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition' jointly by NITI Aayog and MS Swaminathan Research Foundation under the LANSAs programme in Delhi is proposed to reach PMO. The meeting discussed the nutritional dimension in agricultural policies and programme in India at much details. Complete information is [here](#)



LANSA research on agrifood value chain in South Asia launched!

The [IDS Bulletin](#) presents research findings under LANSAs. [Food distribution valuechains under the ICDS study](#) provides insights to design better delivery under public food distribution value chains in India, while the [Insights from research on Private business-driven valuechains & Nutrition paper](#) uses the LANSAs Value



LANSA work shared at SDG 2 Roadmap Framework Workshop

A stakeholder Workshop on SDG 2 - 'Agriculture and Doubling Farmers' Income to Ensure Healthy Food for All' was held on May 8 at New Delhi, and [RV Bhavani](#), Project Manager, LANSAs-MSSRF [discussed](#) insights from LANSAs research on the role of millets in improving food and nutrition security in India.



Click the links below for LANSAs journal articles and working papers

1. [Factors which may limit the value of dietary diversity and its association with nutritional outcomes in preschool children in high burden districts of India;](#)
2. [How can health, agriculture and economic policy actors work together to enhance the external food environment for fruit and vegetables? A](#)

Chain [Conceptual Framework](#) to understand the potential of fortified food to reach economically poor households.



Wardha District Collector sees potential of Farming Systems approach

[Research evidence](#) from the MSSRF [FSN](#) study at Wardha district was presented to Shri Shailesh Nawal, DC Wardha and Shri Ajay Gulhane, CEO – Zilla Parishad, on March 12. The District Collector noted that nutrition gardens could be promoted at Public Health Centres, and also suggested having a model Community Nutrition Garden managed by women groups in every Gram Panchayat. More details [here](#).



Farming System for Nutrition through KVKs

Workshop on '[FSN](#) Approach' was organised at KVK, Narayangaon, Pune on April 24 to highlight findings from Wardha under LANSa so as to develop a plan for setting-up a FSN model in KVK premises. Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune encouraged KVKs to include the FSN model on campus. Dr. Nagargoje, former DG, MCAER, Pune and Dr. Shirke, Director, Agril Extension, MCAER also participated. Full press release [here](#)



MSSRF Dialogue on Millets, Monsoon and Market

MSSRF is organised a three-day Dialogue on Millets, Monsoon and Market from April 15-17, 2018, which was attended by leading researchers, policymakers, local practitioners and private sector. RV Bhavani Project Manager, LANSa-MSSRF [presented](#) insights from

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Gender research under LANSa presented at different conferences

National Conference on Technological Empowerment of Women commemorating the IWD2018 was organised by The National Academy of Sciences, India. Prof MS [Swaminathan](#) gave the special address, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister, Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI gave the inaugural address. [Nitya Rao](#), gender crosscut lead, LANSa and Professor, Gender & Development, University of East Anglia, UK, presented India research on '[Women in Agriculture and Nutrition: Prospects and challenges for gender equality](#)' during the conference session on Agriculture, Nutrition, Food Security. She also attended The International Conference on Critical Public Health Consequences of the Double Burden of Malnutrition and the Changing Food Environment in South and South East Asia was held on March 29 where she [presented](#) an overview of the linkages between gender, land rights, agriculture policies and programmes in South Asia.



MSSRF-LANSa researchers share FSN evidence with Odisha Government

On March 20, [research evidence](#) from the [FSN](#) study in Koraput was shared with Planning & Convergence Department, Government of Odisha, and this was followed by an open discussion led by Shri R Balakrishnan IAS, Development Commissioner cum Additional Chief Secretary. The meeting was saw around 30 participants including government dignitaries, academia and research institutes. The full approved minutes of meeting is [here](#)

[qualitative policy analysis in India](#);

3. [An analysis of protein consumption in India through plant and animal sources](#);
4. [Public Distribution System in Tamil Nadu: Implications for Household Consumption](#);
5. [Gendered Time, Seasonality and Nutrition: Insights from Two Indian Districts](#);
6. [Effectiveness of the value chain of an agri-food product in reaching low income consumers: a business case study of Amul spray](#);
7. [The role of irrigation in enabling dietary diversity in Afghanistan](#);
8. [A value-chain perspective on wheat flour fortification in Pakistan](#); and
9. [Can business-driven fortified foods reach nutritionally vulnerable households? A case study of tiger biscuits](#)



Jeypure consultation on tackling undernutrition with FSN approach

A stakeholder consultation on Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition through a Farming Systems Approach was held with officials of Koraput district, Jeypure on March 23 with the objective to share the results of [Farming System for Nutrition](#) study under LANSa. Chaired by Shri K Sudarshan Chakravarty, Collector-District Magistrate, Koraput with officials from different government departments participating, men and women farmers from FSN study villages also attended. Read full report [here](#).



LANSa acknowledged in FAO's Future Smart Food Initiative

[Prakash Shetty](#), CEO LANSa, participated in the FAO Regional Expert Consultation on Scoping and Prioritisation of Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species and shared insights from LANSa research on Millets as a nutrient-dense crop to address malnutrition and its promotion under government food distribution programmes in India. The publication is an outcome of the consultation, and LANSa has been

LANSA India research on nutrition security with Millets.

Look forward to our next issue!

Updates on LANSA's research work, research uptake activity and stakeholder engagement events in India

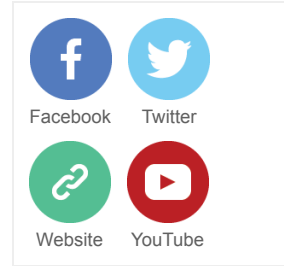
Upcoming events

12th International Conference on Agriculture and Horticulture
Sydney, Australia. July 09-10.
<http://bit.do/efNj2>

21st International Conference on Food & Nutrition
Vancouver, Canada. July 25-26.
<http://bit.do/efNkc>

World Congress on Food and Nutrition
Dubai, UAE. December 10-12.
<http://bit.do/efNki>

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