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Leveraging Agriculture for
Nutrition in South Asia

Welcome to LANSA e-newsletter presenting updates from South Asia!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- * LANSA's [animation Film](#) has almost 1000 Youtube views!
- * Best paper award for LANSA in Pakistan!
- * Several papers on LANSA research are now [online](#)
- * Ongoing research findings presented at several national and international conferences
- * Many new [blogs](#) for you to read!

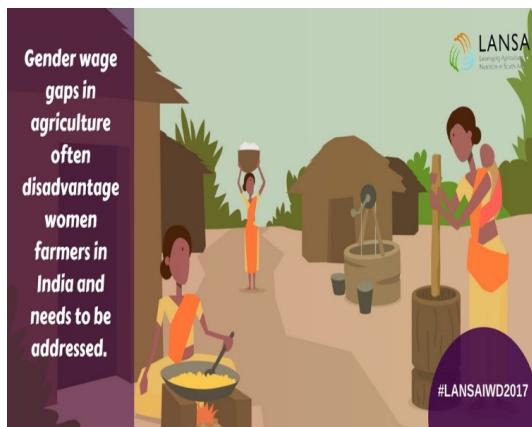
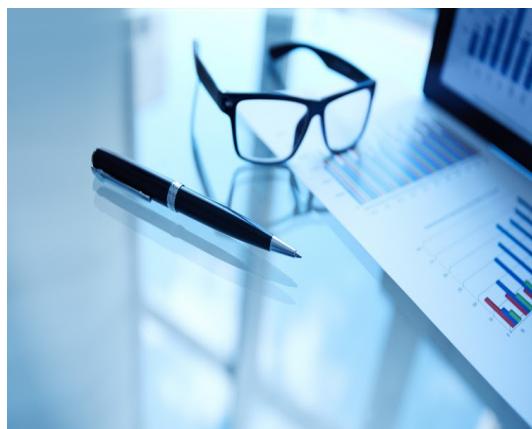
Don't miss the **Other News**, and **Upcoming Conferences** sections!

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LANSA news

**LANSA @ANH Academy
Conference in Kathmandu**
High-level policy dialogue on
'Improving Nutrition for Women'



'Agriculture Workers in South Asia' is being led by LANSO and IMANNA on July 11; there will also be co-hosted learning labs on Research Uptake and Agri-food Value Chain Research. Preliminary programme [here](#)

New papers from LANSO

[Assessing food value chain pathways, linkages and impacts for better nutrition of vulnerable groups](#) to transform agriculture food sector. Data from India for [Do Dietary Diversity Indices Reflect the Nutritional Status of School Aged Children?](#); & [Agriculture, Food Systems and Nutrition: Meeting the Challenge](#) presenting costs of malnutrition.

LANSO Gender and Nutrition film goes viral on Twitter!

'[South Asia: Women in Agriculture- the Nutrition Connection](#)' to commemorate IWD2017 has received global attention with near 1000 Youtube views! Read [Haris Gazdar's news article](#) for IWD putting the spotlight on recognising women's unpaid work in Pakistan as a crucial step to realising their rights.

LANSO at TAAS-IFPRI National Conference on SDGs

MSSRF showcased 3 poster presentations, and one oral presentation based on-going work under LANSO at the Conference on SDGs: Preparedness and Role of Indian Agriculture on May 11 & 12 in India. Read blog [here](#)



Best Paper Award for LANSA - CSSR in Pakistan

'[The Hidden Economic Backbone: Women in Agriculture](#)' presented at LUMS International Conference in April suggests fresh approaches while arguing that despite efforts from national data collection organisations, flagship surveys in Pakistan continue to undercount women's contribution.

LANSA hosts e-discussion on impact of markets on nutrition

The 2-day event in April witnessed better understanding of [value chains](#) as critical to effective agri-nutrition connections. LANSA explored effective ways to enhance access to nutritious food by the poor, while examining the entire food chain from a value chain perspective. Read blog [here](#)

Consultation on policy insights from FSN study in Odisha

Findings from on-going [FSN research](#) under LANSA were presented to agri-nutrition stakeholders on March 22. Feedback from stakeholders helped to better understand the impact on state-level agriculture, nutrition and health, also gender policy in Odisha. Read [blog](#) and full report [here](#)

#BeBoldForChange seminar at MSSRF for IWD2017

LANSA's [seminar](#) on March 10 at MSSRF, Chennai, saw participation from several institutions and NGOs. Special address was given by Dr V Amuthvalli IAS, Director of Social Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, and several eminent speakers shared their views during the panel discussion.

Other news



India's PM releases book series by M S Swaminathan in Delhi

The two part series 'M S Swaminathan: The Quest for a World Without Hunger' was released by Mr Narendra Modi, and includes: '50 Years of Green Revolution: An Anthology of Research Papers' & 'MS Swaminathan: Legend in Science and Beyond'. Prof [MS Swaminathan](#) is Founder [MSSRF](#) and LANSAs [Consortium Advisory Group](#) member.



Stories of Change in Nutrition – a special issue launched

What works in Nutrition? [Stories of Change](#) systematically assesses and analyses drivers of change in six high-burden countries (Bangladesh, India (Odisha), Ethiopia, Nepal, Senegal, and Zambia) that have had some success in accelerating improvements in nutrition. Read blog [more](#)



GAIN joins Nutrition Working Group meeting at BRAC

Lawrence Haddad joined the meeting in May & spoke on Trends/Transitions in Nutrition, and Role of Civil Society. Also, LANSAs [Barnali Chakraborty](#) & [Zeenat Ahmed](#) attended the 'Food Systems & Nutrition in Bangladesh' seminar that discussed multisector stakeholder strategy to improve food system & nutrition to align with SDGs.

Teaching research at the grassroots level in Pakistan



[CSSR](#) team has mentored 52 participants, connecting their findings to policymaking process via the Research to Action pilot: a LANSA-supported initiative. Also, WWN findings were shared with multi-sector stakeholders in a technical working group meeting organised by Punjab Commission on the Status of Women.

MSSRF & UNICEF initiate 'Tamil Nadu Nutrition Alliance'

An effort to work for better nutrition in Tamil Nadu was formally launched by MSSRF in partnership with UNICEF and TN Government, aiming to bring synergy on nutrition efforts across the state. Representatives from TN government, NGOs, etc participated.

BRAC presents poster at International Conference

In May, [Fahmida Akter](#)'s poster at [Southeast Asia Public Health Nutrition \(SEA-PHN\) Conference](#) in Malaysia that showcased research on the 'Pattern of skipping meal and its determinants among adolescent girls' from a Bangladesh perspective

Upcoming events

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

IGNOU & IITG invite participation to **International Academic Conference IGNOU-AHD2017 - 'Agriculture and Human Development in India: Indigenous Practices, Scientific views and Sustainability'** to be held at IIT, Guwahati on September 8 - 9. Details [here](#)

ECHO Asia invites applications for workshop, posters and papers on **6th Biennial ECHO Asia Agriculture and Community Development Conference** at Chiang Mai, Thailand from October 3-6. See details [here](#)



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