



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

LANSA India Newsletter

Welcome to LANSALe India e-newsletter for stakeholders!

You are invited! Join LANSALe from September 1– 7 for an [online campaign](#) to commemorate National Nutrition Week 2016!

This newsletter highlights the recent National Public Policy Consultation at New Delhi, published research work and blogs by LANSALe researchers.

OTHER NEWS: LANSALe–FAO FSN Forum joint global e–discussion saw over 532 page views from agriculture–nutrition stakeholders in India alone!

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How could agriculture be leveraged to better nutrition? LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia organises a National Public Policy Consultation to deliberate

M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), the lead institution of the research programme consortium Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia ([LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia](#)) along with the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS) organised a National Public Policy Consultation on agriculture–nutrition linkages to promote Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security in India.

The Consultation took place on July 29, 2016 at New Delhi, brought together key policy-makers, policy influencers, development partners, food and nutrition security experts.

The event witnessed almost 100 eminent and enthusiastic participants, including government officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, as well as from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Policy Advisors from Niti Aayog, also State Advisor to Commissioners, Supreme Court of India.

Read our [event report](#) for detailed information.



LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia working paper published!

LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia working paper from MSSRF on '[Child underweight, land productivity and public services: a district-level analysis for India](#)' is now online. The study aims at linking child underweight rates to agricultural land productivity, a proxy for agricultural prosperity, and to the provisioning of public services using district-level data.



LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia work presented at National Seminar, Odisha

The Odisha State Food Commission in association with the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS) organised a [policy seminar](#), and LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia research was presented by [Akshaya Kumar Panda](#) of MSSRF Jeypore office.

The seminar was on 'Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security' and it was in coordination with [Odisha Environment Congress](#) on June 29, 2016 at Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar.



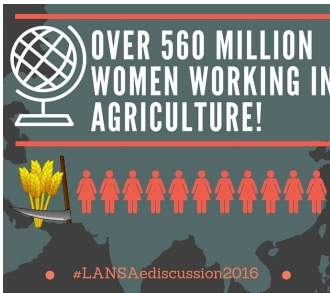
LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia diet diversity – gender study on A4NH site

The Gender-Nutrition Idea Exchange ([GNIE](#)) platform has published an interview-styled blog on a research funded by LANSALeaving Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia describes research methodology - how [the study](#) uses [qualitative methods to research on value chains for nutrition in rural India](#).



How the LANSA-FSN research study has evolved

The blog on ['Development of Farming System for Nutrition Intervention \(FSNi\) at crop level'](#) traces the Farming System for nutrition-sensitive agriculture approach. The intention of the feasibility research study is to improve nutritional outcomes and dietary diversity in the rural population.



LANSA-FAO FSN gender-nutrition ediscussion

In collaboration with FAO's Food Security and Nutrition Forum, LANSA ran a 3-week [online discussion](#) starting June 27.

The discussion ended on July 15 with more than 90 contributions on how [gender-relations](#) in agriculture can be transformed by recognising women's work and the implication on her well-being and [child nutrition](#). Fifteen contributions and 532 page views came from agriculture, nutrition and gender-based stakeholders in India.

A [LANSA blog](#) on [benefits, challenges and trade-offs](#) for nutritional outcomes through [women empowerment in agriculture](#) elaborates.

Look forward to our next issue!

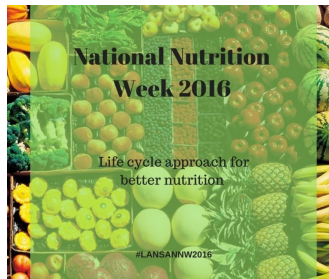
Updates on LANSA's research work, research uptake activity and stakeholder engagement events in India



How Nutrition Awareness can bring positive change

LANSA blog on [Need for Nutrition Awareness Transferring Food from Field to Plate](#) by MSSRF's nutrition scientist [DJ Nithya](#) talks about improving agriculture production and practices, nutrition awareness on balanced diet, dietary diversity and sanitation and hygiene and the poor nutritional status.

This comes from her experience with the baseline status assessment under the [Farming System for Nutrition \(FSN\)](#) study under LANSA in India.



LANSA celebrates National Nutrition Week 2016

An [online campaign](#) and two community-based activities is organised by [LANSA](#) to celebrate National Nutrition Week 2016. The theme for this year is ['Life cycle approach for better Nutrition'](#).

The campaign will happen from September 1 to 7 with [MS Swaminathan](#) writing an introductory blog to mark the occasion.



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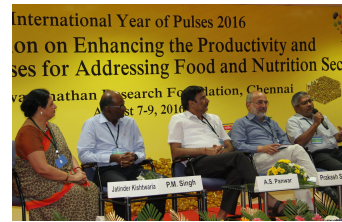
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LANSA hosts session at MSSRF Pulses Conference

LANSA programme at [MSSRF](#) hosted a session on August 8, 2016 to deliberate on how pulses could help tackle the undernutrition problem in India. This was organised as part of the [Enhancing Productivity & Profitability of Pulses for addressing Food and Nutrition Security](#) conference at MSSRF, Chennai. The session was chaired by [Prakash Shetty](#), CEO LANSA.

This being the International Year of Pulses, the Conference seeks to highlight the global and regional priorities, as well as issues and challenges that need to be overcome to enhance productivity and profitability of pulses in addressing food and nutrition security. Read our [blog](#) for details.

Upcoming events

18th International Conference on Healthy Agriculture, Healthy Nutrition & Society
September 21-22.
Dubai UAE
<http://bit.ly/2aQ2nFf>

Micronutrient Forum Global Conference 2016: Positioning Women's Nutrition at the Centre of Sustainable Development
October 24-28.
Cancun, Mexico
<http://bit.ly/1Svniu1>

4th International Conference on Sustainable Environment and Agriculture (ICSEA 2016)
October 26-28
San Francisco, USA
<http://bit.ly/2bFQr8L>

19th International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition
November 9-10.
Istanbul, Turkey
<http://bit.ly/2bmi45J>

19th International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition
November 27- 28.