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Leveraging Agriculture for  
Nutrition in South Asia

Welcome to LANSA e-newsletter presenting updates from South Asia!  
Join @LANSAresearch social media [campaign](#) as we celebrate International Women's Day on March 8!

**Special Announcement:** ANH Academy and Nutrition Innovation Lab invites submission of abstracts for the joint scientific symposium on **Agri-Health Research** to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 11-13 July 2017. For more information, click [here](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- \* LANSA working papers from Bangladesh is now [online](#)
- \* Ongoing research findings presented at several national and international fora
- \* #PolicyForAction highlights LANSA [evidence-based](#) recommendations for South Asia
- \* Many new [blogs](#) for you to read!

Don't miss the **Other News**, and **Upcoming Conferences** sections!

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# LANSA news



## Join LANSA in commemorating International Women's Day!

This March 8 - International Women's Day, join LANSA

on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)! Use

#**LANSAIWD2017** for the theme

#**BeBoldForChange** @

LANSAresearch recognise women's

role in #agriculture and #nutrition in

#SouthAsia, thus we believe that

#WomenEmpowerment is vital for

#NutritionSecurity



## 'Delivering for Success at Scale' conference in Bangladesh

[Abdul Bayes](#) - [LANSA-BRAC](#) team

lead, was invited to talk on 'Leveraging

Agriculture for Nutrition: A Bangladesh

Case' at [BRAC-icddr.b-](#)

[IDS](#) Conference, which explored the

role of knowledge in development

programmes/policies. Read report [here](#)



## LANSA on Sindh Government's task force for nutrition

[Haris Gazdar](#) is now part of Sindh

Government's task force

on 'Accelerated Action Plan for

Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition':

a World Bank-Sindh Government joint

effort to reduce stunting in children

under five from 48% to 40% in

five years.

## LANSA FSN study presented at four different seminars

[RV Bhavani](#) from MSSRF talks on the

[Farming System for Nutrition](#)

approach to addressing undernutrition

in India. The FSN study is underway in

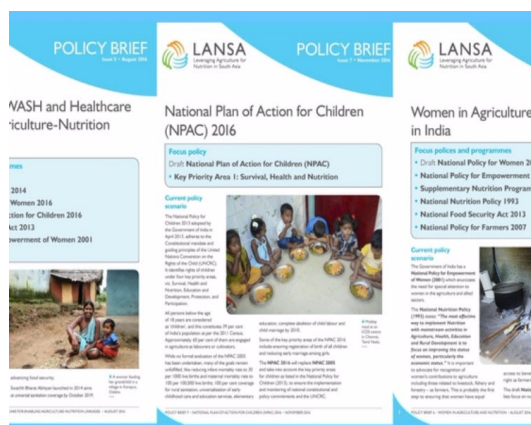


villages of two districts in India, Wardha in Maharashtra, and Koraput in Odisha. Find her presentations [here](#).



## LANSA Bangladesh working papers are now online!

3 papers to read: '[Fragile Environment, Seasonality, and Maternal and Childhood Undernutrition in Bangladesh](#)', '[Does Agriculture Promote Diet Diversity? A Bangladesh Study](#)' and [Review of Agri-Food Chain Interventions Aimed at Enhancing Consumption of Nutritious Food by the Poor: Bangladesh](#)



## Use #PolicyForAction to promote LANSAs Policy Briefs

LANSA [Research Uptake](#) has developed a series of Policy Briefs for policy decision-makers in South Asia based on ongoing research under the programme. Our recommendations can be found here for [Bangladesh](#) [India](#) and [SouthAsia](#)



## LANSA MSSRF research posters win 2nd place at IYSC

The [backyard nutrition garden](#) poster was adjudged second best at the Indian Youth Science Congress at Mumbai, India in February. Other posters on [FSN study](#), [Nutrition Garden](#) and [nutrition dense crops](#) were also presented during the Congress.

