



Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia

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LANSA India Newsletter

Welcome to LANSAs India e-newsletter for stakeholders!

This newsletter highlights LANSAs research shared at several consultations and conferences such as SAFANSI, ICRD and ANH Academy Week. New LANSAs [research papers](#), [Policy](#) and [Research Briefs](#) are now online, also [Blogs](#).

INVITATION: LANSAs-FSN Forum e-discussion on 'Sustainable Farming Systems for Food and Nutrition Security' is open for participation until November 10. Click [here](#) to participate!

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Research from MSSRF studies on gender shared at Policy Consultation in India

National Commission for Women, MAKAAAM and UN Women organised a National Policy Consultation on 'Realising Rights of Women Farmers: Developing a Roadmap for Action' on August 29 & 30 in New Delhi. LANSAs work from MSSRF-led studies on gender and nutrition in India was [presented](#) by [Nitya Rao](#), LANSAs's gender crosscut lead.



LANSA research presented at SAFANSI in Kathmandu

LANSA was invited in September to showcase work at the roundtable event on 'Government Action for Nutrition' organised by the National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal, and South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative (SAFANSI). Bhavani RV, Project Manager, LANSAs, MSSRF [presented](#) insights from the ongoing [Farming System for Nutrition](#) feasibility study in India.



South Asia policy dialogue hosted by LANSAs at ANH

In July, at the Agriculture, Nutrition, Health (ANH) Symposium in Kathmandu, LANSAs hosted the policy-session - 'Improving Nutrition through Recognising, Protecting and Promoting the Rights and Wellbeing of Women Agricultural Workers'. There was global participation with 100+ attendance, raising a pertinent yet neglected issue in South Asia. Read our [blog](#).



Research Uptake team from LANSAs at ICRD, Bern

LANSA strategies for effective policy and practice uptake was shared via an interactive session at the International Conference on Research for Development in September. [Sangeetha Rajeeesh](#) & [Jessica Meeker](#) [presented](#) key elements of LANSAs research uptake in South Asia aimed at evidence-based decision making.



MSSRF – LANSAs team celebrates NNW 2017

The theme for National Nutrition Week - Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health was central to the [online campaign](#) organised by MSSRF-LANSAs scientists. To reiterate the importance of nutrition awareness, [DJ Nithya](#) wrote a blog series on [Bioavailability of Nutrients](#)



Read our Gender-nutrition Research & Policy Briefs

[Gendered Time, Seasonality and Nutrition: Insights from Two Indian Districts](#); [Gender, Agriculture, and Nutrition in South Asia: Conceptualising the Links](#); [Women's Agricultural Work and Nutrition in South Asia: Policy Priorities](#); and [Women in Agriculture and Nutrition in Odisha, India](#)



Five new LANSAs Working Papers now online

- [1. Connecting Agriculture to better Nutrition in South Asia: Innovation as a process of socio-technical change](#);
- [2. India's National Food Security Act \(NFSA\): Early Experiences](#);
- [3. The Policy Environment for Food, Agriculture and Nutrition in India](#);
- [4. Household Approaches to Factors Affecting Nutrition: Understanding District Ecosystems \(India\)](#);
- [5. Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in Fragile Contexts](#)



LANSA's Research Uptake Tool shared at ANH Week

The LANSAs Research Uptake Self-Assessment Tool was presented at ANH learning lab in July. The joint session with IMANNA was for agriculture, nutrition and health researchers, also research uptake / communication persons to better understand the RU function. Find our [blog](#) and [presentation](#) here. Also download [RUSAT](#) for free!



MSSRF's Farming Systems for Nutrition conference

In August, MSSRF held a regional conference in Chennai on Farming Systems for Nutrition with several technical sessions. The ongoing [FSN](#) feasibility study under LANSAs was also presented at the conference.



LANSA-MSSRF research showcased at ANH Week

In July at [ANH Academy Week](#), five [posters](#) on ongoing work from LANSAs research in India were presented at part of the mini-poster session. Read our blogs [Seasonal variation in energy intake](#); [Pulses in India](#); and [Millets in PDS](#)

Upcoming events

Look forward to our next

issue!

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

International Conference of the Public Health Foundation of India and the Pacific Basin Consortium.
New Delhi. November 14–16.
<http://bit.ly/2iMihDT>

4th International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development (ICPSD 2017)
Srilanka. December 05–06.
<http://bit.ly/1jGnEV>



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