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Leveraging Agriculture for
Nutrition in South Asia

Welcome to LANSAs e-newsletter giving you updates from South Asia!

You are invited! LANSAs is collaborating with [FAO's FSN Forum](#) for a 3-week (June 27 - July 15) e-discussion on 'Women in Agriculture and Nutrition'. Read [LANSA blog](#) on CGIAR's [GNIE](#) for details!

LANSA e-newsletter has many 'firsts' to highlight this issue!

- * Our first research paper on Afghanistan
- * Research Uptake's very first stakeholder event in Kabul
- * LANSAs has its first paperless survey in Pakistan

Two new [LANSA working papers](#) are now online, and [LANSA research work](#) was presented at several International Conferences. There are a number of LANSAs [blogs](#) from the region for you to read too!

Don't miss the **Other News**, and **Upcoming Conferences** sections. Please use the social media icons below to share LANSAs e-newsletter with colleagues and friends. Happy reading!!

LANSA news

LANSA 'gender-nutrition' e-discussion on FAO's FSNForum

[Register](#) and participate in our [global discussion](#) online starting June 27!
Read the **LANSA blog** on what the [benefits, challenges and trade-offs](#) are for nutritional outcomes through [women empowerment in agriculture](#). Tell



women's work and the implication on her well-being and [child nutrition](#)



LANSA researchers present at ANH Academy Week

[Haris Gazdar](#) makes the keynote speech 'Making Nutrition Digestible: Conversations across tables' while [Rohit Parasar](#), [Giacomo Zanello](#) and [Mehroosh Tak](#) present LANSa work in the 'Markets, Value Chains and Nutrition' session at [ANH Academy Week](#). For more about their research read [blogposts](#)



First LANSa research paper on Afghanistan published!

[Research Paper](#) on reducing anaemia prevalence in [Afghanistan](#) aims to examine the socio-economic correlates of anaemia in women, and potential sources of iron in household diets. Analysis lends support to the notion that linkage between sheep ownership and anemia risk is partly due to consumption arising from own-production in the presence of market incompleteness.

LANSA's first paperless survey in South Asia

For [Women's Work and Nutrition](#) study in [Pakistan](#), baseline survey was done using a web-based (tablet



data entry, reduces survey-analysis time lag, and minimises data entry errors. Over 1000 mother-child pairs were surveyed.



LANSAS has its first stakeholder event in Kabul, Afghanistan

Collaborating with [AREU](#) (Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit), LANSAS facilitated a [knowledge-sharing](#) multi-sectoral stakeholder event in Kabul, [Afghanistan](#) on April 25. The half-day dialogue saw [Afghan research work](#) presented to key agri-nutrition stakeholders coming from Kabul and four other provinces. [Media](#) was also present.



Two LANSAS working papers on India are now online

'[Child underweight, land productivity and public services: a district-level analysis for India](#)' and '[Learning From the Past: Framing of Undernutrition in India Since Independence and Its Links to Agriculture](#)' are published. Policy implications are that state governments should strive to achieve administrative convergence of agricultural development and public provisioning.

LANSAS builds capacity for Afghan agriculture scientists

In New Delhi on April 19, [MSSRF](#) and [LCIRAH](#) organised a research uptake cum [capacity strengthening](#) workshop on 'Tackling undernutrition in



Agriculture Science and Technology University (ANASTU), Kandahar. See [full report](#)



LANSA invited to DFID's consultation in Sindh, Pakistan

[Haris Gazdar](#) represented LANSAs at the consultation 'Developing Multi-Sectoral Theory of Change for Under-Nutrition' hosted by Planning and Development Department, Sindh along with [DFID](#) in March to explore options for its contribution towards reducing undernutrition in [Pakistan](#). Findings fed into a larger workshop at the national level.

LANSA work presented at International Conferences

LANSA work was presented by Bhavani Shankar at IAAE Inter-Conference Symposium on [Consumption Patterns](#), Mehroosh Tak at British Association for South Asian Studies Annual Conference on [Agriculture, Infrastructure and Nutrition Linkages in Rural India](#) and Nitya Rao at Adaptation Futures 2016 on [Why Gender Matters?](#)



Other news

Workshop on nutrition awareness for LANSAs scientists



Maharashtra rural communities for the [FSN study](#) in [India](#). LANSa scientists underwent a 3-day programme in May on nutrition awareness generation with the main objective of understanding nutrition awareness and its influence on agricultural practices and food intake. Read [full report](#)



Fieldwork for value chain case studies begins in Pakistan

LANSa has begun fieldwork under the [value chains study](#) examining the impacts of agri-food value chains on nutrition. The survey is being led in four districts of [Pakistan](#) and findings will be part of the three separate case studies on specific value chain interventions in the country.



Optifood tool for Bangladesh and India nutrition scientists

LANSa organised two workshops on Optifood tool in April with [MSSRF](#) hosting for [India](#) (read [report](#)) while for [Bangladesh](#) it was [BRAC](#) and Helen Keller International (Read our [blog](#)). Both workshops aimed to build sufficient understanding of the data requirements, use, outputs and potential applications for results from the software.

Status of World's nutrition in 2016 - GNR launched

The [Global Nutrition Report](#) holds a mirror up to our successes and failures at meeting intergovernmental nutrition targets. It documents progress on



accelerate that progress. The 2016 Report aims to be a beacon, providing examples of change and identifying opportunities for action.



Linking women's agricultural work and nutrition in Pakistan

[Haris Gazdar](#) speaks 'Issues in Child Well-being' at National Management College, Lahore highlighting LANSAs findings on the link between [women's work in agriculture and child nutrition](#). [CSSR](#) also shared information materials at its 'Round table on Hunger and Nutrition'.



Surveying women's work in Pakistan

Surveying women's work in patriarchal societies can be challenging as male heads of households lose interest in talking about women's issues. [Hussain Bux Mallah](#) talks about manoeuvring the traditional systems and customs to investigate women's work for LANSAs in rural Sindh in his latest blog [here](#).

'Nourishing Millions' launches June 29

The book *Nourishing Millions: Stories of Change in Nutrition* brings together the most intriguing stories about improving nutrition from the past five decades. These stories provide insight into what works in nutrition, what does



Upcoming events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INVENTIONS & INNOVATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE July 2016

The 3-day [conference](#) in Hua-Hin, Thailand, will emphasise the role of research and development towards the productive and eco-friendly agriculture

18TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE July 2016

[ICAFNS 2016](#) at Zurich, Switzerland provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY August 2016

[ICAS 2016](#) held at Xian, China, will be an important platform for inspiring international and interdisciplinary exchange at the forefront of Agriculture and Sustainability

CALL FOR PAPERS: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES September 2016

New Full Paper/Poster/Abstract Submissions deadline - July 8, 2016 for [ICAES 2016](#) at Istanbul, Turkey. One Best Presentation Award opportunity as well!



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