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Leveraging Agriculture for
Nutrition in South Asia

Here is LANSAs latest news. LANSAs CEO, Prakash Shetty, reports back from the LCIRAH conference last month, and Mara van den Bold shares preliminary findings from interviews with stakeholders. Please use the icons below to share LANSAs news.

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Lack of coordination and nutrition literacy: Just two issues holding back progress

[Mara van den Bold](#) reports back LANSAs findings from interviews with agriculture and nutrition experts in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India. She was speaking at the 4th Annual LCIRAH conference. [Read about the preliminary findings.](#)



Training hailed a success

Two workshops helped LANSAs stakeholders find research and assess its quality. The capacity strengthening exercises were run in Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad in June. Participants came from government, research bodies, NGOs and UN agencies. [Participants who reported having a high level of skills increased by 45%!](#)



Call attracts almost 100 bids

LANSA's Call for Research Proposals, announced in May, has attracted 94 bids. The bids received cover Afghanistan (1), Bangladesh (18), India (26) and Pakistan (31). They also include 14 bids for multi-country studies. Concept notes are currently being screened. Shortlisted applicants will be notified by 31 July 2014. [More](#).



Summary reports of stakeholder events

Workshop reports are now available for LANSAs consultation events that took place in April. We have previously reported on the [Dhaka](#), [Delhi](#) and [Karachi](#) events. The workshop reports for [Bangladesh](#), [India](#) and [Pakistan](#) can now be found on the respective [country pages](#) of LANSAs website.

Other news



What does HANCI say about political will to address hunger and nutrition in South Asia?

The 2013 Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index (HANCI) Index helps to monitor commitment of governments and point the finger where action is weak. With the exception of Nepal, progress remains slow in South Asia. [Read more...](#)

LCIRAH Conference: Agri-food policy and governance for nutrition

[Prakash Shetty](#) attended LCIRAH's 4th annual conference and gives [his account](#) of Per Pinstrup-Anderson and



Barry Popkin's keynote presentations. The filmed presentations are now available on [LCIRAH's website](#).



Public Distribution Systems: Is more inclusive more effective?

[Jessica Meeker](#), reports back on a presentation by Avinash Kishore, about the impact of a more inclusive public distribution system. The new study suggests that even without targeting the poorest, poor families benefit the most, from a more inclusive, more subsidized system. [Read more.](#)



'One stop shop' for global nutrition data

The Global Nutrition Report will help to monitor progress against the commitments made at the June 2013 Nutrition for Growth event. The report will be compiled by an Independent Expert Group and will be launched in Rome in November 2014. Prakash Shetty [reports](#).

Upcoming events

[South Asia Conference on Policies and Practices to Improve Nutrition Security](#)
30-31 July 2014, New Delhi, India

[Asia Pacific Regional Consultation on Role of Family Farming in the 21st Century. Opportunities and Challenges](#)

7-10 August 2014, Chennai, India

Led by FAO, with MSSRF. Prakash Shetty speaks on mainstreaming the nutrition

dimension in family farms.

8th International Conference of the Asian Society of Agricultural Economists

15-17 October 2014, Savar, Bangladesh

Led by the Asian Society of Agricultural Economists and co-organized by BRAC.

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