## Quantitative data collection for WWN LANSAs study complete





[CSSR-LCIRAH](#) joint Pakistan study investigates relationship between women's agricultural work and nutrition, and surveyed a representative sample of over 1100 mother-child pairs in 62 administrative villages across 13 districts in rural irrigated Sindh.



## LANSA hosts technical session on Agri-Nutrition-WASH linkage

[R V Bhavani](#), MSSRF spoke on [LANSA research](#) in India at the 7th Odisha Environment Congress, which was chaired by Commissioner-Secretary, WCD, Odisha Government. The Congress is an annual event organised in collaboration with the state government. Read her [blog](#) for details



## LANSA work showcased AERA conference in India

[Priya Rampal](#) from MSSRF presented ongoing research on '[Situational Analysis of Pulse Production and Consumption in India](#)' at Agriculture for Nutrition Security Conference organised by Agricultural Economics Research Association. Read [blog](#) here



## Blogs published on LANSA agri-food value chain research

'[Understanding agri-food value chain](#)'; '[Public& Private alliances working towards reduction of undernutrition](#)' and '[Can business as usual impact nutrition: Need for developing focused business strategies](#)' were published on Practitioner Hub for Inclusive Business blogsite

## LANSA FSN research presented



## at national conference

[Aliza Pradhan](#) showcased [Farming System for Nutrition](#) work at 'Confronting Successive Droughts: Enhancing Resilience of Children and Women' Consultation organised by National Institute for Disaster Management and UNICEF in India. Find presentation [here](#)

## Other news



### India Food Composition Tables-2017 book launched by NIN

Compiled by National Institute of Nutrition with funding from Indian Council of Medical Research, the book provides lists of 151 nutrients in 528 varieties of Indian foods in a bid to enhance knowledge on nutrition. Read [Nithya DJ's blog](#) to know more about the book



### Sharing research with policy influencers and community

[CSSR](#) increased community level engagement sharing preliminary findings from WWN baseline survey with select communities. Insights were shared with Sindh provincial Planning and Development Department and World Bank representatives.

### Joint seminar to discuss blurring state-society boundaries

LANSA collaborated with Transform Nutrition, [IDS](#) and University of Sussex Asia Centre to host a seminar focusing on government functionaries working at different levels in South Asia organised





by Health & Nutrition Cluster, IDS.  
Devanshi Chanchani spoke on [LANSA](#).



## National Consultation for better pathways to nutrition in India

LANSA PHFI [meeting](#) organised by Public Health Foundation of India discussed 'Multi-sectoral Approaches to Supply Chain: A Pathway to Better Nutrition' looking at [scaling-up fruit and vegetable intake](#) among the young populace in India.

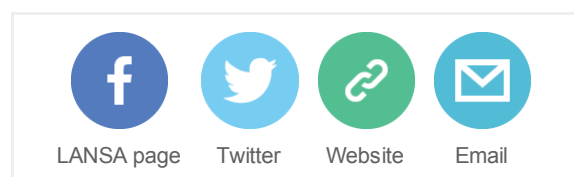
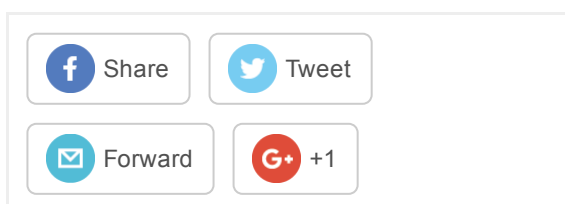
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# Upcoming events

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**Sustainable Development Conference 2017** seeks Research Papers, Abstracts, Student Papers, Case Studies, Work-in-Progress Reports/Proposals for Future Research and Reports on Sustainable Development at Bangkok from July 13-15. Details [here](#)

International Institute of Knowledge Management, Sri Lanka invites submission of original manuscripts for 4<sup>th</sup> International **Conference on Agriculture and Forestry**. Theme is 'Current Challenges and Future Perspectives of Agriculture' on August 24-25. Click [here](#)



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