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Leveraging Agriculture for
Nutrition in South Asia

Welcome to LANSAs e-newsletter. In this issue we highlight new studies and blogs and announce the winners of our call for research proposals. We also have news from our partners. Please use the icons below to share LANSAs news with your colleagues.

LANSA news



Four winning research bids

LANSA announces four successful research grants that will contribute to its enabling environments research theme. The winning bids are from the Public Health Foundation of India, OKAPI, School of International Development - UEA and University of Southampton. [Find out more.](#)



New study explains reductions in stunting in Bangladesh

A recent cross-country study by LANSAs researcher, [Derek Headey](#) concluded that from 1997 to 2007 Bangladesh recorded one of the fastest prolonged reductions in child underweight and stunting prevalence in recorded history. In an [IFPRI Discussion Paper](#) funded by LANSAs, Derek explains some of the factors behind the reductions.



Farming system for nutrition in India

[MSSRF](#)'s new farming model to promote improved nutrition outcomes among vulnerable farming communities is featured in [Current Science \(PDF\)](#). Farming Systems for Nutrition include on farm demonstrations of arable crops, and community nutrition gardens of vegetables and fruits that are managed by women. See short [abstract](#) and [film](#).



Shifting norms: insights from Pakistan

[Mysbah Balagamwala](#) visited rural areas in the Sindh province in Pakistan, to conduct research for a LANSA study on the impact of women's agricultural work. The aim of the research is to understand the trade-offs between work and childcare for women farmers, and the effects these can have on nutritional outcomes. [Mysbah reports her initial insights here](#).



Convergence of nutrition in agricultural systems of innovation

LANSA researcher, [Michael Loevinsohn](#) describes systems of innovation and explains why they are critical for the adoption of nutrition sensitive agriculture in a [LANSA Working Paper](#). Co-author [Rashid Mehmood](#) provides examples from Pakistan. [Read more](#).

Other news

Call for proposals from new research initiative

[Innovative Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions](#)



(IMMANA) is a new research partnership funded by the [UK Department for International Development](#). The first round of research grants is open until 21 November 2014. [Read more.](#)



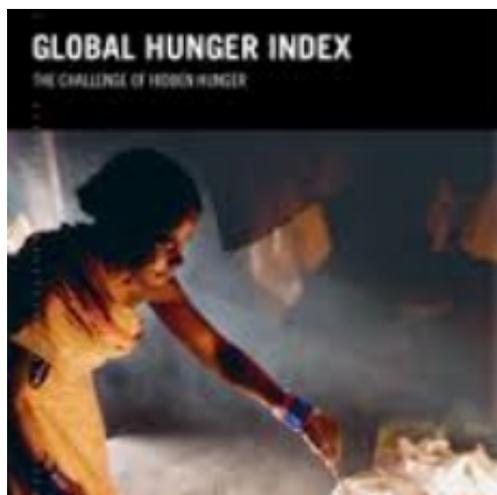
Together for Nutrition in India POSHAN and [Transform Nutrition](#), hosted a conference in India, at the end of October in New Delhi. Attended by researchers and government officials, the event brought together diverse sectors in a bid to improve maternal and child nutrition in India. See [Hindustan Times](#), reflections on [day 1](#) and [day 2](#) and twitter discussions at [#T4N2014](#).



Free course on links between agriculture, nutrition and health
A new free [online course](#) is available to help advisors and practitioners understand the links between agriculture, nutrition and health. LANSAs researchers from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine developed the module. [Read more.](#)



Reframing undernutrition
Recent studies suggest the Asian enigma of persistent undernutrition can be explained, in large part, by [open-defecation](#). By looking at the case of India, Robert Chambers shows how open defecation and faecally-transmitted infections, poverty and undernutrition reinforce each other. [See the IDS paper.](#)



Global Hunger Index report 2014

IFPRI launched its 2014 Global Hunger Index in October. The report which tracks global, regional, and country progress across a composite score of three indicators: undernourishment, child underweight, and child mortality. [See report PDF.](#)



What is behind Maharashtra's child stunting declines?

A Multidisciplinary Analysis' examines the success of the Indian state in achieving one of the fastest declines in child stunting. [Read more.](#)



Agriculture and nutrition resources

SPRING's November Agriculture and Nutrition Resource Review is now out. It includes recent research findings and a selection of programme materials and news. [See it here.](#)

Upcoming events

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION November 2014

The [conference](#) jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) takes place 19-21 November 2014, at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy. [Find out more.](#)

AGRICULTURE IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD August 2015

International Conference for Agricultural Economists are looking for submissions on nutrition for their once-every-three-years conference in August 2015. Find out more on their [website](#).



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