



# LANSA

Leveraging Agriculture for  
Nutrition in South Asia

Welcome to LANSAs e-newsletter. This issue puts the spotlight on **LANSA's open access papers** available online - Bangladesh Evidence Review & research papers from India. We have several **LANSA blogs** from the region for you to read, many South Asia region and country **events** from LANSAs as well. Don't miss Other News from LANSAs partners and upcoming conferences! Please use the icons below to share with your colleagues & friends.

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## LANSA news



### LANSA's Evidence Review on Bangladesh published!

The objective of the [study](#) was to assess the emphasis of the literature on different agriculture–nutrition pathways in [Bangladesh](#). The body of evidence reveals gaps in knowledge in all of the pathways.



**Improving nutrition by 2030: LANSAs participates in live Q&A**  
[Bhavani RV](#) LANSAs Project Manager spoke on LANSAs effort to [tackle undernutrition](#) in South Asia, and on the [FSN](#) approach in [India](#) while participating in [The Guardian-hosted live Q&A](#) on Meeting Global Nutrition Goals.

**Social Protection & Agriculture:**

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## LANSA blogs for UN WFD2015

October 16 World Food Day LANSAs ran a series of key messages on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) as well [blogs](#) from [Pakistan](#), [India](#) and [Bangladesh](#) that underlined the role social protection plays in reducing chronic food insecurity and poverty.



## Two LANSAs research papers on India are now online

While one [study](#) strives to understand the links between agriculture, dietary diversity and women's BMI in rural India; the other [paper](#) published in World Development explores cross-state disparities in child nutrition in rural India.



## Making Pakistan markets work to improve child nutrition

Reliance on [markets for nutritious foods](#) is greater than staples for urban and rural [Pakistan](#). Value chain is a useful tool to study market-based approaches to improve nutrition through food. [Samar Zuberi's blog](#) explains how.



## LANSA - MSSRF showcase research work in India

With [NSI](#) Conference theme 'Link between Nutrition and Agriculture' so close to LANSAs work, [Nithya DJ](#) and Sarah Kehoe made [poster-presentations](#) and LANSAs-MSSRF had a [stall](#) displaying LANSAs [research products](#).



## Building awareness and encouraging public discourse

The [LANSA Public Forum](#) on how agriculture has a reflection on nutrition and health, especially for women and children in the South Asia region, saw many eminent speakers participate drawing public as well as [media](#)

interest.



## Women's agricultural work and nutrition in Pakistan

[Haris Gazdar](#) from [CSSR](#) presented at [IAFFE](#) Conference initial [qualitative findings](#) on women's agricultural work and nutrition in Pakistan. Read more on how gendered norms in agriculture impact child nutrition from his [blog](#).



## In India the practice of sanitation isn't just a threat to health

"Only one in 10 Indian towns / cities has a sewerage system. That's a disgraceful admission in the 21st Century. Why can't it be remedied?"- asks [Barbara Harriss-White](#) LANSAConsortium Advisory Member in her [blog](#).



## Overcoming malnutrition in India the biofortification way

[MSSRF's Farming System for Nutrition](#) study is using innovative low-cost agri techniques; biofortified genetic plant gardens; backyard nutri-gardens to tackle undernutrition in Koraput and Wardha. Read [blog](#) to find out more.

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## Other News



## LANSAC work presented at ICLPST, Taiwan

[Nigel Poole](#) of [LCIRAH](#), LANSAC's [Value Chain Pillar](#) and [Afghanistan](#) lead, spoke on food security and nutrition issues, presenting LANSAC work at the [128th Regular Session](#) on Agricultural Development & Policy, [ICLPST](#) Taiwan.

## LANSAC Surveyors in Pakistan trained and set for field work



[Elaine Ferguson](#) of [LCIRAH](#) led an intensive anthropometric training for [CSSR](#) field researchers across [Pakistan](#), and with pre-testing underway, the quantitative fieldwork will begin soon. Read more about the training in our [blog](#).



**Celebrating National Nutrition Week with the community**  
[FSN](#) village communities and school children in Wardha and Koraput witnessed nutrition-related awareness events organised by [MSSRF](#). About 500 students, anganwadi children and village women participated. More from our [blog](#).



**BRAC's Founder receives 2015 World Food Prize**  
Sir Fazle Hasan Abed received the 2015 [World Food Prize](#) at a ceremony in Iowa State Capitol Building, USA. [BRAC](#) is LANSAs partner, and is exploring the connects / disconnects between the drivers of agricultural growth and nutritional outcomes in [Bangladesh](#).



**MSSRF hosts Zero Hunger Challenge Conference in India**  
'Science and Technology and Public policy for achieving the Zero Hunger Challenge' was hosted to commemorate [MSSRF](#) Foundation Day, and LANSAs began the event with a thought-provoking first session 'Agriculture, Health and Nutrition'. Our [blog](#) for more.

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## Upcoming Conferences

ICN 2015: 17th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on NUTRITION:

**November 2015. Cape Town, South Africa**

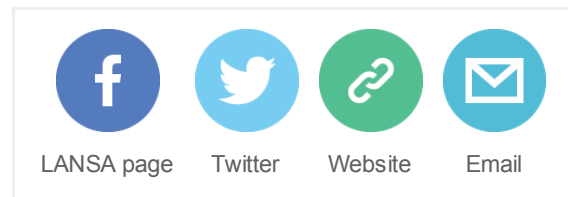
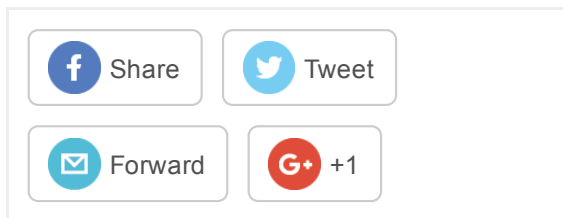
[Conference](#) brings leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange / share experiences and research results about all aspects of Nutrition.

**AGRIAQUA 2015: AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL SCIENCES and AQUACULTURE:  
December 2015. Colombo, Sri Lanka**

2nd International [Conference](#) with theme: 'Global Challenges and Future Sustainability' is looking for submissions.

**ICFNR 2016: CONFERENCE on FOOD and NUTRITION RESEARCH:  
January 2016. New Orleans, USA**

18th International [Conference](#) - an interdisciplinary forum for researchers and practitioners calls for submissions - papers, research abstracts and e-posters.



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